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## PREFACE

The third volume of the History of Dharmasāstra was published in October 1946. In the brief preface to that volume I intimated that the remaining topics of Dharmasāstra would be dealt with in one volume. But as I proceeded with the task I found that that was a miscalculation. To present in one volume all the topics that remained in the manner and on the scale that I had adopted in the first three volumes was found to be impossible. Besides, as my age advanced, I could not maintain the same speed and finish the whole history in a few years as I intimated I would do in the preface to the third volume. Therefore, I had to decide, however reluctantly, to spread the remaining work over two volumes. Owing to the scarcity of paper and paucity of skilled workers, this volume has been in the press for more than three years. This volume deals with eight topics, viz Pātaḥ, Prāyascitta, Karmavipākā, Antyesti, Āśauca, Śuddhi, Śrāddha and Tirthayātrā. These subjects are of great interest to anthropologists. There was great temptation for me, when dealing with these topics, to indulge in dwelling upon similar beliefs, usages and rites described in such works as Frazer's 'Golden Bough.' For two reasons, however, I have rarely succumbed to this temptation. In the first place, there was the fear of increasing the bulk of the work which has already assumed enormous proportions. In the second place, dwelling on comparisons of ancient and medieval Indian usages and rites with similar usages and rites found elsewhere is liable to serious misunderstanding. Frazer's volumes are largely made up of materials concerning the beliefs, usages and rites of very primitive people. It appeared to me that readers of such comparisons might be led to think that people in ancient and medieval India were at a primitive stage of culture, while as a matter of fact they had a very high culture in most matters, although they retained certain beliefs and usages derived from remote antiquity. Many cultured societies retain some usages that belong to periods of antiquity. The queen in France was not to leave for a whole year the room in which the death of her consort was announced to her. Wretched old women deemed to be witches were prosecuted and sentenced to death in England up to the beginning

of the eighteenth century, while Manu (IX. 290) more than two thousand years ago prescribed the mild punishment of a fine of two hundred *panas* for all incantations intended to destroy life, for magic rites and for raising ghosts and goblins. My main aim has throughout been to discover, collect, classify and interpret the facts of the various departments of Dharmaśāstra and my endeavour has been, as far as in me lies, to present the truth with detachment and intellectual integrity and without bias (except what might have been unconsciously engendered in my mind owing to my being born and brought up in a brāhmaṇa family) to show the continuity, the developments and transformations in Indian beliefs, rites and usages throughout the ages and, while bringing the past in its causal relations with the present, to indicate and suggest future trends and changes in these matters. †

The fifth and last volume will mainly deal with the following subjects *vratas* and *utsavas*, *sānti* rites, *kāla* and *muhūrta*; *paurāṇa-dharma*, the influence of the *Pūrvamīmāṃsā* and other *śāstras* on *dharmaśāstra*; the cosmological, religious and philosophical background of *dharmaśāstra*; the fundamental aspects of our culture through the ages; the impact of modern social and other ideas and trends on the dogmas and ideals of *dharmaśāstra* and the future of the latter. This by itself is rather an ambitious programme. Now that I am over seventy-three years of age and suffering from several ailments I have misgivings whether I would be able to write this last volume and publish it while all mental and physical faculties are sound. I am myself extremely anxious to write this last volume as early as possible and bring to a conclusion an undertaking to which I have devoted all my leisure for over thirty years regardless of monetary losses and bodily ailments. With that object in view I have given up either entirely or very largely most of my other activities and engagements and have thereby offended many of my friends.

This volume also is full of quotations, references to inscriptions and judicial decisions. The reasons for this have

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† Prof. J. B. Bury, a distinguished Professor of History in the Cambridge University, thought that freedom from bias was not possible and was not also desirable, since a man writing history completely free from bias would produce a colourless and dull work. Vide 'Selected Essays' (edited by Harold Temperley, 1930) p. 70

been stated at length in the preface to the second volume and therefore they need not be repeated here. The list of additions to this volume is much larger than in the preceding volumes. I may be pardoned for frankly stating the reason. The first and second volumes of the History of Dharmaśāstra were published so far back as 1930 and 1941 respectively. No second edition of these has yet been called. It seems to me quite possible that during my life-time no second edition of the volumes of the History, or at least of this volume, might appear. Therefore, I tried to incorporate by way of additions such information as had escaped me while the work was being written in order to make it as complete as possible.

I now discharge the pleasant duty of acknowledging my obligations to others. Bloomfield's Vedic Concordance, the Vedic Index of Professors Macdonell and Keith, and the volumes of the Sacred Books of the East have been very useful in preparing this volume as in the case of its predecessors. Paramahansa Swami Kevalānanda Sarasvatī of Wai has been a tower of strength in all matters of doubt and difficulty and has helped me by offering prompt guidance in solving some intricate problems. I am highly obliged to Mr. S. N. Savadi of the Bhandarkar Oriental Institute, Poona, for help in the correction of proofs and to Mr. P. M. Purandare, Advocate (O. S.), Bombay High Court, and Tarkatīrtha Raghunath Shāstri Kokje of Lonavla for reading the printed sheets as they came and making valuable suggestions.

It is difficult to name all those who in various ways, during the progress of this volume for over six years, kindly rendered assistance, but I should like to make special mention of Prof. K V. Rangaswami Aiyangar, Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, Dr. A. S. Altekar, Dr. S K Belvalkar, Prof. G. H. Bhatt, Mr. Bhabatosh Bhattacharya, Mr. N. G. Chapekar, Dr. R. N. Dandekar, Mr. D. B. Diskalkar, Dr. G. S. Gai, Prof. P. K. Gode, Tarka-tīrtha Lakṣmanashāstri Joshi, Mr. G. H. Khare, Pandit Balacharya Khuperkar, Dr. Umesha Mishra, Dr. V. Raghavan, Prof. L. Renou, Prof. H. D. Velankar. Thanks are due to these scholars and many others for help and interest in this volume. I am conscious that in spite of so much help and generous encouragement from friends there are in this volume several mistakes, the sole responsibility for which rests on my shoulders. In a work replete with thousands of quotations and references

it is quite likely that many slips have escaped my attention. § For these and for the elision of a few diacritical marks and the displacement of parts of Sanskrit letters in the process of printing the indulgence and forgiveness of all readers are sought. I sincerely thank the Manager of the Aryabhushan Press Poona, for carrying out the work of printing this volume with care in spite of difficulties caused by paper and labour shortage.

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§ I take this opportunity of correcting two mistakes that I regret I committed in the third volume of the History of Dharmaśāstra. In note 1886 on p 968 (of vol III) I refer to a work of Mr Batuknath Bhattacharya that contains a full treatment of *Kalivarjya*. I suggested in that note that Mr. Bhattacharya probably retouched his thesis after 1937 though it was written in 1933, in view of the fact that he referred to the *Smṛtimuktāphala* (which was published in 1937 by Mr Gharpure) Through oversight I forgot that Mr. Bhattacharya had expressly stated that he used the transcript of a ms of the *Smṛtimuktāphala* specially made for him. Therefore, I was wrong in my surmise that he probably retouched his thesis and I must say that the thesis as published in 1943 is the same as that written in 1933 for the Jogendrachandra Ghose Research Prize. The second mistake refers to Dr. U. N Ghosal on p 32 (of vol III) I stated 'it is not possible to hold as Jayaswal, U Ghosal and others do that the theory of social contract was the earlier one and the theory of divine right of kings was later on propounded by the Manusmṛiti to support the brāhmana empire of Puryamitra' In writing this sentence my memory was at fault. I find that Dr. Ghosal does not hold the view that I attributed to him. In the 'Indian Historical Quarterly' (vol 23, pp 68-70) Dr Ghosal justly protests against my bracketing him with Jayaswal, but I cannot help observing that the last sentence in the paper shows unexpected acerbity. In his whole career as a writer Dr Ghosal was not probably guilty of a single slip and could not therefore bring himself to believe that my mistake might have been *bona fide*.



## ABBREVIATIONS

( Most of the abbreviations on pp. 728-29  
are not included in this list )

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|---|---|
| <p>A. G. = Ancient Geography of India<br/>           Ain. A. = Ain-i-Akbari of Abul Fazal<br/>           Art. Br. = Aitareya Brāhmaṇa<br/>           A. I. R. = All India Reporter<br/>           A. K. D. = Antyakarmadīpika<br/>           All. = Indian Law Reports, Allahabad series<br/>           Anu. = Anuśāsanaparva<br/>           Āp. = Āpastamba<br/>           Āp. Dh. or Āp. Dh. S. = Āpastambadharmasūtra<br/>           Āp. Gr. = Āpastambagrhyasūtra<br/>           Āp. M. P. = Āpastambamantrapātha<br/>           Āp. Śr. or Āp. Śr. S. or Āp. Ś. S. = Āpastambasrautasūtra<br/>           A. S. R. = Archaeological Survey Reports<br/>           Āśv. gr. or Āśv. gr. S. = Āśvalāyanagrhyasūtra<br/>           Āśv. Śr. S. or Āśv. Śr. = Āśvalāyanasrautasūtra<br/>           A. V. = Atharvaveda<br/>           Baud. = Baudhāyana<br/>           Baud. Dh. S. = Baudhāyanadharmasūtra<br/>           Baud. Gr. = Baudhāyanagrhyasūtra<br/>           Baud. P. S. = Baudhāyanapitrmedhasūtra<br/>           Baud. Śr. = Baudhāyanasrautasūtra<br/>           Beng. L. R. = Bengal Law Reports<br/>           Bom. G. = Bombay Gazetteer Volumes</p> | <p>B. I. = Bibliotheca Indica series<br/>           Bom. = Indian Law Reports, Bombay series<br/>           Bom. L. R. = Bombay Law Reporter<br/>           B. Up. = Brhadāranyakopaniṣad<br/>           B. R. W. W. = Buddhist Records of the Western World by Beal<br/>           Cal. = Indian Law Reports, Calcutta series<br/>           C. I. I. = Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum<br/>           Chān. Up. = Chāndogyopaniṣad<br/>           C. L. J. = Calcutta Law Journal<br/>           C. W. N. = Calcutta Weekly Notes<br/>           Dh. or Dh. S. = Dharma-sūtra<br/>           ed. = edited<br/>           E. I. = Epigraphia Indica<br/>           Gaut. or Gaut. Dh. S. = Gautamadharmasūtra<br/>           Gobhila Gr. = Gobhila-grhyasūtra<br/>           G. O. S. = Gaikwad Oriental series<br/>           G. P. S. = Gautama-pitrmedhasūtra<br/>           Gr. R. = Grhastharatnākara<br/>           H. of D. or H. of Dh. = History of Dharmasāstra<br/>           Hir. Gr. or Hir. gr. = Hīranyakeśigrhyasūtra<br/>           Hir. P. S. = Hīranyakeśipitrmedhasūtra<br/>           I. A. = Indian Antiquary or Law Reports, Indian Appeals (according to context)<br/>           I. L. R. = Indian Law Reports series</p> |
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- I. H. Q. = Indian Historical Quarterly  
 J. A. S. B. = Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal  
 Jai = Jaimini's Pūrvamīmāṃsā-sūtra  
 Jaimini Gr. = Jaimini-grhya-sūtra  
 JBBRAS = Journal of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society  
 Jiv. = Jivananda Vidyāsagara's edition  
 J. O. R. = Journal of Oriental Research (Madras)  
 J. R. A. S. = Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain  
 Kāt = Kātyāyana  
 Kāt Śr. or Kāt. Śr. S. = Kātyāyanaśrautasūtra  
 Kāthaka Gr. = Kāthaka-grhya-sūtra  
 Kātyāyana = Kātyāyana-smṛtisāroddhāra (ed. by me)  
 Kauś. or Kauśika = Kauśikasūtra  
 Kaus Up. = Kausītaki Upaniṣad  
 Khādīra Gr. = Khādīra-grhya-sūtra  
 m = mentioned  
 Märk = Märkandeyapurāna  
 Mīt = Mītākṣarā, commentary on Yājñavalkya  
 M. S. = Maitrāyaṇī-samhitā  
 Nir. = Nirukta  
 Nirn. = Nirṇayasāgara Press ed  
 Pān. = Pāṇini's Astādhyāyī  
 Pār. gr. = Pāraskara-grhya-sūtra  
 Par M. = Parāśara-Mādhaviya  
 Pr M. = Prāyaścitta-mayūkha  
 Pr. Pr. or Pr. Prakāśa = Prāyaścitta-prakāśa  
 Pr. Prakarana = Prāyaścitta-prakarana  
 Pr S or Pr. sāra = Prāyaścittasāra  
 Pr T or Pr. Tattva = Prāyaścittatattva  
 Pr. V. or Pr. V<sub>1</sub>. = Prāyaścittaviveka  
 q = quoted  
 Q. B. D. = Queen's Bench Division  
 Rg. = Rgveda  
 Sāma. Br. = Sāmavidhāna Brāhmaṇa  
 Śān. Br. = Śāṅkhāyana Brāhmaṇa  
 Śān. gr. = Śāṅkhāyana-grhya-sūtra  
 Śān. Sr. or Śān. Śr. S. = Śāṅkhāyanaśrauta-sūtra  
 Śat. Br. = Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa  
 Sat Śr. = Satyāsādhaśrauta-sūtra  
 S. B. E. = Sacred Books of the East (ed. by Maxmuller)  
 S K. = Śuddhikaumudī  
 S. K. L. = Śrāddhakalpalatā  
 Sm. C. or Smr. C. = Smṛticandrikā  
 Smr M. = Smṛtimuktāphala  
 Śr. P. or Śr. Pr. = Śrāddhaprakāśa  
 Śr. K. K. = Śrāddhakriyākaumudī  
 S. V. = Sāmaveda  
 Tai. Ā. or Tai. Ār. = Taittirīya Āraṇyaka  
 Tai. Br. = Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa  
 Tai. S. = Taittirīya Samhitā  
 Tai. Up. = Taittirīya-upaniṣad  
 Tāndya Br. = Tāndyamahābrāhmaṇa  
 Tir. C. = Tīrthacintāmaṇi  
 Tir. K. = Tīrthakalpataru  
 Tīrthapr. or Tir. Pr. = Tīrthaprakāśa  
 Tri. S. = Tristhalisetu  
 T S. = Tīrthasāra  
 Up. = Upaniṣad  
 Vaik. Smārta or Vaik. Sm. S. = Vaikhāṇasa-smārta-sūtra  
 Vaik. Śr. or Vaik. Śr. S. = Vaikhāṇasaśrauta-sūtra  
 Vāj. S. = Vājasaneyi-samhitā  
 Vas. = Vasistha-dharma-sūtra

Viṣṇu Dh. or Viṣṇu Dh. S. =

Viṣṇudharmasūtra

Vy. M. = Vyavahāramayūkha

Yāj. = Yājñavalkya-smṛti

अ. क. दी. = अन्यकर्मदीपक

अग्नि. or अग्निपु. = अग्निपुराण

अथर्व. = अथर्ववेद

अनु. = अनुशासनपर्व

अन्येष्टिप. = अन्येष्टिपद्धति of नारायण

आ. गृ. परि. = आपस्तम्बगृह्यपरिशिष्ट

आप. = आपस्तम्बधर्मसूत्र

आप. गृ. = आपस्तम्बगृह्यसूत्र

आप ध. or आप. ध. सू. = आपस्तम्बधर्मसूत्र

आप म. पा = आपस्तम्बमन्त्रपाठ

आप. श्रौ. or आ. श्रौ. = आपस्तम्बश्रौतसूत्र

आश्व गृ. परि. = आश्वलायनगृह्यपरिशिष्ट

आश्व. गृ. or आश्व गृ सू. = आश्वलायनगृह्य-  
सूत्र

आश्व. श्रौ. or आश्व श्रौ. सू. = आश्वलायन-  
श्रौतसूत्र

ऋ. = ऋग्वेद

ऐ. आ. = ऐतरेय-आरण्यक

ऐ. ब्रा. = ऐतरेयब्राह्मण

क. उप. or कठ. or कठोप. = कठोपनिषद्

कल्प. = कृत्यकल्पतरु or कल्पतरु of लक्ष्मीधर

कात्या. = कात्यायनस्मृतिसारोद्धार

का. श्रौ. सू. or कात्या. श्रौ. or कात्या. श्रौ. सू.

= कात्यायनश्रौतसूत्र

कौ. ब्रा. उप. or कौषीतकि-ब्रा. उप. =

कौषीतकिब्राह्मणोपनिषद्

गङ्गाभक्ति. or गङ्गाभ. = गङ्गाभक्तिरङ्गिणी

गङ्गावाक्या or गङ्गावा. = गङ्गावाक्यावलि

गरुड or गरुडपु. = गरुडपुराण

गृह र. = गृहस्थरत्नाकर

गौ. or गौ. ध. सू. = गौतमधर्मसूत्र

गौ. पि. सू. = गौतमपितृमेधसूत्र

चतुर्विंशति. or चतुर्विंश. or चतु सं. = चतु-

विंशतिमतसंग्रह

चतुर्वर्ग. = चतुर्वर्गचिन्तामणि of हेमाद्रि

छा. उप. or छां. उप. or छान्दोग्योप. =

छान्दोग्योपनिषद्

ताण्ड्य. = ताण्ड्यमहाब्राह्मण

तीर्थकल्प. = कल्पतरु on तीर्थ (G. O. S.)

ती. प्र. or तीर्थप्र. = तीर्थप्रकाश

ती. चि. or तीर्थचि. = तीर्थचिन्तामणि of  
वाचस्पति

तै. आ. = तैत्तिरीयारण्यक

तै. उप. = तैत्तिरीयोपनिषद्

तै. ब्रा. = तैत्तिरीयब्राह्मण

तै. सं. = तैत्तिरीयसंहिता

त्रि. से. सा. स. = त्रिस्थलीसेतुसारसङ्ग्रह of  
भट्टोजि

त्रिस्थली = त्रिस्थलीसेतु of नारायणभट्ट

निर्णय. or नि. सि = निर्णयसिन्धु

पद्म. or पद्मपु. = पद्मपुराण

परा. मा. = पराशरमाधवीय

पा = पाणिनि's अष्टाध्यायी

पार. गृ. = पारस्करगृह्यसूत्र

पृथ्वी. or पृथ्वीच. or पृथ्वीचन्द्र. = पृथ्वी-  
चन्द्रोदय

प्राय. तत्त्व = प्रायश्चित्ततत्त्व

प्राय. प्रकरण or प्राय प्रक. = प्रायश्चित्तप्रकरण

प्रा प्रकाश = प्रायश्चित्तप्रकाश

प्राय. वि or प्रा. वि. or प्राय. वि. = प्राय-  
श्चित्तविवेक

प्राय. म. = प्रायश्चित्तमयूख

प्राय. सा. or प्राय. सार = प्रायश्चित्तसार

बृह उ. = बृहदारण्यकोपनिषद्

बृ. सं = बृहत्संहिता of वराहमिहिर

बौ. गृ. = बौधायनगृह्यसूत्र

बौ. ध. सू. = बौधायनधर्मसूत्र

बौ. श्रौ. = बौधायनश्रौतसूत्र

ब्रह्मपु. = ब्रह्मपुराण

भवि पु or भविष्यपु. = भविष्यपुराण

मत्स्य = मत्स्यपुराण

मद. पा. = मदनपारिजात

मनु = मनुस्मृति

महार्णव = महार्णवकर्मविपाक (ms.)

मानवगृ. = मानवगृह्यसूत्र

मिता. = मिताक्षरा

मेधा. = मेधातिथि, commentator of मनु

मै. सं = मैत्रायणीसंहिता

या. or याज्ञ. = याज्ञवल्क्यस्मृति

राजत. = राजतरङ्गिणी of कल्हण

वाज सं. = वाजसनेयसंहिता

वायु or वायुपु. = वायुपुराण

विष्णुपु = विष्णुपुराण

वि र. = विवादरत्नाकर

विष्णु or विष्णुध. सू = विष्णुधर्मसूत्र

वृद्ध्या. = वृद्ध्यान्वल्क्य

वे. सू = वेदान्तसूत्र

व्यव नि = व्यवहारनिर्णय

व्य म. = व्यवहारमयूख

गत ब्रा or गतपथ or गतपथब्रा. = गतपथ-  
ब्राह्मण

गातातप = गातातपस्मृति

शाङ्खायनब्रा or शा ब्रा = शाङ्खायनब्राह्मण

शां. श्रौ. or शां श्रौ. सू. = शाङ्खायनश्रौतसूत्र

शान्ति = शान्तिपर्व

शु कौ. or शुद्धिकौ. = शुद्धिकौमुदी

शुद्धिकल्प. = कल्पतरु on शुद्धि

शुद्धिप्र or शु प्र. = शुद्धिप्रकाश

श्रा. क ल = श्राद्धकल्पलता

श्रा. कि कौ = श्राद्धक्रियाकौमुदी

श्राद्धप्र. or श्रा. प्र = श्राद्धप्रकाश

सत्या श्रौ. = सत्यापाठश्रौतसूत्र

साम ब्रा = सामविधानब्राह्मण

स्कन्द or स्कन्दपु = स्कन्दपुराण

स्मृतिव = स्मृतिचन्द्रिका

स्मृतिपु or स्मृ सु. = स्मृतिमुक्ताफल

श्रा. वि = श्राद्धविवेक of स्मधर

हिर गृ. or हिरण्य गृ. = हिरण्यकेशिगृह्यसूत्र

## CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

OF

some important Sanskrit works and authors referred  
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N. B.—Some dates, particularly of ancient works, are conjectural and disputed by several scholars. Most of the dates about authors from the 8th or 9th century refer to the probable periods of their literary activity except in the case of a few authors such as Śaṅkarācārya and Vidyāpati.

4000 B. C.—1000 B. C.—The period of the Vedic Samhitās, Brāhmanas and Upanisads. Some hymns of the Ṛgveda, of the Atharvaveda, and in the Taittirīya Samhitā and Brāhmana may possibly go back to a period earlier than 4000 B. C. and some of the Upanisads (even from among those that are regarded by most scholars as the earliest ones) may be later than 1000 B. C. Some scholars have criticized me for ascribing the vedic samhitās to such an early date as 4000 B. C. Time and health permitting, I may have to deal with this question in a separate work after I finish the 5th and last volume on which I am now engaged.

800 B. C.—500 B. C.—The Nirukta of Yāska

800 B. C.—400 B. C.—The principal śrautasūtras (of Āpastamba, Āśvalāyana, Baudhāyana, Kātyāyana, Satyāsīdha and others) and some of the grhyasūtras (such as those of Āpastamba and Āśvalāyana)

600—300 B. C.—The Dharmasūtras of Gautama, Āpastamba, Baudhāyana, Vasīṣṭha and the Grhyasūtras of Pāraskara and a few others.

600 B. C.—300 B. C.—Pāṇini

500 B. C.—200 B. C.—Jaimini's Pūrva-mīmāṃsā-sūtra

500 B. C.—200 B. C.—The Bhagavadgītā

300 B. C.—Vararuci Kātyāyana, author of Vārtikas on Pāṇini's sūtras

300 B. C.—100 A. D.—Arthaśāstra of Kautilya (rather nearer the former date than the latter)

150 B. C.—100 A. D. The Mahābhāṣya of Patañjali (probably nearer the former date than the latter)

200 B. C.—100 A. D.—Manusmṛti

- 100 A. D.-300 A. D.—Yājñavalkya-smṛti  
 100 A. D.-300 A. D.—Viṣṇudharmasūtra  
 100 A. D.-400 A. D.—Nārada-smṛti  
 200 A. D.-400 A. D.—Śabara's bhāṣya on Jaimini's Pūrva-mīmāṃsā-sūtra (rather nearer the former date)  
 300 A. D.-500 A. D.—Brhaspati-smṛti on Vyavahāra and other topics (not yet found) Extracts on Vyavahāra were translated in S. B. E. vol. 33 and extracts on many topics of Dharma were collected by Prof. Rangasvami Aiyangar and published in Gaikwad Oriental series  
 300 A. D.-600 A. D.—Some of the extant Purāṇas such as Vāyu, Viṣṇu, Mārkaṇdeya, Matsya, Kūrma  
 500 A. D.-550 A. D.—Varāhamihira, author of Pañca-siddhāntikā, Brhatsamhitā, Brhat-Jātaka and other works  
 600 A. D.-650 A. D.—Bāna, author of the Kādambarī and Harsacarita  
 650-665 A. D.—Kāśikā, commentary by Vāmana and Jayāditya on Pāṇini's Astādhyāyī  
 650-700 A. D.—Kumārīlabhatta, author of Tantravārtika and other works.  
 600 A. D.-900 A. D.—Most of the smṛtis such as those of Parāśara, Śaṅkha, Devala and some of the Purāṇas such as Agni, Garuda.  
 788 A. D.-820 A. D.—Śaṅkarācārya, the great Advaita philosopher  
 800 A. D.-850 A. D.—Viśvarūpa, the commentator of Yājñavalkya-smṛti  
 825 A. D.-900 A. D.—Medhātithi, a commentator of Manusmṛti  
 966 A. D.—Utpala composed his commentary on the Brhajjātaka of Varāhamihira  
 1000 A. D.-1050 A. D.—Dhāreśvara Bhoja, author of numerous works  
 1080 A. D.-1100 A. D.—Viṣṇūneśvara, the author of the Mitākṣarā commentary on Yājñavalkya-smṛti  
 1080 A. D.-1110 A. D.—Govindarāja, a commentator of Manusmṛti  
 1100-1130 A. D.—Lakṣmīdhara, the author of a vast digest on Dharmaśāstra called Kalpataru or Kṛtyakalpataru  
 1100-1150 A. D.—Jimūtavāhana, author of the Dāyabhāga, Kālaviveka and Vyavahāramātrkā.  
 1100-1150 A. D.—Bhavadevabhatta, author of Prāyaścitta-prakarana and other works  
 1110 A. D.-1130—A. D. Aparārka, Śiṣāhara king, composed a commentary on Yājñavalkya-smṛti  
 1127 A. D.-1138 A. D.—Mānasollāsa or Abhilasītārtha-cintāmaṇi of Someśvaradeva

- 1150 A.D.-1160 A.D.—Rājataranginī of Kalhana  
 1150 A.D.-1180 A.D.—Aniruddhabhaṭṭa, author of Hāralatā and Pitṛdayitā  
 1150 A.D.-1200 A.D.—Smṛtyarthasāra of Śrīdhara  
 1150 A.D.-1300 A.D.—Haradatta, commentator of the Dharmasūtras of Gautama and Āpastamba and some grhyasūtras  
 1200 A.D.-1225 A.D.—Smṛticandrikā of Devannabhatta  
 1150 A.D.-1300 A.D.—Kullūka, a commentator on Manusmṛti  
 1175 A.D.-1200 A.D.—Halāyudha, son of Dhanañjaya and author of Brāhmanasarvasva  
 1260 A.D.-1270 A.D.—Caturvargacintāmaṇi of Hemādri  
 1275 A.D.-1310 A.D.—Śrīdatta, author of Pitṛbhakti, Samaya-pradīpa and other works  
 1300 A.D.-1370 A.D.—Candēśvara, author of Grhastharatnākara, Vivādaratnākara, Kṛtyaratnākara and other works  
 1300 A.D.-1380 A.D.—Sāyana, compiler of bhāṣyas on Vedic Samhitās and Brāhmanas  
 1300 A.D.-1380 A.D.—Mādhavācārya, commentator of Parāśara-smṛti and other works and brother of Sāyana  
 1360 A.D.-1390 A.D.—Madanapārijāta and Mahāmavaprakāśa compiled under king Madanapāla and his son  
 1360 A.D.-1448 A.D.—These are the dates of the birth and death of Vidyāpati, author of Gangāvākyāvalī and other works. Vide Indian Antiquary vol. 14 pp 190-191 for an inscription which records in four eras the grant of the village Bisapī to Vidyāpati by king Śivasimha, son of Devasimha (śake 1321, samvat 1455, La. Sam. 283 and *san* 807)  
 1375 A.D.-1440 A.D.—Śūlapāṇi, author of Dīpakalikā, commentary on Yājñavalkya, Prāyaścitta-viveka, Durgotsavaviveka and other works.  
 1375-1500 A.D.—Prthivīcandra, son of Nāgamalla, author of a vast digest called Dharmatattvakalānidhi, divided into Prakāśas on śrāddha, vyavahāra and other topics.  
 1425-1450 A.D.—Madanaratna, an extensive digest compiled by king Madanasimhadeva  
 1425 A.D.-1460 A.D.—Rudradhara, author of Śuddhiviveka, Śrāddhaviveka and other works  
 1425-1490 A.D.—Vācaspati, author of Śuddhicintāmaṇi, Tīrthacintāmaṇi and numerous other works.  
 1450-1500 A.D.—Vardhamāna, author of Dandaviveka, Gangākṛtyaviveka and other works  
 1490 A.D.-1515 A.D.—Nṛsimhaprasāda of Dalapati, of which Śrāddhasāra, Tīrthasāra, Prāyaścittasāra and several more are parts.

- 1500 A.D.-1540 A.D.—Govindānanda, author of *Śuddhikaumudī*, *Śrāddhakriyākaumudī* and other works
- 1513-1580—Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa, author of *Prayogaratna*, *Antyestipaddhati*, *Tristhalisetu*
- 1520-1575—Raghunandana, author of numerous works called *Tattvas* on *Śrāddha*, *Tīrtha*, *Śuddhi*, *Prāyaścitta* and other topics
- 1520-1589—Todarānanda compiled under the patronage of Todarmal and divided into *Saukhyas* on *Śuddhi*, *Śrāddha*, *Tīrtha*, *Prāyaścitta*, *Karmavipākā* and about 15 more topics
- 1590-1630 A.D.—Nandapandita, author of several works such as *Vaijayantī* (com. on *Viṣṇudharmasūtra*), *Śrāddha-kalpalatā*, *Śuddhicandrikā*, *Dattakamīmāṃsā*
- 1610-1640—Kamalākaraḥbhaṭṭa, author of *Nirnayasindhu* and over 20 works besides
- 1610-1640—Viramitrodaya of *Mitramisra*, of which *Tīrthaparakāśa*, *Prāyaścittaparakāśa*, *Śrāddhaparakāśa* are parts
- 1610-1645—Nilakantha, author of *Bhagavantabhāskara* in 12 *Mayūkhas* on *Prāyaścitta*, *Śuddhi*, *Śrāddha* and other topics
- 1700-1740—*Smṛtimuktāphala* of Vaidyanātha
- 1700-1750 A.D.—Nāgeśa or Nāgojibhaṭṭa, author of about 30 works among which *Tīrthenduśekhara*, *Prāyaścittenduśekhara*, *Śrāddhenduśekhara* were used in this volume
- 1790—Kāśinātha Upādhyāya, author of *Dharmasindhu*, composed it in śaka 1712
- 1730-1820—Bālabhaṭṭa, author of a commentary on the *Mitākṣarā*, called *Bālabhaṭṭī*
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N. B.—Some cases where the correction can be easily made [as in the elision of an anusvāra or mātṛā or a diacritical mark] have not been noted ]

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| 8  | note 17         | Read न स स्त्रो दक्षो वरुण धृति  |
| 9  | note 19         | Add at end 'Vide also विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 33 1'  |
| 15 | last line       | Put a full stop after the word 'Visnu'   |
| 17 | note 36         | Read 'व्यापारे रूढ'.   |
| 18 | line 25         | Read 'selling of flesh'  |
| 19 | note 43 1 8     | Read 'अग्निपुराण 173.5'  |
| 24 | note 58         | Read न तु गुरोरङ्गना गुर्वङ्गना  |
| 28 | note 68 line 7  | Read दोषो न संसर्गः  |
| 36 | line 34         | Read 'they pray'.  |
| 37 | note 88         | Read यत्किंचिद् वरुण दैव्ये  |
| 42 | line 24         | Read 'to be spread over from one'  |
| 43 | line 23         | Read 'yadadīvyan' (Tai. Ā II 4.1, and Baud. Dh. S. III 7. 10)'   |
| 44 | line 29         | Read 'by offering either'  |
| 46 | note 107 line 4 | Read अथर्वशिरस्.   |
| 47 | line 7          | Read 'four pākayajñas or mahāyajñas'   |
| 47 | note 109        | Read 'the five mahāyajñas or pākayajñas as they are called in Manu II 86'  |
| 54 | note 133a       | Add—The verse 'उपावृत्तस्य वर्जित' is अग्निपु 175 5-6 and is cited as from भविष्यपुराण by कल्पतरु on व्रत p 3. Hemādri on vrata, vol I. p 1009 quotes विष्णुधर्मोत्तर on the meaning of गुण as 'तज्जाप्यजापी तद्व्यान-तत्कथाश्रवणादिकम् । तदचैनं च तन्नामकीर्तनश्रवणादय ॥ उपवासकृतो ह्येते गुणा' प्रोक्ता मनीषिभि ।' The verse उपावृत्तस्य is ascribed to Vasistha by Hemādri on vrata vol. I. p. 1004 |
| 58 | note 139 line 6 | Read प्रायश्चित्तं विध्यपराधे  |
| 94 | lines 19        | Add at end 'It may be noted that the digests on Dharma forbid bathing in the sea at any  |

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time one pleases and allow it only on Full Moon, on Amāvasyā and on *parvan* days and prescribe that at Setubandha one may bathe in the sea on any day. Compare. अश्वत्थसागरौ सेव्यौ न स्पृष्टव्यौ कदाचन । अश्वत्थं मन्दवारे च सागरं पर्वणि स्पृशेत् । न कालनियमः सेतौ समुद्रस्नान-कर्मणि ॥ धर्मसिन्धु I. 1 p. 36

- 106 note 242 line 3 Read प्राय. वि.
- 108 note 247 Add at end 'Verses from गाव. सुरभयो नित्यं to हविरन्यत्र तिष्ठति are अग्निपुराण 292. 14-20'
- 113 note 257 At the end add 'The Mit. on Yāj. III. 280 remarks: यदा गार्हस्थ्यपरिग्रहेण संन्यासात्प्रच्युतो भवति तदा संवर्तोर्यं द्रष्टव्यम्—संन्यस्य दुर्मतिः कश्चित्प्रत्यापत्तिं ब्रजेद्यदि । स कुर्यात्कृच्छ्रमभ्रान्तः षण्मासात्प्रत्यनन्तरम् ॥ ' This is संवर्त 171-72
- 114 line 2 Add ' Vide the bhāṣya of Śāṅkara on Vedānta-sūtra III. 4. 43 ( bahis tūbhayathāpi ).
- 116 line 23 Add after the words 'for a month'—'It appears that simply officiating as a priest or accepting a gift entailed a prāyaścitta; vide Tai. Ā. II. 16. 17 'याजयित्वा प्रतिष्ठन् वानश्मन् त्रिः स्वाध्यायं वेदमधीयीत'. Manu X. 109-111 appear to endorse this view.
- 140 line 7 Read 'and as marking'
- 149 line 23 Add at end 'Viśvarūpa on Yāj. III 248 states that in the Āngirasa-smṛti an expiation called Vajra is described and it is provided therein that those who are guilty of a mahāpātaka are purified after three years. The Mit. on Yāj. III 254 quotes the same half-verse as of Angiras'.
- 164 n 395 line 2 Read अष्टाविंशतिकोऽथ
- 169 n 406 Add 'This verse is quoted by नीलकण्ठ in his commentary on उद्योगपर्व 33. 72 and in the साख्यतत्त्वकौमुदी of वाचस्पति Chowkhamba S series p. 45.'
- 185 line 11 Add after 'namo Vāsudevāya.'—Vide भगवद्गीता 8. 5-6 and पद्मपुराण V. 47. 262 'मरणे या मतिः पुसा गतिर्भवति तादृशी', for the belief about the thoughts of a dying man.'

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- 185 n 432 Read 'ज्ञान्तिपद्मे, 285. 74 ff for शिवसहस्रनाम'
- 192 n 443  
last line Read 'Fargard'
- 200 n 476 Read in 2nd line 'recital' and 'bones' in line 3.
- 212 line 12 Add a new paragraph after this line viz 'A peculiar rite called Sampratti (transmission) is described in Br Up. I 5 17 and Kauṣītaki-brāhmaṇopaniṣad II 15, wherein a father when about to die calls his son and transmits to him his own finished and unfinished work such as yajñas.
- 212 Add footnote 500a 'Though in modern times Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa's Antyestipaddhati is generally followed, it must be stated here in order to avoid misunderstanding that now no one spreads kuśas and antelope skin on the funeral pile nor is the wife made to sit down near the deceased nor is she then raised up by anybody'.
- 216 n503 l 1 Read 'मिता on या. III. 2, मद. पा p. 395'
- 239 line 29 Read 'text of Samvarta that a'
- 244 line 6 Put the figure 555 above Rg VIII. 95. 7-9
- 265 n 594a Read in last line but one तद्रूपं देहमन्यं
- 269 n 603 l. 2 Read तन्तुं तन्वन्रजसो भानुमन्विषधानहो
- 271 l 35 Add after the word 'death.' 'It should be noted that in almost all parts of India except in Bengal members of all varnas including śūdras observe by usage only ten days' impurity on death'
- 277 l 13 Read 'preferably'
- 300 n 677, l 3 Read 'पतितानां च'
- 308 l 17 Omit the words 'with Sanskrit explanation'
- 310 note 695 Read 'संमार्ष्टव्या उत्'
- 312 n 700 Add at end "Though Manu V 130 says generally 'नियमास्यं शुचिं स्त्रीणाम्' the words must be narrowed down to the occasions of dalliance in view of what Baud Dh S I. 4 57 (स्त्रियश्च रतिसंसर्गं), Vas 28 8, S'ankha 16 16, Atri V. 14 and most of the commentators of Manu say."



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- 321 lines 11-15 I should have mentioned here the four verses beginning with 'Hiranyavarnāḥ' of the Tai S V. 6 1.1
- 345 top Read 'Pañcajanāḥ'
- „ n. 776 l. 4 Read 'पङ्क्तवस्तान् पितृन् परिवक्षते'
- 355 n. 807 l. 1 Read 'मेषमजं बालभते'
- 368 n. 838 l. 2 Read शकुना इव
- 377 n. 851 l. 2 Read तीर्थेषु स्वभूमौ च प्रयत्नतः
- 382-383 note 861 Add at end "In several works the 96 śrāddhas are enumerated somewhat differently. For example the धर्मसिन्धु II. 2-p. 39 says 'अमा १२ शुक्ल ४ मनु १४ कान्ति १२ धृति १२ पात १२ महालयः १५ ॥ अष्टका ५ अन्वष्टका ५ पूर्व्युः ५ श्राद्धैर्नवतिश्च पद ॥ इति द्वेयानि ॥' For 12 Astakās there is very ancient authority; vide note 861 quoting शतपथब्राह्मण. It is very rare to find 15 Astakās mentioned; vide p. 361 and note 828 above."
- 388 note 870 In last line but one read प्रदस्यति
- 389 note 873 Read अनर्हान् हव्यकव्येषु
- 410 note 921 Read स याति नरकं घोरं
- 427 n. 959 l. 5 from end Read यमायाङ्गिरस्वते
- 441 note 985 Read अर्हणीयानां पुरतः
- 442 l. 17 Read 'then turn it'
- 457 note 1018 Add at end of note 'The विष्णुधर्मोत्तरपुराण (III. 176 1-5) reads the names of the ten विश्वेदेवाः somewhat differently'.
- 532 note 1195 Read 'विस्तृतपार्वणविधिनाऽसम्भवे (separate as विधिना and असम्भवे)'
- 534 note 1200 Add at end—"Vide 'अन्नं ह प्राणः' ऐ. ब्रा. 33 1"
- 546 l. 17 Add after 'in an intercalary month' the following -  
According to the Nirṇayasindhu (p. 12) the first year anniversary śrāddha has to be performed in the intercalary month and subsequent anniversary śrāddhas are to be performed in the pure month and not in the intercalary month, if the deceased died in an ordinary month, while at the time of the first anniversary or subsequent anniversary śrāddha

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- the year has the same month as an intercalary as well as an ordinary month. The Dharmaśāstra also (p. 5) holds the same view 'इदमासे नृतां तु प्रथमादिर्द्वे नलमास एव कार्यं न शुद्धे द्वितीयादिर्द्वे तु शुद्धे एव ।'
- 560 note 1260 After line 13 in note add 'The विष्णुधर्मोत्तरपुराण III. chap 17<sup>1</sup> mentions *nine* mountains 'हिमवान्हेम-कूटश्च निषधो नील एव च । श्वेतश्च शृङ्गवान् मेरुर्मात्यवान्पद्म-मादन । नन्दवान् शैलपृथ्वीश्वर्या पञ्चशेरः ॥' (in पर्वताटलीकरणे)'
- 561 l. 7 Read 'a work like that of Dr. Alexis Carrel.'
- 577 n. 1308 l. 5 Read 'लेनेतु स. and attributes it to गरुडपुराण.'
- 588 note 1333 Read 'दिवि हव्यन्तरिक्षे च'
- 592 n. 1340 l. 21 Read 'Another rule is that one makes'
- 595 n. 1347 l. 2 Read 'जलं स मे प्रीति इति'.
- 599 note 1360 Read 'पादलोके.'
- 605 n. 1372 l. 6 Read 'the Aṣṣad stone Inscription'.
- 609-613 The figures of the notes and the notes themselves have been wrongly arranged in these pages  
On p 609 l. 5 put the figure 1385 above the word 'Gangāvakyaṭāli' and note (as printed) 1387 should be 1385 and brought under p 609  
On the same page (both in the text and notes) the figures 1384a. 1385 should be changed to 1386 and 1387. On the same page the note 1386 should really be 1393a, which figure should be placed on p 613 in line 24 on the word 'moksa' and the footnote so numbered should be placed after footnote 1393
- 515 note 1397 last line but one—Read 'occur in नारदीय'
- 633 note 1448 line 1 Read 'तावत्तैव'.
- 648 n. 1473 l. 3 Read 'तपश्चेत्'
- 654 note 1500 Read 'गङ्गा पादोदके'
- 657 line 36 After 'difficult to say.' add 'Recently the Bihar State Legislature passed 'The Bodhi Gaya Temple Act' (Act XVII of 1949) for the better management of the Bodhi Gaya Temple and the properties appertaining thereto. It is provided by this Act that the Government of Bihar Province shall constitute a committee for the management and control of the temple and its properties, consisting of a chairman and

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eight members, of whom four shall be Buddhists and four shall be Hindus including the Mahānāth i. e. the presiding priest for the time being of the Śaivite monastery of Bodhi Gayā, that the District Magistrate of Gayā shall be the ex-officio chairman, but that, if the District Magistrate happens to be a non-Hindu, the Provincial Government may nominate a Hindu as chairman and that Hindus and Buddhists of every sect shall have access to the temple and temple land for the purpose of worship and *pūjā dāna*’

670 1 6 Read ‘śrāddhas at Gayā’

673 note 1524 1 4 Read ‘तीर्थचि.’

689 n. 1565 1.2 Add. It may be noted that in the विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I chapters 201–202 it is stated that Gandharvas, sons of Sāṃbha, devastated the country on both banks of the Sindhu and Rāma sent his brother भरत to chastise them, ‘जहि नैष्ठिकतनयान् गन्धर्वान् पापनिश्चयान्’ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 202. 10”

691 n. 1568 1 2 Read ‘सुषुम्ना’

695 line 9 Add at end: ‘Vide, for example, the statement that Puruṣottama is situated on Nīlaparvata (chap 1), that a dialogue between Śabara (a *bhilla*) and Vidyāpati the brother of Indradymna’s purohita took place (chap 7), that three *rathas* were manufactured for the three images (chap. 27) for being worshipped’

696 n 1577 1.3 Read ‘चक्रं दृष्ट्वा’

799 1 13 Add after this line ‘Millions of devotees visit Jagannātha every year and the endowments of the principal temple and the shrines and sacred places within its premises are worth millions of rupees Great dissatisfaction is felt about the management of the funds and about the due performance of religious rites at Puri. The State of Orissa passed the Puri Śrī Jagannāth Temple Administration Act (No. XIV of 1952) providing for the consolidation of the rights and duties of the *Sevaks Pujaris* and such other persons as are connected with the *Seva, Pūjā* and management of the *devasthan*. But this Act does not, in the opinion of many devotees, go far enough. It only provides for some supervision.’

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- 699 n 1582 Add at the end 'The mantra occurs in the मैत्रायणी-संहिता II, 9 10 and तै अा X 45.1'.
- 709 l. 20 Read 'in Pañcavati and on the left bank' &c.
- 721 l. 14 Add at end "Vide a paper on 'Identification of the idol of Vitthala in the Vitthala temple at Hampi' by Dr. C. Narayanrao in the Proceedings of the All India Oriental Conference held at Mysore pp 715-728 and a very informative and exhaustive thesis for Ph. D Degree on 'the cult of Vithobā' by Rev G. A. Deleury accepted by the Poona University in 1952."
- 732 Add under Āmardaka 'Vide E I vol. I pp 354 ff. for Āmardakatīrtha in Rānod in Gwalior State'
- 758 Under 'Irāvati' add—'Vide Visnubharmottara I, 149 (twenty-five verses) for a fine poetic description of this river and I 162. 61-65 for the confluence of Irāvati with Sindhu and of ten more confluences of several rivers of northern India.'
- 769 Column 2 under Konārka add "Vide Proceedings of the 8th Indian Historical Congress pp 153 ff. for an article 'Sungod of Konārka—where is he', which criticizes the article in the Modern Review."
- 796 Add under Rohitaka—'In the Madanpur plate of Śrīcandra in E. I. vol 28 at p 53 the place of origin of the Chandra dynasty is said to be Rohitagiri (acc to some Rohtasgadh in Bihar and Lalmai Hill, West of Comilla, acc to others)'
- 806 Column one under Śona add—'The Nīrnayasindhu p 110 quotes a verse of Devala enumerating seven *nadas* शोणसिन्धुहिरण्यखाया कोरुलोदितचर्धरा । शतद्रव्य नदाः सप्त पविना परिकीर्तिता ॥ It is difficult to say what rivers are meant by हिरण्य and कोक Lohita is Brahmaputrā
- 832 line 5 Read 'अञ्जुवध्व'
- 832 lines 8 and 10 Read मृत्यो and मृतै
- 832 line 18 Read वयं
- 832 n. 693a 1 3 Read स्नानं

# SECTION I

## PĀTAKA, PRĀYAŚCITTA AND KARMAVIPĀKA

(Sins, expiations and the residual consequences of sins).

### CHAPTER I

The Article on sin in Hasting's Encyclopædia of Religion and Ethics (vol 11) will clearly show how the idea of sin varies from religion to religion, from age to age and from country to country. We are concerned here with the growth and development of the doctrine of sin in India from Vedic times to the medieval digests and commentaries on Dharmaśāstra

Sin (*pātaka*) is a word that belongs to the terminology of religion rather than to that of Ethics <sup>1</sup> It is very difficult to define sin. In a general way it may be said that it is an act which is regarded as a wilful rebellion against or disobedience of some law supposed to be laid down by God or Revelation; it is opposition to the will of God manifested in an authoritative work or at least failure to abide by the regulations contained therein.

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1 In these days many people, both in the East and the West, question the very existence of sin. As Barbour puts it in his 'Sin and the new Psychology' (p 19) "The feeling is gaining wide acceptance that there is no such thing as sin in the Christian sense. Evil may encompass a man's life and bring disaster to his personality, but it is not sin. It is psychic evil that can be explained by psychic causes and perhaps cured by psychological therapy. ... Many say 'nothing is right and nothing is wrong. Every thing is the result of complexes'. It has resulted in an easy tolerance of sin". Sir Oliver Lodge in his article on 'Christian Doctrine' in the Hibbert Journal for 1903-4 at p. 466 says 'The highest man of to-day is not worrying about his sins at all, still less about their punishments. His mission, if he is good for anything, is to be up and doing and in so far as he acts wrongly or unwisely he expects to suffer'. The followers of Cārvāka who was the prince of Atheists in ancient India used to say 'man should live among pleasures as long as life lasts, he should feed himself sumptuously (lit. should drink *ghṛa*) even by borrowing money from others. There is no coming again into the world after the body is reduced to ashes by cremation'.

The R̥gveda is full of fervent and heart-felt expressions of the sense of sin and betrays intense desire on the part of the sages of old to be free from it. The idea of sin in the R̥gveda is bound up with the conception of *rta*. The conception of *rta* cannot be discussed here in detail. But a brief statement is absolutely necessary in order to be able to convey what the Vedic doctrine of sin was.<sup>2</sup>

*Rta* had a threefold aspect. It means 'the course of nature' or 'the regular and general order in the cosmos'; with reference to sacrifice it means 'the correct and ordered way of the cult of the Gods', and thirdly, it also means the 'moral conduct of man'. A few passages to illustrate these three aspects of *rta* may be cited here. R̥g. IV 23 8-10 are<sup>3</sup> three verses in which the word *rta* occurs no less than twelve times and which breathe the all-pervading influence of *rta* throughout the universe. 'Plentiful waters (or riches or gifts) belong to *rta*, the thought (or laudation) of *rta* destroys crooked acts (sins), the brilliant and rousing hymn of praise to *rta* pierces the benumbed ears of man. The props of *rta* are firm, its (physical) manifestations are many and lovely for the sake of the body (i e man). Through *rta* they (people) desire food. The cows (sun's rays) entered *rta* by *rta*. He who wins over *rta* acquires it. For the sake of *rta* (heaven) and earth are wide and deep, the two highest cows (i e Heaven and Earth) yield milk (desires or rewards) for the sake of *rta*.' Some other passages are. 'The Sindhus (rivers) follow the *rta* of Varuna' (*rtam sindhavo Varunasya yanti*, R̥g. II 28 4), similarly R̥g. I. 105 12 (*rtamarsanti sindhavah*), The wheel of *rta* (i e the year) revolves round the

2. For the conception of *rta* and the idea of sin in the R̥gveda the following works may be consulted. 'The religion of the Veda' by M. Bloomfield (pp 12, 125 ff), 'Religion and philosophy of the Veda and Upanishads' by Prof A. B. Keith (pp. 35, 83-85 &c.), 'The Vedic idea of sin' by Dr. Henry Leffer (1935). One regrets to observe that Bloomfield's work is marred here and there by a certain levity of thought and expression out of keeping with the seriousness of the subject.

3. ऋतस्य हि शुभं सन्ति पूर्वर्क्षितस्य धीतिर्हजिनानि हन्ति । ऋतस्य श्लोको बधिरा ततर्द कर्णो बुधान शुचमान आयोः ॥ ऋतस्य दृक्छा धरुणानि सन्ति पुरुषाणि चन्द्रा वसुवे वसुभिः । ऋतेन दीप्यमाणन्त पृक्ष ऋतेन गाव ऋतमाविषेत् ॥ कर्तं यमान ऋतमिद्वनोत्सुतस्य शुष्मस्तरपा उ गच्छ । ऋताय पृथ्वी बह्वले गभीरे ऋताय धेनु परमे दुहति ॥ ऋ IV 23 8-10. These are rather obscure verses. The Nirukta X 41 understands *rta* to mean 'water' and explains X 23-8 as 'ऋतस्य यज्ञा वर्जनीयानि हन्ति ऋतस्य श्लोको बधिरस्यापि कर्णो आवृणोति । यधिर बद्धोऽत्र । कर्णो बोधयन् दीप्यमानश्च आयो अयनस्य मनुष्यस्य ज्योतिषो वा उदकरय वा ।'

sky with twelve spokes (dvādaśāram . . . varvartī cakram pari dyām-ṛtasya, Rg. I 164 11), 'the dawn, the daughter of heaven, correctly follows the path of *ṛta* . . . . ' ('*ṛtasya panthānam-anveti sadhu*', Rg. I 124 3); the young woman (Uśas) does not destroy (or come in the way of) the light of *ṛta* (Rg. I 123 9); the sun is the bright and lovely face of *ṛta* (Rg. VI. 51. 1. '*ṛtasya śuci darśatam-anikam*'); 'the path of *ṛta* became united with the rays' (Rg. I 136 2); 'when exhilarated by drinking this (Soma) Indra released for the sake of *ṛta* the concealed host of cows' (Rg. I 121 4, probably a reference to drought and subsequent rainfall).

Many of the principal gods of the Vedic pantheon are described as the guardians, promoters or charioteers of *ṛta*. Mitra and Varuna rule over all the world by *ṛta* (Rg. V. 63 7, *ṛtena viśvam bhuvanam vi rājataḥ*); Mitra and Varuna, the protectors of *ṛta*, occupy a chariot (Rg. V. 63 1), Mitra, Varuna, and Aryaman are said to be charioteers of *ṛta* (*yūyamṛtasya rathyah*, VII 66 12); they and Aditi and Bhaga are protectors of *ṛta* (Rg. VI 51 3). Agni is called 'the charioteer of *ṛta*' (*rathī ṛtasya*, Rg. III. 2 8), the protector of *ṛta*, in Rg. I. 1 8, III 10.2, X. 8.5, X 118.7 and *ṛtāvān* (in Rg. IV. 2.1). Soma is styled the protector of *ṛta* (in Rg. IX. 48 4, IX 73 8) and is said to support *ṛta* (IX. 97.24 *ṛtam bharat subhṛtam cārvinduḥ*). In Rg. VII. 66.13 the *Ādityas*<sup>4</sup> are said to be *ṛtān* (acting according to the fixed order of nature), *ṛtāṇā* (sprung from *ṛta*) and *ṛtāvrdh* (augmenting or rejoicing in *ṛta*) and further they are said to be fierce haters of *anyṛta* (what is opposed to *ṛta*).

*Rta* is distinguished from sacrifice (*yajña*). It is not any particular sacrificial rite itself nor the institution of sacrifice. It stands for the ordered course of sacrifice in general. In Rg. IV. 3.4, Agni is styled *ṛtaci* (conversant with or observing *ṛta*) and is invoked to know the *ṛta* (of the sacrifice); in several verses we meet with the words '*ṛtena ṛtam*' (e. g. in Rg. IV. 3.9 *ṛtena ṛtam niyatam-ila ā goḥ*, V. 15.2 '*ṛtena ṛtam dharunam dhārayanta yajñasya sake*, V. 68.4 *ṛtam-ṛtena sapantā* 'conforming to or joining *ṛta* with *ṛta*', where '*ṛtena*' appears to mean the correct course of sacrificial rites and '*ṛtam*' the settled order in the universe. Soma is said to be the thread of *ṛta* spread on the *daśāparatra* (Rg. IX. 73.9 '*ṛtasya tantur-vitataḥ pavitra ā*). In

4. ऋतवर्गो ऋतजोता ऋतादृधो धौरासो अद्वतद्वियः । तेषां नः सुमने सच्चर्द्विदने नरः  
स्वांसं ये च सूरयः ॥ ऋ. VII, 66.13

Rg. I 84.4 it is said 'O Indra, drink this (soma) that is extracted ..the streams of the bright (soma) flow towards thee in the seat of rta' (i e. in the soma sacrifice) Vide also Rg IV 113— (asmākam-atra pitaro manusyā abhi pra sedur-rtam-ā susānāh) 'in this world former men, our ancestors, approached rta etc', Rg I 71 3 (dadhannrtam dhanayannasya dhītm-ādīdaryo) Rg. X 67 2 (rtam śamsanta rju dīdhyānā yajñasya dhāma prathamam mananta) 'the Angīrasas,, declaring the rta and reflecting straightforwardly first thought of the abode of Yajña', Rg. X 37 1 (maho devāya tad-rtam saparyata, 'offer this rta to the great God')

The conception of rta as a moral imperative occurs in several passages Rg I. 90 6 (madhu vātā rtāyate madhu ksarantī sindhavah) 'the winds carry sweets, the rivers do the same to him who keeps rta', Rg V 12 2 'O Agni, that knowest rta, know rta alone (in me) I shall not resort to magic either by force or by duplicity, I shall conform to rta of the reddish bull (i e of Agni)<sup>5</sup>; Rg. X 87 11 'O Agni! may the evil spirit who injures rta by anrta be thrice bound in thy fetters' Yama in rejecting Yami's advances says (Rg X. 10 4) 'What indeed we never did before (shall we do it now?); shall we who have spoken rta (so far) now speak anrta?' (rtā vadanto anrtam rapema)

In two or three instances rta appears to be almost personified and invoked as a divinity. 'O Agni! for us offer sacrifice to Mitra and Varuna, to the gods and to the great (brhat) rta' (Rg I 75 5). Similarly, in Rg X. 66 4 the great (*mahat*) rta is mentioned alongside of Aditi, Heaven and Earth, Indra, Visnu, the Maruts &c.

*Rta* and *satya* were distinguished in several passages of the Rgveda For example, Rg. V. 51 2 speaks of the Vīśve Devas as 'rtadhītayah' (whose thoughts were fixed on rta) and 'satyadharmānah' (whose characteristic is truth or whose dharmas are true). In Rg. IX 113.4 rta and satya both occur and appear to mean almost the same thing In Rg X. 190 1 rta and satya are distinguished as having sprung from '*tapas*'. Rta involves a wider conception and satya had originally a restricted meaning (viz truth or static order). The word anrta, however, is the

5. ऋतं त्विकित्वा ऋतमिच्छिकित्वा नृत्तस्य धारा अहं त्वामिदं पूर्वी । नाहं पादु सहसा न द्वयेन ऋतं सपान्यरुदस्य वृण्य. । ऋ V 12.2.



opposite of both *rta* and *satya* as may be seen from Rg X. 10.4, Rg VII. 49.3 (Varuna who marks the *satya* and *anrta* of people), Rg. X. 124.5 (Varuna who separates *anrta* by means of *rta*). Gradually, however, the word *rta* receded into the back-ground and *satya* took its place even in Vedic literature, though here and there (as in Tai. Up. II 1 and I.9.1) both *rta* and *satya* are found in juxtaposition.

The sages of the Rgveda were acutely conscious of sin or guilt and pray to the gods, particularly to Varuna and the Ādityas, for forgiveness and for being freed from the consequences of sin. In this connection they employ numerous words such as *āgas*, *enas*, *agha*, *dhṛta*, *dushṛta*, *drugdha*, *anahas*. A few examples of the employment of these words may be cited here. The most frequent words are *āgas* and *enas*, both of which appear to import sin in its deepest and most ethical sense. Rg. VII 86 is a hymn to Varuna in which there are several verses that breathe a deep and heart-felt consciousness of guilt. The sage begins in verse 3 by saying that all wise men of whom he inquired told him the same thing viz. 'Varuna is angry with you'. Then the sage proceeds 'O Varuna! what is that great guilt (*āgas*) (of mine) whereby you desire to injure your worshipper and a friend? Declare that to me, then I shall quickly approach thee with an obeisance and be free from sin (*enas*). Cast away from us the transgressions (*drugdha*) of our father and those that we committed in our own person;...free Vasistha (from guilt) like a calf from the rope (that binds it)'. In Rg. VII. 89.5 (almost equal to Atharva-veda VI. 51.3) the sage says 'whatever transgressions (*abhidroha*) we who are mere men have practised as against the divine hosts and whatever *dharma*s laid down by you we may have confounded through our ignorance (or heedlessness) do not destroy us on account of that guilt (*enas*).' It will be noticed that in these verses the words *āgas*, *abhidroha* and *enas* are employed in the same verses and therefore practically mean the same thing. In Rg. II. 27.14 the sage prays 'O Aditi! O Mitra! O Varuna! take pity on us though we may have committed some sin against you'. In Rg. II. 28.5 Varuna is implored to loosen sin (*āgas*) from the devotee just like a girdle. Rg. VIII. 45.34 states: 'O Indra! do not kill us for one sin, for two sins or three sins or for many (*āgas*).' In Rg II. 29.1 the Ādityas are implored 'cast away from me sin (*āgas*) as a woman who gives birth to a child in secret'. For some other passages

6. भूतत्रया आदित्या इषिरा अरे मत्कर्तृ रद्विवागः । ऋ II. 29.1.

in which *āgas* or its opposite *anūgas* occur, vide Rg I. 162.22, I. 185.8, II.29.5, IV. 12.4, IV. 54.3, VII. 51.1, VII. 57.4, V. 85.7, VII. 87.7, VII. 93.7, X. 36.12, X. 37.7 and 9. *Āgas* and *enas* are employed in the same verse, Rg. IV.12.4 'O Agni! Whatever sin (*āgas*) we may have committed through heedlessness make us free from it before Aditi and loosen from us our sins (*enas*) from all sides'.

Some more passages about *enas* are Rg VI 51.7 'May we not have to enjoy (i.e. suffer for) the *enas* committed by another and Rg VI 51.8 'Whatever sin be committed by me I shall remove it by obeisance', Rg VI 74.3 'O Soma and Rudra! Loosen from us and cast away from us whatever sin attaches to our person'; Rg VII 20.1 'Indra is our saviour even from a great sin'; vide also Rg I 189.1, II. 28.7, VII. 52.2 'The word *'agha'*, also seems to mean sin '*Apa nah śośucad-aghā*' (may our sins perish) is the refrain of Rg. I.97.1-8. 'O gods! May your fetters and may sins (*aghā*) be far away from us' (II. 29.5, in which verse in the first half '*āgah*' occurs), X. 117.6 (*kevalāgho bhavati kevalādi*) 'one who simply eats food alone (without offering to others) reaps only sin'.

Another word is *amhas*. The following passages may be cited. In Rg II. 28.6 Varuna is implored 'remove *amhas* (sin) as one removes the rope from the (neck) of the calf; one has not the power even to wink without you (your favour)' <sup>7</sup> It should be noted that in the preceding verse (II. 28.5) already quoted the simile of the girdle is employed with regard to *āgas*. 'May Indra take us away from *amhas* as persons on both sides (of a river) call one who is going in a boat' (Rg III. 32.14), 'No evil caused by the gods or by men reaches him from any side who worships Agni with fuel, oblation or sacrifice' <sup>8</sup> Rg VIII. 19.6, 'May Aditi, the mother of the affluent Mitra and Varuna, save us from all sin' (Rg. X. 36.3).<sup>9</sup> Rg. X. 36.2 also prays Heaven and Earth, the upholders of *rta*, to protect the sages from '*amhas*'. Vide also Rg X. 126.2.

Another important word is *vrjina* which is often placed in opposition to *sādhu* or *rju*. The *Ādityas* are said to 'see inside

7 दामेव वत्सादिशृङ्गध्वंक्षो नहि त्वदारि निमिषश्चेनेक्षे । ऋ. II, 28.6, compare II. 28.5 'वि मच्छ्रुयाय रक्षानामिवाग ऋष्याम ते वरुण स्वाश्रुतस्य' ।

8 न तमंक्षे देवकृत कुतश्चन न मर्त्यकृत नशत् । ऋ. VIII. 19.6

9 विश्वस्माक्षो आदितिः पाल्विहसो माता मित्रस्य वरुणस्य रेवतः । ऋ. X, 36.3

(the hearts of men) sins as well as good (thoughts and actions)<sup>10</sup> and it is added that everything though far-off is near to them who are kings. In Rg. II. 27. 2 the Ādityas are called 'avrjināh' (free from *vrjina*). The Sun is said to mark among men their right and sinful deeds (Rg. IV 1 17). The same words (*rju martesu vrjinā ca paśyan*) occur in Rg VI. 51. 2 and VII. 60.2 about the Sun.

The word '*anrta*' is often used in the Rgveda. It has already been shown how Varuna is said to mark the *sahya* and *anrta* of men. In Rg. VII 60 5 it is said 'these gods, Mitra, Aryaman and Varuna mark (or know) many sins; they flourish in the abode of *rta*'. Rg. VII 66 13 calling Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman haters of *anrta* has already been quoted (in n. 4).

The word '*durita*' is sometimes used in the sense of sin. In Rg I 23 22 the waters are invoked as follows:<sup>11</sup> 'O waters! carry away from me whatever sin may exist in me, whatever transgressions I may have been guilty of as regards my sensual appetite or whatever falsehood I may have uttered'. Here all three words '*durita*, *droha* and *anrta*' are brought together and convey almost the same idea, viz. sin or guilt against the law of the Gods. In Rg I. 185 10 Heaven and Earth are called father and mother and are invoked to save the worshipper from *durita* (sin) which involves blame (*pātām-avadyād-duritād*) '*Avadya*' means 'garhya' acc. to Pān. III. 1. 101. Rg. VII. 82. 7 states 'Him neither *amhas* (sin) nor *durita* nor worry reaches from anywhere to whose sacrifice you go, O Mitra and Varuna'. In Rg. X. 126. 1 '*amhas*' and '*durita*' are brought together (*na tam-amho na duritam devāso asta martyam*). In Rg VIII 67 21 the words *amhati* and *rapas*<sup>12</sup> seem to be employed in the sense of sin. '*Duskrta*' (evil deed) is used in the sense of sin in Rg. VIII. 47. 13 and in Rg X 164. 3 Agni is implored to keep far away from the worshipper all sins<sup>13</sup>. The word '*pāpa*' generally<sup>14</sup>

10 अन्तः पश्यन्ति वृजिनोत् साधु सर्वे राजभ्यः परमा चिदन्ति । ऋ II 273 ; आ सूर्यो बृहतरितवृद्धो ऋक्षु मतेषु वृजिना च पश्यन् ॥ ऋ IV. 1 17.

11 इदमापः प्रवहत यत्किं च दुरिति मयि । यद्वाहमभिदुद्रोह यद्वा शेप उतादृतम् ॥ ऋ I 23-22 शेप (or-फ) means मेह

12 वि पु द्वेषो व्यंहतिमादिस्थासो वि संहतिम् । विषन्वि बृहता एपः ॥ ऋ. VIII 67 21, 'एप' रिमिति पापनामनी भवतः' निरुक्त IV. 21

13. यदाग्निं दधीर्ष्य देवासो अस्ति दुष्कृतम् । त्रिते तद्विश्वमाव्य अरि अस्मदधातन ॥ ऋ VIII 47 13, अग्निर्विश्वान्यप दुष्कृतान्यष्टुष्टान्यारे अस्मदधातु ॥ ऋ. X. 164.3

14 पापमाहुर्न्यः स्वसारं निगच्छात् । ऋ X. 10 12, पापासः सन्तो अदृता असत्य इदं पदमजनता गभीरम् ॥ ऋ. IV 5-5,

occurs in the Rg. in the sense of 'sinner' (Rg. VIII. 61. 11, X. 10 12, IV. 5. 5) or 'sinful' or 'evil' (Rg X 108 6, X. 164 5, I. 129. 11) In Rg VII 32. 18, VII. 94 3, VIII. 19 26 'pāpatva' occurs and appears to mean 'sinfulness' In the Brāhmanas 'pāpam' (neuter) occurs in the sense of 'sin' as in Śat Br. XI. 2 7. 19; vide also<sup>15</sup> Ait Br 33. 5 In the Upanisads 'pāpam' means 'sin' (e g in Tai Up II 9, Chāndogya IV 14. 3). Certain important modifications of the doctrine about sin and *Karma* were introduced in the Upanisads and the Bhagavadgītā, which will be discussed later on.

In spite of the voluminous references to the consciousness of guilt and sin in the Rgveda and to the transgression of divine laws briefly indicated above, European scholars were not wanting who boldly affirmed that the idea of sin was altogether unknown to the Rgvedic sages. Vide S B E vol I p XXII where Max-Müller replies 'the gradual growth of the concept of guilt is one of the most interesting lessons which certain passages of these ancient hymns can teach us'

How sin arises in the individual mind has been a difficult problem at all times<sup>16</sup>. Men are conscious of the sins they commit, though they may have no definite conclusions or theories about the origin of sin In the Rg VII. 86 6 a sage<sup>17</sup> pleads with Varuna that sin is not due to a man's own power, but it is rather due to fate, to *surā* (intoxicants), to anger, dice or heedlessness and even dream state leads one to commit what is not right In the Kausītaki-brāhmanopaniṣad (III 9) it is stated 'the Lord of all makes that man perform good works whom He desires to raise to higher worlds

15 सहोवाचाजीगर्तः सौयवसिस्तद्धे मा तात तपति पापं कर्म मया कृतम् । ऐ आ 33 5 (=VII 17.)

16. Christianity seems to have solved it by stating that the source of actual sin is the Devil (Matthew 13 39) and by the legend of Adam's Fall (vide Romans 5. 12 'as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin') it affirmed that there was a dose of original sin in all men In modern times many people don't accept the idea of 'original sin', for example, Sir Oliver Lodge says (in his article on 'Christian Doctrine') in Hibbert Journal for 1903-4 at p. 466 "As for 'original sin' or 'birth sin' or other notion of that kind that sits absolutely lightly on him (the man of to-day) As a matter of fact it is non-existent, and none but a monk could have invented it'

17. न स्यो दक्षो वरुण धृतिः सा सुरा मनुर्विभीदको आचिन्ति । अस्ति ज्योपात्कभीयस उपारे स्वमश्नेददृत्तस्य प्रयोत्ता ॥ क. VII 86 6

than these and He makes that man commit bad deeds whom He wishes to drag down'.<sup>18</sup> Here it appears to be suggested that some men are chosen by God for being saved and some are chosen for being damned. This sounds like the Calvinistic doctrine of pre-destination. In the Bhagavadgītā (III, 36) Arjuna questions Śrīkrṣṇa as follows: 'impelled by whom does a man commit sin as if constrained thereto by force, even though he does not desire to do so?' The answer given is (III, 37) 'it is lust and anger springing from the element (*guna*) of *rajas* (passion) that are the enemies of man in this world. In another place the Bhagavadgītā (XVI, 21) says 'this<sup>19</sup> is the three-fold door or entrance to Hell that is ruinous to the self viz. lust, anger and greed; therefore a man must shun these three.' But it must be said that this does not go to the real root of the matter. The question is why should carnal lust, anger or greed themselves arise in the mind of man. The only answer that is indicated is in accordance with the tenets of the Sāṃkhya philosophy viz. that there are three *gunas*, *sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas* which combine in various proportions in different men and that it is *rajo-guna* that is the cause of man's sinfulness. In the Śānti-parva, chap. 163, it is stated that there are thirteen very powerful enemies of men beginning with anger (*krodha*) and *lāma* (lust) and it is said that *krodha* springs from *lobha* (covetousness), which latter arises from ignorance (verses 7 and 11). But there is no satisfactory discussion of the origin of ignorance in that chapter. Gautama 19.2 observes<sup>20</sup> that 'man in this world is polluted by a vile action such as sacrificing for a man unworthy to offer a sacrifice, eating forbidden food, speaking what ought not to be spoken, neglecting what is prescribed and practising what is forbidden'. Yājñavalkya III, 219 prescribes: 'by

18. एष ह्येव साधु कर्म कारयति त यमेभ्यो लोकेभ्यो उत्तिनीयते एष उ एवासाधु कर्म कारयति जं यमघो निनीयते। कौषीतकिब्रा उप. III. 9. This is the basis of Brahmasūtra II, 1.34 and II, 3.41.

19. त्रिविधं नरकस्येवं द्वारं नाशनमात्मनः। कामः क्रोधस्तथा लोभस्तस्मादेतत्त्रयं त्यजेत्॥ भगवद्गीता XVI. 21 = विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 33.6.

20. विहितस्यानद्युष्टानाग्निद्वितस्य च सेवनात्। अनियहाच्चेन्द्रियाणां नरः पतन-सृज्यति॥ या III 219, अकुर्वन् विहितं कर्म प्रतिषिद्धानि चाचरन्॥ प्रायश्चित्तीयते होषं नरो मिथ्या नु वर्तयन्॥ शान्तिपर्व 34.2 गौतम appears to mention the two causes of the rise of sin stated by Yāj in the first half of III 219 'अथ खल्वयं पुरुषो याप्येन कर्मणा लिप्यते यथैतद्व्याज्ययाजनमभक्ष्यभक्षणमवयवद्वयं शिष्टस्याक्रिया प्रतिषिद्धसेवनमिति। गौ. 19.2 शबर on जे. XII. 3.16 echoes the very words of गौ. viz शिष्टस्याक्रिया प्रतिषिद्धसेवनमिति.

omitting to do what is ordained, by resorting to what is condemned (prohibited) and by not controlling the senses, man incurs fall (i e sin)' Manu XI 44 and Śāntiparva 342 are similar verses. The Mitākṣarā explains that matters ordained are such as performing *Sandhyā* (morning and evening adorations) and Agnihotra and what are condemned are such actions as drinking liquor. Viśvarūpa explains that *patana* (fall or sinfulness) in Yāj III, 219 is not used in the technical sense attached to that word by Gautama 21.4 viz 'to be a *patita* means to be deprived of the right to follow the lawful occupations of twice-born men,' but it is used only in the sense that the man so acting (as mentioned in Yāj III, 219) becomes liable to undergo *prāyascitta* and that the words of Gautama (21.4) are restricted only to what are called *mahāpātakas*. The word *pātaka* is derived from the causal of the root 'pat'. Vide Medhātithi on Manu XI 54 'pātakasabdah pātayatīti vyutpattyā sarva-vyatikramesu vaitate' and Madanapārijāta p 786. In ancient works the word *patanīya* (meaning the cause of *patana*) has been employed as in Āp Dh S. I, 7 21 7. The Pr V (p 35) paraphrases *patanīyāni* by 'pātakāni' and derives it from the root 'pat' (*patanīyanena it patanīyam*) with the addition of the termination 'anīya' according to Pān III 3 113. The word occurs also in Yāj II, 210, III, 297, Śākhya quoted by Viśvarūpa on Yāj, III, 237 (in prose) and other smṛtis.

The enumeration of sinful acts and the classifications of sins into several degrees or grades has gone on from very ancient times. In the Rg X 5 6 it is said<sup>21</sup> 'the wise made (lit chiselled) seven limits, the man who goes against even one of them becomes sinful'. The Nirukta (VI 27) explains that the seven sins indicated in this verse are 'theft, violating the bed (of the *guru*), murder of a brāhmana, murder of a bhrūna, drinking of liquor, continual performance of the same sinful act, telling a lie as to a sinful matter'. Rg VII 86 6 quoted above (in n 17) makes it clear that drinking *surā* and playing with dice were regarded as sinful. From the Tai. S. II, 5 1, 2, V 3 12 1-2, Śat Br XIII 3 1 1 and other Brāhmana texts it appears that the murder of a brāhmana was generally regarded in early vedic times as the gravest of all sins, though in the Kāthaka *sambhūta* (31, 7) it is stated that there is no sin as

21. सप्त मर्यादा कवयस्तत्तुस्तसामिकामिदमर्णहुरो गात् । ऋ X 5 6 ; सप्त एव मर्यादा कवयश्चक्रुः । तसामिकामपि अधिगच्छेत्तद्वत्त्वात् भवति । स्तेय तत्पापौघं ब्रह्महत्या भ्रणहत्या मृगपानं द्रुष्टतस्य कर्मण पुन पुन सेवा पातके अद्वतोयमिति । निरुक्त VI 27.

heinous as killing a bhrūna which is even worse than brāhmana murder)<sup>22</sup>. The Tai. Br. in detailing the story of Ekata, Dvita and Trita who was made a scapegoat for keeping off sins, enumerates the following sinners, viz. sūryābhyūḍita (one who sleeps on when the sun rises), sūryābhinimrukta (one who slept when the sun set), one who has black nails or teeth, *agradidhruṣu* (one who married a younger sister while the elder sister was yet unmarried), the elder brother remaining unmarried even though a younger brother has married, one who allows his sacred sacrificial fires to be extinguished, the killer of a brāhmana.<sup>23</sup> It may be noticed that most of these occur almost in the same order in Āp. Dh. S. II. 5. 12. 22 where it is<sup>24</sup> said that though

22. Bhrūnaban is either a killer of a learned brāhmana or the killer of a foetus when its sex is not known. Vide H of Dh vol II, p. 148n and vol. III p 612n for quotations and explanations. It may be noted that the four main prohibitions contained in the Decalogue (Exodus, chap 20 13-16 and Dent. 5, 17-20) against killing human beings, theft, adultery and bearing false witness are to be found in all well-known religious or moral codes.

23. ते देवा आप्येष्वजत। आप्या अमुजत। सूर्याभ्युदिते। सूर्याभ्युदित. सूर्याभिनिमुक्ते। सूर्याभिनिमुक्तः कुनाखिनि। कुनाखी इयावदति। इयावदक्षयादिधिषौ। अग्रदिधिषुः परिविक्ते। परिविक्तो वीरहाणि। वीरहा ब्रह्महाणि। तद् ब्रह्महणं नात्यच्यवत्। तै. ब्रा III 2. 8.11. In the corresponding story in the काठकसंहिता (31.7) we read इयावदन्परिविक्ते परिविक्तः परिविदिदाने परिविदिदानोऽग्रेदिधिषा अग्रेदिधिषुदिविषूतौ दिधिषूपतिर्वीरहाणि... ब्रह्महाणि ब्रह्महा भ्रूणहानि भ्रूणहनसो नात्येति। The story of Trita is briefly referred to in the Atharvaveda (VI, 113). The germ of it is found in Rg VIII 47.13 quoted above in n. 23.

24. अभिनिमुक्तान्मुदित—कुनाखिइयावदाग्रेदिधिषु—दिधिषूपतिपर्याहितपरीष्ट—परिविक्त—परिविक्त—परिविदिदानेषु चोत्तरोत्तरस्मिन्नुच्चिकरानिवर्णो गरीयाच्च गरीयात्। आप II 5. 12 22. It may be noted that both brothers (elder and younger) and sisters (elder and younger) were held guilty of sin in case of supercession in marriage. परिविक्त and परिविक्त often mean the same thing (viz. an elder brother before whom a younger brother marries or consecrates sacrificial fires) Vide Manu III. 171-172. Acc. to Manu III. 173 a *diḍhiṣūpati* is one who feels love for his brother's widow and has intercourse with her under the system of *nyūyoga*. परिविदिदान is the same as परिविक्ता अग्रेद्विषु or—दू is explained by Devala and by Aparārka p.451, by Haradatta on Gaut. 15.15 and Mit. on Yāj. III. 26 as 'a younger sister who marries before her elder sister' and दिधिषु or दिधिषू is the elder sister who is thus superceded by a younger one. In Āp the word पति is to be connected with both अग्रेदिधिषू and दिधिषू. The Amarakośa explains दिधिषू differently. शब्दरत्नसिद्धि (17. 43-44) makes even the father or other guardian for marriage getting a younger son or daughter married before an elder one and the priest officiating at such a marriage equally guilty 'परिविक्तेः परिविक्ता यया च परिविद्यते। व्रतं संवत्सरं कुशुदार्तुयाजकपञ्चमाः ॥'.

these actions are not to be styled *patanīyas* according to Āp. yet they cause impurity which being greater and greater in each succeeding one requires higher and higher penances. Āp. adds a few more sinners to those in the Tai. Br viz *duhṣupati* (husband of an elder sister whose younger sister was married before her), *paryāhuta* (an elder brother before whom a younger brother kindled fires), *parivudāna* (a younger brother who takes his share of the ancestral property before his elder brother), *parivanna* (an elder brother before whom a younger brother takes away his share of the ancestral property). The Chāndogya Upanisad<sup>25</sup> (V. 10. 9.) quotes a verse that declares that the five great sinners are the thief of gold, the drinker of *surā*, the violator of the *guru's* bed, the murderer of a brāhmana, and one who associates with any of the preceding four. The Br. Up. (IV. 3. 22) mentions as great sinners the thief and the murderer of a *bhrūna*.

Coming to the sūtras there is great divergence as to the classification of sins and the enumeration of sins in each class. The Āp. Dh. S. divides sins into two classes viz. *patanīya* (those that cause loss of caste), *asucakara* (those that cause impurity, though no loss of caste is caused). Āp. Dh. S. (I. 7.21.7-11) states that *patanīya* sins are theft (of gold), crimes whereby one becomes an *abhiśasta*, complete loss (by neglect) of the Vedic learning that one secured by study, destruction of a foetus, incestuous connection with relations born of the same womb as one's father or mother and with the children of such persons, drinking of *surā*, intercourse with persons with whom intercourse is forbidden, intercourse with the female friend of one's female guru (mother &c) or with the female friend of one's guru (father &c,) and with the wife of any stranger, constant commission of immoral acts (*adharma*) other than those already mentioned. Āp. Dh. S. I. 7.21.10 notes that, according to some, intercourse with a woman who is not the wife of a *guru* is not a *patanīya* sin. Among acts which render a man impure are (Āp. Dh. S. I. 7. 21. 12-18) the cohabitation of an Ārya woman with śūdras, eating the flesh of forbidden animals such as that of a dog or a human being or village cock or pig or other carnivorous animals, eating the excrement of human beings, partaking of food left by a śūdra, and cohabitation by Ārya men with *apapātra*

25. तदेव श्लोकः । स्तेनो हिरण्यस्य सुरा पिबश्च श्रोतस्तल्पमावसन्न ब्रह्महा ष्वेते पतन्ति क्षत्रार. पञ्चमश्राचरन्ते. ॥ इति । छा उप. V, 10.9.



women.<sup>26</sup> According to some, those acts that are declared to be *aśucakara* are also *patanīyas*. Āp. Dh. S. (I. 7.21.19) states that acts other than those enumerated are also *aśucakara*. Āp. Dh. S. (I. 9. 24.6-9) enumerates those who are *abluṣasta*, viz. one who slays a person belonging to the first two varṇas (viz. brāhmaṇa and kṣatriya) who had studied the Veda or who had been initiated for the performance of a soma sacrifice, one who kills a mare brāhmaṇa (though he may not have studied the Veda or be not initiated for a soma sacrifice), also one who destroys the embryo of a brāhmaṇa even though its sex be undistinguishable, or slays a woman who is an *ātreṇī* (in her monthly course). The Vasiṣṭhadharmasūtra divides<sup>27</sup> sinners into three classes, viz. those who are *enasvins*, those guilty of *mahāpātakas* and those guilty of *upapātakas* (I. 19-23). Among those who are styled *enasvinaḥ* are those mentioned in Āp. Dh. S. II. 5.12.22, with this difference that the 'brahmojha', who is included among 'patanīyas' by Āp. Dh. S. I. 7. 21. 9 is put among 'enasvins' by Vasiṣṭha. In Vas. 20. 4-12 special *prāyaścittas* for each of these 'enasvinaḥ' (ordinary sinners) are prescribed. The *Mahāpātakas* (mortal sins) according to Vasiṣṭha are five, viz (violating) a *guru's* bed, drinking of spirituous liquor, murder of a *bhrūpa* (a learned brāhmaṇa), stealing gold from a brāhmaṇa and associating with a *patita*. Those guilty of *upapātakas* (minor sins) are: He who forsakes sacred Vedic fires, he who offends a *guru*, an atheist, he who earns his livelihood from atheists, and he who sells the soma plant. The Baudhāyana Dharmasūtra<sup>28</sup> (II. 1) divides sins into *patanīya*, *upapātaka* and *aśucakara*. Among the first it cites making voyages by sea, stealing the property of a brāhmaṇa or misappropriating a deposit, giving false evidence

26. For the meaning of *apapātra* vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 309n and 785n. For the meaning of *ātreṇī*, vide H. of Dh. vol. III p. 527 note 970.

27. सूर्याशुदितः सूर्याभिनिष्कृतः कुनखी श्वावदन्तः परिवित्तिः परिवित्तश्रेदिधिद्विधि-  
दूषतिरिहृष्टा ब्रह्मोज्झ इत्येनस्त्रिनः । पञ्च महापतकान्याचक्षते । शुरुतर्पं सुरापानं भ्रणहत्या  
ब्राह्मणंशुर्गणहृरणं पतितसंयोगश्चब्रह्मण वा योनेन वा । ... योगीनीयविध्येद्वरं च यः प्रति-  
दधुपात्रास्तिको नास्तिकइतिः सोमं च विक्रीणीयादित्युपपातकानि । वसिष्ठ I. 19-23,

28. अथ पतनीयानि । सखदसंयानम् । ब्रह्मस्त्रन्यासपहरणम् । भ्रूम्यदृतम् । सर्व-  
पण्यैर्व्यवहरणम् । शूद्रसेवनम् । शूद्राभिजननम् । तदपत्यत्वं च । ... अथोपपातकानि ।  
अगम्यागमनं शूरीसखी शुरुसखीमपपात्रां पतितां गत्वा भेषजकरणं ग्रामयाजनं रङ्गोपजीवनं  
मात्राचार्यता गोमहिषीरक्षणं यज्वान्यदप्येवं युक्तं कन्यादूषणमिति । ... अथाष्टाचिकराणि ।  
यतनाभिचारोऽनादिताग्नेरञ्जवृत्तिर्ते समावृत्तस्य नैकाचर्या तस्य चैव शुरुकुले वास अर्धं  
चतुर्थां मासिग्यस्तस्य चाध्यापनं नक्षत्रनिर्वृणश्चेति । बौ. ध. सू. II. 1.50-56, 60-61, 63-64,

regarding land (dispute), trading with merchandise of all descriptions, serving śūdras, begetting a son on a female of the śūdra caste and begetting a child (either male or female) from her<sup>29</sup>. The upapitakas, acc. to Baud. Dh. S. (II. 1. 60-61), are: intercourse with females who must not be approached, cohabitation with the female friend of a female *guru* or with the female friend of a male *guru* or with an apapātra woman or with a female outcast, following the profession of medicine, officiating as a priest for a village, living by dramatic performances, following the profession of a teacher of dancing or singing or acting, tending cows and buffaloes<sup>30</sup> and similar (low occupations) and fornication. Among asucikara (causing impurity), Baud. Dh. S mentions gambling, black magic, subsisting by gleaned corn fallen in the field by one who has not consecrated sacred fires, subsisting by begging on the part of one who has returned to his home after finishing Vedic study, staying for more than four months at his teacher's seminary on the part of him who has finished his studies, teaching one who has finished his studies, gaining livelihood by astrology. Gautama (21. 1-2) appears to include among patanīyas the usual five mortal sins and also some of those that are mentioned by Āp. Dh. S. (I. 7. 21. 9-11) and Vasistha I. 23 (such as *nāstika*) and adds a few more (such as not casting off persons guilty of patanīyas, forsaking blameless relatives and instigating others to commit acts causing loss<sup>31</sup> of caste.

29. That this is the correct translation of Baud. and not the one in S. B. E. vol. XIV p. 215 'becoming thereby her son' is clear from Manu III. 16 'शौनकस्य सुतोत्पत्त्या तदपत्यतया भृगो' Saunaka condemned the begetting of a son, from a śūdra female (and not the begetting of a daughter), while Bhṛgu condemned the begetting of a child (whether male or female did not matter).

30. It must be supposed that these lists relate to brāhmanas and ksatriyas alone. Trading with merchandise or tending cows could not have been regarded as patanīya for Vaiśyas since trade and tending cows have been always prescribed as their special avocations. Vide Āp. Dh. S. II. 5. 10. 7, Gaut. X. 50, Manu X. 79, Yāj. I. 119. Following the profession of medicine or living by teaching, dancing or by going on the stage made brāhmanas unfit to be invited at a śrāddha. Vide Gaut. 15. 15-16 for long lists of those brāhmanas who were not to be invited at Śrāddha dinners &c.

31. ब्रह्महृत्प्राप्यचतुर्लप्यमापुषितुषोनिस्सम्बन्धागस्तेननास्तिकानिन्दितकर्माभ्यासि-पतिता-  
। इत्यान्यपतितस्यागिनः पतिताः । पातकसंयोजकाश्च । तैश्चान्द समाचरन् ।... कौटसाश्च राजगामि  
पैक्षुन शूरोरद्वलाभिदक्षन महापातकसमानि । अपकृत्याना प्राशुर्धर्माद् गोहन्तुब्रह्महन्-  
तस्मन्बहुव्यकीर्णपतितसामित्रीकेषूपपातकम् । गौतम 21.1-3, 10-11.

The above statement about the classification of sins and their inclusion among the several classes or 'grades of sins will show that among the early sūtra works there was no general agreement about the nature and number of mahāpātakas, upapātakas and other classes of sins, even though as early as the Chāndogya Upanisad the mortal sins had been declared to be five. It must be supposed that that Upanisad<sup>32</sup> represented only one school of thought in the times of Āp., Baud. and Gaut., who did not entirely accept the tradition of that Upanisad, but followed other divergent ideas. It is impossible to suppose that the verse quoted in that Upanisad is later than the Dharma-sūtras of Āp., Gaut., Baud., and Vas

It appears that Kātyāyana<sup>32</sup> divided sinful acts into five classes viz. *mahāpāpa* (mortal sins), *atipāpa* (the highest sins than which there is nothing worse), *pātaḥ* (sins similar to mahāpātakas), *prasaṅga* (due to association or contact) and *upapāta* (minor sins). The Bhaviṣya-purāṇa also says that those sins that are declared to be equal to mahāpātakas (by Manu and others) are called pātakas. Vṛddha-Hārīta also (IX. 215-216) speaks of five kinds viz. *mahāpāpa*, *pātaḥ*, *anupāta*, *upapāpa* and *prakīrṇaka* (miscellaneous) and states (IX. 216-218) that those sins which are said to be like mahāpāta are pātakas, that anupātakas are sins lesser than pātakas, that upapātakas are lesser than pātakas and *prakīrṇaka* sins are the least sinful of all. The Viṣṇudharmasūtra (33 3-5) speaks of nine kinds of lapses viz. *atipāta*, *mahāpāta*, *anupāta*, *upapāta*, *jāmbhramśakara* (effecting loss of caste), *saṅkarīkarana*, (rendering one as degraded as a man of a mixed caste), *apātri-karana* (rendering the perpetrator unworthy of receiving a gift), *malāvaha* (causing defilement) and *prakīrṇaka* (miscellaneous). *Atipātakas*, acc. to Visṇu Dh. S 34.1, are sexual intercourse with one's mother, daughter or daughter-in-law and the only expiation for them is entering fire. Manu omits the separate mention of *atipāta* and *anupāta* and includes most of them under those that he designates as equal to one of the four well-known mahāpātakas. Kātyāyana quoted in the Prāyaścittamuktāvalī of Divākara (folio 3 a) adds sexual intercourse with one's sister as *atipāta* to the three mentioned by Visṇu

32. कात्यायनेन तु महापातकसमानां विष्णुनाहपातकेत्वेनोक्तानां पातकसंज्ञा दर्शिता ।  
मिता. on या. III. 242 ; महापातकहृत्त्वानि पापान्युक्तानि यानि तु । तानि पातकसंज्ञानि  
ब्रह्मे चोपपातकम् । भविष्यपुराण (ब्राह्मपर्व 190 9 )

Hārta Dh. S (it appears) quoted by the Mit knew<sup>33</sup> of a variety of pātakas called anupātaka, but from the way in which the several pātakas are arranged it looks as if *atipātaka* in Hārta was a lesser sin than mahāpātaka. Manu (in chap XI) refers to all the kinds of pātakas found in the Visnu-dharmasūtra except atipātakas. Usually five mahāpātakas have been enumerated from the days of the Chāndogya Up (quoted on p. 12) viz brāhmana murder, drinking spirituous liquor, theft (generally understood as theft of brāhmana's gold), sexual intercourse with the wife of a *guru* and association with the perpetrators of any of these four (for a year<sup>34</sup>). Vide Vas I 19-20, Manu XI 55, 180, Yāj III 227, 261, Visnudharmasūtra 35 1-5, Vṛddha-Hārta IX 174. Manu mentions certain sins as equal to Mahāpātakas which are styled anupātakas by the Visnudharmasūtra chap. 36. The most elaborate treatment of all kinds of sins in the smṛtis is found in Manu, Yāj and Visnu. There is difference of opinion even among these three on certain points. For example, Manu<sup>35</sup> XI. 56 says that forgetting the Veda, reviling the Vedas, giving false evidence, slaying a friend, eating forbidden food and food that is unfit for eating or should not be eaten, are lapses similar to drinking *surā*; while Yāj. III. 228 states that three out of these (viz reviling the Vedas, slaying a friend and forgetting the Veda studied by a person) along with the reviling of a *guru* by attributing false faults are similar to the murder of a brāhmana. The result is that there is an option as to the expiation to be prescribed for these sins.

33. यत्तु हारीतेनोक्त—महापातकातिपातकाऽनुपातकोपपातकानामेकतममेव सन्निपाते चाऽघमर्षणमेव विजिपेत्—इति तन्निमित्तकर्तुंविषयम् । मित्त on या III 301, in प्रा प्रकाश (folio 69a) हारीत is quoted as follows 'पञ्चविधमशुभं भवति प्रासाङ्गिकोपपातकपातक-महापातकात्यन्तपातकानि' and it is remarked (folio 69 b) 'प्रासाङ्गिकपदेन जातिभ्रंश-कराणि परिक्षेपाद् गृह्यन्ते'.

34. In the Mahābhāṣya Patañjali mentions at least three of these five : 'यो हि अजानन्वै ब्राह्मणं हन्यात्सुरा वा पिबेत्सोऽपि मन्ये पातितः स्यात् । महाभाष्य vol. I p 2, ध्वसते शुक्रतल्पगः । महाभाष्य vol. II p 103, वृषलरूपोयस् । अप्यय पलाण्डुना सुरा पिबेत् । महाभाष्य vol II p 419 on चार्तिक 4 on या V 3 66. In the Khoh copperplate of the Gupta year 214 (533-34 A.D.) it was stated that whoever interfered with the gift would incur the five mahāpātakas and the upapātakas (Gupta Inscriptions p 135).

35. ब्रह्मोज्झता वेदानिन्वा कौटसाक्ष्यं सुहृद्वधः । गार्हितानाथयोजर्जग्धिं सुरापानसमानि पद॥ मनु XI 56, शुक्रणामध्याधिकेपो वेदानिन्वा सुहृद्वधः । ब्रह्महत्यासमं ज्ञेयमधीतरस्य च नाशनम्॥ या III 228 मेधातिथि explains 'गार्हितं शास्त्रप्रतिषिद्धं लज्जनादि । अनायन-मनस्तुष्टिकरं न मोक्ष्य इति कल्प्य (सङ्कल्प्य?) यद्भुज्यते' ।, compare गौतम 21 10 कौटसाक्ष्य राजगामि पैशुन शरीरद्वताभिर्ज्ञेयसमिति महापातकसमानि ।

It would be desirable to give some details as regards each of the mahāpātakas and then to describe the other varieties of sins and then to set out the expiations prescribed for all of them. It should be noted that both the secular law of penalties and the ecclesiastical rules about expiations made a difference between a sinful act intentionally committed (*kāmatah*) and one committed through ignorance or heedlessness and between an act done only once (*sakṛt*) or done repeatedly (*asakṛt*)

*Brahmahatyā* *Hatyā* or *vadha* (killing) is applied to an act which immediately or after some time results in causing loss of life directly without the intervention of any other cause.<sup>36</sup> The *Agnipurāṇa* (173 1), the *Mit*, the *Prāyaścittaviveka* (p 47) and other works define what is meant by *vadha*. A man may be the cause of the death of a brāhmaṇa in five ways, viz. he may himself kill (i e. he becomes the *karṭā*), he may incite another to kill (*prayojaka*) by ordering that other to do so (as a king or noble by ordering his servant) or by imploring another to kill and giving advice about the killing, he may encourage another to kill by his own approval (*anumanta*), or by helping the killer when he wavers or by offering protection to the killer against others (*anugrahaka*) and by becoming a *munutka*.<sup>37</sup>

The *Mit* on -Yaj. III. 227 and 243 (quoting verses from *Paithinasi*) explains all these at length. For the definition of *anugrahaka* it relies on a verse of Manu 'Where many persons are armed and have a common purpose in view, if even one of them kills a person, all of them are guilty of murder', which is very much like sec. 34 of the Indian Penal Code. This distinction into several degrees of killers is an ancient one and is based on *Āp Dh. S. II. 11. 29. 1-2* 'He who<sup>38</sup> instigates, he who approves, and he who commits an act—these share its results in heaven and hell; but he amongst these who contributes most to

36. हन्तिर्यं प्राणवियोगकरणे व्यपारे रुद्धः। यद्व्यापारसमनन्तरं कालान्तरे वा कारणा-  
न्तरनिषेधः। प्राणवियोगो भवति स ब्राह्मणं हतवानिति ब्रह्महत्या। मित्ता on या III. 227;  
स्यात्प्राणवियोगफलो व्यपारो हननं स्मृतम्। अग्निपु. 173 1, quoted by प्रायःतत्त्व p. 519.

37. वधित्वं पञ्चविधं कर्ता प्रयोजकोऽनुमन्ताऽनुग्राहको निमित्ती चेति। प्रायःति. p. 47,  
अनुग्राहकश्च यः पलायमानमभिप्रेतुषुपसन्धत् परम्यश्च हन्तारं परिरक्ष्य हन्तुर्द्विमानसुपजनयस्य-  
पकरोति स उच्यते। अत एव मनुना ग्राहकस्य हिंसाफलसम्बन्धो दृष्टितः। बहूनामेककार्याणां  
सर्वेषां ब्रह्मपारिणामः। यद्येको घातयेत्तत्र सर्वे ते घातकाः स्मृताः॥ इति। मित्ता on या III. 227.  
The verse बहूनामेका occurs in अग्निपु. 173 3.

38. प्रयोजयिता मन्ता कर्तेति स्वर्गनरकफलेषु कर्मसु भागिनः। यो ध्रुव आरभते तस्मिन्  
फलविशेषः॥ आप. ध. सू. II. 11.29, 1-2.

the accomplishment of the act obtains a greater share of the results'. A *murāṭi*<sup>39</sup> is defined by Mit as one that angers another (who is a brāhmana) by rebuking or beating or depriving him of wealth and the like and in whose presence and on account of whom the brāhmana that is angered kills himself. The Mit. quotes a verse of Viṣṇu and also another verse (without name) on this point. If a person kills a brāhmana boy whose *upajanya* had not been performed he was yet regarded as guilty of brāhmana murder.<sup>40</sup> The *Sāmavidhāna Br.* I. 7. 5. Āp. Dh. S. (I. 9. 24. 6-9), Vas. 20. 34. Manu XI. 87, Yaj. III. 251 held that killing even a *ksatriya* or *vaiśya* who had studied the Veda had been initiated for a *soma* sacrifice rendered the killer guilty of *brāhmaṇa*,<sup>41</sup> as also the killing of the foetus (of brāhmana parents) whose sex was unknown and of a woman who was an *ātreya*.<sup>42</sup> Killing a brāhmana woman other than an *ātreya* or other than the wife of a sacrificer engaged in a *soma* sacrifice was only an *upapātaka*, as Manu (XI. 66) and Yaj. (III. 236) lay down. Viṣṇuśrīpa on Yaj. III. 234 says that no *pṛavācīta* can expiate the sin of killing a woman intentionally. In the case of the three varnas other than that of brāhmana some *smṛtis* like that of Cyavana<sup>43</sup> laid down other *mahapātakas* in addition to the five, viz. punishing one who should not be punished and fleeing from the battle-field are additional *mahapātakas* for *ksatriyas*, employing false balances and weights for *vaiśyas*, the selling of flesh, injuring a brāhmana, sexual intercourse with a brāhmana woman, the drinking of the

39. यथा यदि भर्त्स्यन् उपपन्नपराधेन वा अपमानयन् मोक्षे नृणां दुष्टान् यत्नादन्वयेति हिमादितुम्भवेति। अत्र एव सिद्धीनेत्यम्। अत्रुक्तमिति वाचि धर्मो विनियोजितः। यस्तद्विषयं यजेत् यजमानमाहुर्ब्रह्मपातकम् । तथा । इतिमिदं यजमानं हृदयेनानिबन्धयन् वा । यस्तद्विषयं यजेन्नानात्मानाहुर्ब्रह्मपातकम् । उच्यते । The *śāp* वि. p. 5<sup>1</sup> ascribes the first verse to *पद्मविशम्भ* and the 2nd to *हस्तनि* and cites two more verses of similar import from *Bhāṣya*. The *सूत्रि* (नार.) p. 562 ascribes both verses to *विष्णु* and quotes six or seven verses from *सुननु*. The verse *अत्र* is almost the same as *अग्नि* 1. 3. 4.

40. अत्र ब्राह्मणवधे मर्त्यवधादिद्विषयद्वयं केनान्येनानुक्तत्वात् नर्हिनिमित्तब्राह्मणवधे एवैव प्रयोजनस्य च जातिवचनत्वात् अत्यन्तीतिब्राह्मणवधेऽपि नरापहतम् । श्रव. वि. 2. 55.

41. पूर्वोक्तोपदेष्टाव्यापक इत्या मन्त्रान् धर्मिष्ठम् । ब्राह्मणमात्रं च । नर्हि च तस्या विज्ञानम् । आत्रेयी च विदम् । आप. ध. सू. I. 9. 2. 6-9; राजसूयैर्वा मन्त्रान् इत्या ब्राह्मणवधेन दुष्टादुद्धीयमानम् । सामविधानम् I. 7. 5.

42. कश्चिप्राचीनपरम्परे नरापहतनाह एवम् । ब्रह्महत्या ह्युत्तमानं दुष्टतमं ब्राह्मणमुत्तमैरेतैः द्विजानां नरापानकानि । अदम्यदम्यन् दुष्टिं यदायनं कश्चिदपि । मानुषादृष्टत्वं वैषम्यम् । मांसविक्रयं ब्रह्महत्या ब्राह्मणवधेन कतिपयदुष्टतमं ह्यस्ति । टीकाटिका ०३ वा. III. 227.

milk of a kapilā (dark-brown) cow in the case of śūdras. If a brāhmana or any other human being or a cow died while a competent doctor was administering treatment to them by means of drugs, oils or food, or cauterization by cutting or by opening a vein the medical man incurred no sin<sup>43</sup> But if a quack pretending to know medicine administered such treatment and death followed, Yāj. II. 242 prescribed various punishments. If a brāhmana administers moderate corporal punishment to his son, pupil or wife for some fault and the son or pupil or wife suddenly dies he incurs no sin, according to the Bhavisyapurāṇa and the Agnipurāṇa.<sup>44</sup> Gautama (II 48-50), Āp. Dh S I 2 8, 29-30, Manu VIII. 299-300 (= Matsyapurāṇa 227. 152-154), Viṣṇu Dh. S 71 81-82, Nārada (abhyupetyāśusrūṣā 13-14) lay down that the punishment should be administered with a rope or bamboo slip on the back (but never on the head or chest) and Manu (VIII 300) provides that if these restrictions were violated the punisher would incur the same guilt or punishment as a thief. Vide H. of Dh. vol II, pp 362-363 for this topic

One important question that very much exercised the minds of ancient and medieval Dharmaśāstra writers is whether a man can kill a brāhmana ātātāyin in self-defence without incurring any sin or punishment by the king. There is great divergence of views on this point, which has been dealt with at some length in H of Dh vol II pp. 148-151 and vol. III pp. 517-518. The conclusion of the Mitākṣarā appears to voice the views of most writers that, if a brāhmana comes as an ātātāyin (as an incendiary, as a poisoner, as a kidnapper of women or with the intention of killing or wresting a field), then in self-defence one may oppose him without incurring any sin, but that if the brāhmana offender meets death though the defender did not desire to kill him (but only to stop him by causing injury short of death), the

43 क्रियमाणोपकारे तु मृते विभे न पातकम् । या III 284, औपधं स्नेहमाहारं ददद्भो-  
जान्नादिषु । दीयमाने विपत्तिः स्यात् स पापेन लिप्यते ॥ संवर्त 138 (The Āṇan ed. reads  
last pāda as पुण्यमेव न पातकम् ) q by विश्वरूप on या III. 262, by the मित्ता on या.  
III 227 (with two more verses), by प्राय वि. p 56 (reads second half as प्राणिनां  
प्राणदुर्यर्थं प्रायश्चित्तं न विद्यते) The same verse occurs in चम 50, लङ्कशङ्ख 61, लङ्क  
हारीत 28. The मित्ता and प्राय वि. quote another verse as संवर्त's which is 'दाहच्छेद-  
गिराभेदप्रत्यक्षैरुपकुर्वताम् । प्राणसंज्ञाणसिद्धयर्थं प्रायश्चित्तं न विद्यते' ॥ The अग्निपुराण  
173.5 has 'औषधाद्युपकारे तु न पाप स्यात् कृते मृते । पुत्रं शिष्यं तथा भार्यां शासतो न मृते  
क्षयम् ॥'.

44. एव शिष्यस्तथा भार्या शासितश्चेद्भिन्नइयति । न शास्ता तत्र दोषेण लिप्यते देव-  
सत्तम ॥ भविष्यपु. q. b; प्राय. वि. p. 58; आश्वपु. 173.5 is similar.

defender is not liable to be punished by the king and he has to undergo a light expiation (i. e. he is not guilty of brāhmana's murder).<sup>45</sup>

*Surāpāna* (drinking of *surā*) has been held to be a mahā-pātaṭaka. The word *surā* occurs several times in the R̥gveda (e g. R̥g I 116 7, I 191.10, VII. 86 6, VIII. 2 12, X 107 9) R̥g. VII. 86 6 quoted above (in note 17) clearly indicates that *surā* was looked upon by the R̥gvedic singers as a cause of sin just as much as gambling R̥g. I 116 7 (*śatam kumbhān asīñcatam surāyāh*) read with R̥g I 117.6 (*śatam madhūnām*) implies that *madhu* (honey or some sweet substance) might have been used in preparing *surā*. Soma was a beverage to be offered to the gods and to be drunk by the brāhmana priests and was sharply distinguished from *surā* (e g. in Tai S II 5 11, Vāj S. 19 7, Śat Br. V. 1 5 28). The last furnishes the striking antithesis 'soma is truth, prosperity, light, and *surā* is untruth, misery, darkness'. It appears that long before the Kāthaka Samhitā brāhmanas had come to regard the drinking of *surā* as very sinful [XII 12 'therefore the brāhmana does not drink *surā* (with the idea) that (by drinking it) he may become affected by sin']<sup>46</sup> The Chāndogya Up. (V. 10.9) speaks of the drinker of *surā* as a *patita*, while in V. 11 5 king<sup>47</sup> Aśvapati Kaikeya makes the boast before the five learned brāhmanas that had come to him for the knowledge of *Ātman Vaiśvānara* that in his kingdom there was no thief and no drinker of *madya*. Though Manu XI 54 enumerates the drinking of *surā* among the five mahāpātakas, Yāj. III. 227 speaks of the *madyapa* (drinker of *madya*) as one of the five great sinners. Therefore we must explain what is meant by *surā* and when *surāpāna* becomes a mahāpātaṭaka. By Manu XI 93 *surā* is said to be the refuse of food and Manu XI. 94 states that *surā* is of three kinds, viz that prepared from molasses, that from flour and that from *madhūka* flowers (or from honey). There is a great deal of discussion about *surā* in many of the digests and the propositions

45 अतश्च ब्राह्मणादय आततायिनश्च आत्मादित्राणार्थं हिंसानभिसान्धेना निवार्यमाण प्रमादाद्यदि विपद्येरस्तत्र लघुप्रायश्चित्त राजदण्डाभावश्चेति निश्चयः । मिता on II. 21.

46 तस्माद् ब्राह्मण सुरा न पिबति पाप्मना नेत्समुज्या इति । काठक XII 12 q by the तन्त्रवार्तिक on ऊँ I 3 7 p 210 and by शङ्कराचार्य on वेदान्तसूत्र III 4 31.

47 स इ प्रत सजिहान उवाच न मे स्तेनो जनपदे न रुद्धा न मय्यो नानाद्विगन्निर्त्तविद्वांस स्वैरी स्वैरिणी कुत ... । छा. उ. V. 11.5.



established by most of them are<sup>48</sup>: (1) that all the three higher varnas are forbidden to drink the surā prepared from flour and drinking it is a grave sin (mahāpātaka) in the case of anyone belonging to the three first varnas, (2) All intoxicants (*madya*) are forbidden to brāhmanas at all stages of life (Gaut. II. 25 'madyam nityam brāhmanah' and Āp. Dh. S. I 5. 17-21); but a brāhmana drinking surā of the gaudī or mādhvī kind would not be guilty of mahāpātaka but of anupātaka (acc to Visnu); (3) that intoxicants other than surā prepared from flour are not condemned for ksatriyas and vaiśyas; (4) the śūdra was not forbidden to drink any kind of intoxicant (including surā made from flour); (5) brahmacārins of all varnas studying the Veda had to abstain from intoxicants of all kinds. The Visnu Dh. S. (22 83-84) specifies ten kinds of madya (intoxicants) prepared from dates, jack fruit, cocoanuts, sugarcane &c and Pulastya quoted by the Mit on Yāj. III. 253, by the Prāyaścittaprakaraṇa of Bhavadēva (p 40), the Prāyaścittaviveka of Śūlapānī (p. 90), Pr. Prakāsa (folio 69 b) refers to eleven kinds of *madyas* apart from *surā* (dvādaśam to surāmadyam sarvesām adhamam smṛtam). Vide H of Dh. vol. III pp 964-966 for further discussion on intoxicating drinks,

The Mit points out (on Yāj III. 253) that the prohibition against drinking surā applies to boys who have not yet been invested with the sacred thread and also to unmarried girls, since Manu XI 93 makes no distinction of sex but only forbids to the three first castes the drinking of surā and since the Bhavisyapurāṇa<sup>49</sup> expressly forbids to a brāhmana female the drinking of *surā* The Kalpataru appears to have held otherwise. But a woman and a minor had to undergo lesser prāyaścitta as will be shown below. Vas 21 11 and Yāj III 256 state that the wife of a brāhmana, ksatriya or vaiśya who drinks surā (made from flour) would not reach the worlds of her husband and she

48 अयमत्राय । त्रैवर्णिकानामुत्पत्तिप्रभृति पैटीप्रतिषेधः । ब्राह्मणस्य तु मद्यमात्र-  
निषेधोऽस्त्युत्पत्तिप्रभृतेषु । राजन्यवैश्ययोस्तु न कदाचिदपि गौड्यादिमद्यप्रतिषेधः । शूद्रस्य न  
सुराप्रतिषेधो नापि मद्यप्रतिषेधः ॥ मिता. on या III. 253 ; पैटीशब्दप्रतिषेधब्रह्मकाविकारो  
मुख्यसुराशब्दार्थः । तत्पानमेव त्रैवर्णिकस्य मह.पातकम् । गौडीमाध्वीसुरापाने तु ब्राह्मणस्य  
पैटीपानवदेव प्रापश्चित्म् । क्षत्रियवैश्येस्तु तत्पाने न दोष इति । प्राय. प्रक p 42

49. तथा भविष्ये । तस्मात्तु पेयं विरेण सुरामद्यं कथञ्चन । एतेनालुपेतविषस्य कुमारिका-  
याश्च दोषाभावो द्विजग्रहणादिति वदन् कल्पतरुः परास्त । प्रा मकाश folio 70 b The  
word द्विज occurs in मनु १.190. ब्राह्मण्यापि न पेया वै सुरा पापभावाद्वा ॥ प्राय वि. p. 92,

would become in this world a bitch or a sow<sup>50</sup> The Mit. remarks<sup>51</sup> on this verse that though a śūdra is not forbidden to drink surā even the śūdra wife of a brāhmana should not drink surā

Drinking *surā* means taking it down the throat Therefore if a man's lips only touch surā or if surā enters his mouth but he spits it out, then there is no *drinking* of surā (i. e. no mahāpātaka) and he would have had to undergo in such a case a light expiation for the touch of surā<sup>52</sup>.

*Steya* (theft). In order to constitute theft as a grave sin according to the commentaries the theft must be of a brāhmana's gold of a certain quantity *Steya* is defined by Āp Dh S I. 10 28 1 as<sup>53</sup> 'a man becomes a thief by coveting another's property (and taking it) in whatever situation he may be (without the owner's consent)' Kātyāyana (810) defines<sup>54</sup> it as 'depriving a man of his property, whether clandestinely or openly and, whether by night or by day, is known to be theft'. Vyāsa defines it similarly. Vācaspati in his bhāṣya on Yogasūtra II. 30 defines *steya* as taking property from another in a manner that is not allowed by the śāstras (*steyam-asāstra-pūrvakam dravyānām parataḥ śvikaranam*). Though Manu (XI 54) and Yāj (III. 227) simply employ the word 'steya' (theft) or 'stena' (thief) yet in speaking of the *prāyaścitta*

50 या ब्राह्मणी च सुरापि न ता देश पतिलोकं नयन्तीहैव सा चरति क्षीणदुष्ण्याप्सु छुभञ्जति क्षुत्किं वा । वसिष्ठ 21 11. This is cited as श्रुति in प्राय वि. p 92 and these very words occur in the महाभाष्य on वार्तिक 1-2 on पाणिनि III 2 8 'या ब्राह्मणी सुरापि भञ्जति नैनां देश पतिलोकं नयन्ति' vol II p 99 (the वार्तिक are सुरा-जीवोः पिबते । बहुलं तणि ।)

51. ब्राह्मणीग्रहणं चात्र 'तिस्रो वर्णास्तु पूर्येण' इति न्यायेन यस्य द्विजातेर्यवत्यो भार्यास्तमाशुपलक्षणम् । अत एव मनु । पतत्यर्धं शरीरस्य यस्य भार्या सुरा पिबेत् । पतितार्ध-शरीरस्य निष्कृतिर्न विधीयते ॥ इति । द्विजातिभार्याया. शुद्धाया अपि सुरामतिवेषमाप्स्येयम् । मित्तो न या III 256 The verse पतत्यर्धं is not found in मनु, but is वसिष्ठ 21 15 and पराशर X 27.

52 पानं च द्रवीयूतस्याश्ववहार. स च कण्ठदेशादधीनयनं न तु चञ्चमात्रमेव । निष्ठोवनाद्यर्थं कपोलधारणे पानगन्ध्यायोगात् । . अत एवौष्ठमात्रं लेपे न पाननिष्पत्ति ॥ अतरत-त्रोत्तमाङ्गवर्णप्रायश्चित्तम् ॥ प्राय वि p 93.

53 यथा कथा च परपरिग्रहमभिमन्यते स्तेनो ह भवतीति कौस्तुहारीतौ तथा काण्व-मुक्तरसादौ ॥ . सर्वत्राद्यमतिपूर्वमिति हारीत ॥ आप. च सू I. 10 28 1 and 5

54 प्रच्छन्नं वा प्रकाशं वा निग्रायामथवा दिवा । यत्परद्रव्यहरणं स्तेयं तत्परिकीर्तितम् ॥ कात्या 810, q by द्वायभाग p 224 and प्राय. वि p 112, समक्षं वा परोक्षं वा बलाजो-र्येण वा पुन ॥ परस्वानाशुपदानं स्तेयमित्युच्यते इयं ॥ व्यास q by रसुतिष्ठ (प्रा) p 883, स्तेनो विस्त्रासमिकयोदगमापपरिमितस्य हेमन्मुलबलचौर्यान्पतरेपर्यर्ता ॥ प्रा प्रकाश folio 70 b

for steja Manu (XI. 99 'suvarṇasteyakṛt') and Yaj. III. 257 (brāhmanasvarṇahārī) add the qualification that he should be a thief guilty of stealing gold (from a brāhmana, acc. to Yaj.). Vas. 20. 41 and Cyavana (q by Pr V. p. 117) mention 'brāhmanasvarṇa-harana' as a mahāpātaka and the Sāmavidhāna Br. (I. 6. 1) also employs the words 'brāhmanasvam hrtvā'. Vide Samvarta 122 and Viśvāmitra (q. by Pr. V. p. 108). A further qualification was added by Viśvarūpa (on Yaj. III. 252 'anākhyaya &c'), the Mit. (on Yaj. III. 257), the Madanapārijāta (pp 827-28), Prāyaścittaprakaraṇa (p. 72), the Prāyaścittaviveka (p 111) and other commentators that the gold stolen must be at least sixteen māśas in weight, otherwise there is no mahāpātaka<sup>55</sup>. So, if a man steals gold belonging to a brāhmana which is less than 16 māśas or steals gold of any weight (even more than 16 māśas) from a non-brāhmana (i. e. from a ksatriya or the like) he would be guilty only of a minor sin (*upapātaka*). The Mit. relies on the verses of Yaj. I 362-363 for the technical meaning of suvarṇa (as 16 māśas) There was no guilt of theft acc. to Vātsyāyana if (Āp. Dh. S. I 10. 28.2) a person took only a small quantity of cereals ripening in pods (such as *mudga*, *māṣa* and gram) or took grass for his oxen while he was going (in a cart.<sup>56</sup>) According to Gautama 12.25 a man may take (without permission and without incurring the guilt of theft) for the sake of cows and for the sake of *śrauta* or *smārta* fires grass, fuel and flowers of trees and plants as if they were his own property and the fruits (of trees and plants) that are not fenced around. Manu VIII. 339 (= Matsya 227. 112-113) is almost like Gaut. 12.25 and Manu VIII. 341 adds that a traveller of the three higher castes may, if his provisions have run short, take (without fear of punishment) from another's field two sugarcane stalks and two mūlakas (esculent roots).

*Gurvaṅganūgamah* (sexual intercourse with the wife of the guru). Manu (XI.54) employs this word, while Yaj. III. 227 and Vas. 20.13 speak of the offender as *gurutaḥpaga* (who violates the bed of the guru) and Vas. I. 20 mentions the sin as '*gurutaḥpam*'

55. अत्र च सुवर्णशब्दः परिमाणविकिरहेमद्रव्यवचनो न जातिमात्रवचनः ॥ 'जालसूर्य .. कृष्णल. पञ्च ते मापस्ते सुवर्णस्तु षोडश ॥' (पा. I 362-363) इति षोडशमापपरिमिते हेमनि सुवर्णशब्दस्य परिभाषितत्वात् । ...अतः षोडशमापात्मकसुवर्णपरिमितहेमहरण एव महापातकित्वं तन्निमित्तं मरणान्तिकादिमापश्चित्तविधानं च ॥ हिजादिमापात्मकहेमहरणं तु क्षत्रियादिहेमहरणं बहुपपातकमेवेति युक्तम् ॥ मिता. on III. 257

56. सन्त्यपवादाः परपरिग्रहेष्विति वाच्यार्थाणि । शम्पोषा शुग्धवाशो न स्वामिनः प्रतिषेधयन्ति । अतिव्यवहारो द्यूज्यो भवति । आप. ध सू. I. 10. 28 2-4

(the bed i. e. wife of the *guru*) *Guru* primarily means acc to Manu II.142 and Yaj. I 34 (=Śāṅkha III 2) the father. Acc to Gautama II.56 'the teacher (of the Veda) is the foremost amongst *gurus* while some say that the mother is so'. Samvarta 57 160 and Parāśara X, 13 (employing the words 'pitrdāraṇ samāruhya') convey that the primary meaning of *guru* here is 'father' as stated by the Mit. on Yaj III, 259. Acc to many digests such as the Mit. and the Madanapārijāta p 835 *gurvanganā* means one's own mother Bhavadeva in his Pr. Prakarana (p. 80) takes *gurvanganā*<sup>58</sup> as a *karmadhāraya* compound, following what is called the *nsādasthapati-nyāya* (Jai. VI.1 51) After quoting Devala's dictum<sup>59</sup> that there are eleven persons among males who are to be looked upon as *gurus*, and adverting to the way in which the word 'gurvanganā' is explained by the Pr. Prakarana, the Prāyāścitta-viveka expresses its dissent from the views of the Pr. Prakarana and holds that 'gurvanganā' or 'gurupatni' means not only one's mother but also one's step-mother of the same varṇa as the father The Madanapārijāta (p. 835) holds the same view as the Pr V The Pr. M, p. 73 finds fault with Bhavadeva (author of Prāyāścitta-prakarana) and also with the Pr V. that held the view that sexual intercourse with one's Vedic teacher's wife was also a

57. पितृभार्या समारुह्य मातृवर्जं नराधम । भगिनी मातृराता च स्वसारं चान्यमातृजाया ॥  
एतास्तिष्ठः स्त्रियो गत्वा तस्य कृच्छ्रं समाचरेत् । सर्वे 159-160; 'शुरूशब्दश्चात्र मुख्यया वृत्त्या  
पितरि वर्तते । .. अतः पितृपत्नीगमनमेव महापातकम् । गमनं च चरमधातुविसर्गपर्यन्तं कथ्यते ।  
अतस्ततोऽर्थात् पितृपत्नी न महापातकित्वम् । मिता on यज III 259

58. तेन शर्वी (शुरू ?) चासौ अङ्गना चेति कर्मधारयसमासात् स्वमातृवचन एवायं  
शर्वङ्गनाशब्दः । न तु शुरोरङ्गना शर्वङ्गना इति षष्ठीसमासात् सपत्नीमातृवचनोऽपि । तेन निषाद-  
स्थपतिं याजयेत्-इतिवत् कर्मधारयसमासे स्वमातृवचन एवायं शर्वङ्गनाशब्दः । प्रायः प्रकरण p. 80,  
ज्ञावर on जै VI. 1 51 says 'समानाधिकरणसमासस्तु चलीयान् । . तस्मात् निषाद एव  
स्थपतिः स्यात् । (and not निषादानां स्थपतिः) . Vide H. of Dh vol II p 46 for  
निषादस्थपतिन्यायः.

59. तथा देवलः । आचार्यश्च पिता ज्येष्ठो भ्राता चैव महीपतिः । मातुलः श्वशुरस्त्राता  
मातामहापितामही ॥ वर्णज्येष्ठः पितृव्यश्च शुरयेते शुरवो मताः । त्राता प्राणरक्षकः । वर्णज्येष्ठः  
क्षत्रियादीनां ब्राह्मण । प्रायः वि p 129, यद्यपि देवलवचनेनैव एकादश शुरवो दर्शिता-  
स्तथाप्यत्र पितैव शूर्याणि नाचार्यादि । . मातृगमनस्यातिपातकत्वात् सपत्नीमातृगमनस्य  
शर्वङ्गनागमनत्वेन महापातकत्वाद् अर्थाद्व्यपातके लङुनि हीनवर्णायाः पितृपत्न्याः व्रथणम् ।  
प्रायः वि pp 134-135 ... तस्माद् मातृव्यतिरिक्तैकादशशर्वङ्गनागमनमेव महापातकमिति  
शुज्यते देवलवचनमिति । अत्र भवदेवेनेति नात्र शुरोरङ्गना शर्वङ्गनेति षष्ठीसमासः तत्पुरुष-  
समासाश्रयणे निषादस्थपतिवत्त्वद्वयर्थलक्षणापत्तेः । अतो शूरुशब्दाश्रयणा चेति कर्मधारयः ।  
शूरुत्वं च मातृवै न मातु सपत्न्या । ... तदसमत् मातृगमनं दुहितृगमनं स्त्रियागमनमि-  
त्यतिपातकानीति विष्णुहारीताभ्यां मातृगमनस्यातिपातकत्वाभिधानात् । यद्यपि देवलवचनेनैव  
एकादशशूरवो दर्शितास्तथाप्यत्र पितैव शूर्याणि नाचार्यादिस्तत्पत्नीगमनस्य शूरुत्वरूपगमनस्य  
स्त्रियापत्तेरतिपातकत्वमिति । प्रायः वि. pp 129-134.

mahāpātaka. The Pr. M. relies on Yāj. (III, 233) where there is an express extension of the sin of *gurutalpagamana* to intercourse with one's teacher's wife, or one's daughter and other nearly related women. This would have been unnecessary if *gurutalpa* was primarily meant to include the teacher's wife; while the Pr. V. relies upon Gaut. II, 56 ('the ācārya is the most eminent among gurus, some say that the mother is so'), Visnu Dh. S. 31.1-2 'three persons are *atigurus* (exceed even guru in their greatness) viz. the mother, the father and the ācārya and Devala who mentions eleven persons as gurus. The Pr. M. does not seem to be quite correct since the Pr. V. ultimately (pp. 134-135) states its final view that guru here means only the father and not the ācārya and others and that Visnu Dh. S. 36.4-8 holds that sexual intercourse with the wife of the teacher and several other women relatives is an *anupātaka*.

*Mahāpātaka-samsarga*—Association with those who are guilty of the four mahāpātakas has already been described in H. of Dh. vol. III, pp. 614, 944. Gaut. 21.3, Vas. I. 21-22, Manu XI. 180 (=Śāntiparva 165. 37), Yāj. III. 261, Visnu Dh. S. 35.3, Agnipurāṇa 170. 1-2 prescribe briefly that one who closely associates or dwells with any one of the four grave sinners for one year himself incurs mahāpātaka<sup>60</sup> and they add that this applies when a man occupies the same conveyance or same seat (as the sinner) or dines in the same row (with the sinner), but that if a person enters into spiritual relationship (such as that of teaching the Veda to the sinner or learning it from him or of officiating as a priest for him or allowing him to officiate as a priest for himself) or into a sexual or matrimonial alliance with him (i. e. a man who cohabits with a woman that is a grave sinner or if a woman cohabits with a male that is a great sinner or if a man marries the daughter of a *patita* or if a woman marries a bridegroom that is *patita*) that person becomes guilty of mahāpātaka at once. Brhaspati speaks<sup>61</sup>

60. तैश्चाहं समाचरन् ॥ गौ. 21.3; संवत्सरेण पतति पतितेन सहाचरन् । याजनाश्यापनाद्यौनाञ्च ह यानासनाज्ञानात् ॥ मनु XI. 180, वसिष्ठ I 22, बौ. ध. सू. II, 1.88, विष्णु 35.3 (only the first half of Manu), अग्निपु. 170. 1-2.

61. एकशय्यासनं पट्टिर्भाण्डपक्वाक्षमिश्रणम् ॥ याजनाश्यापने योनिस्तथा च सह-भोजनम् ॥ नवधा सङ्करः प्रोक्तो न कर्तव्योऽधर्मे सह ॥ बृहस्पतिः q by अपरार्क p. 1086, एह र 587, प्राय. प्रकरण p 101, प्राय. वि p 143, the नितान् on III 261 ascribes it to बृहस्पति । The प्राय न p. 91 explains the divergence of views as to योनिः, 'योनिः पातकिने कस्यादानं तत्कस्यापरिणयनं वेति-विज्ञानिभ्यश्चकल्पतत्कारादयः । पातकिनीगमनमित्यपराकर्तुलपाणी । योगपरित्यागात्विदमेव युक्तम् ।' The प्रा प्रकाश folio 74a also says the same.

of nine kinds of *samsarga* (contact or association) out of which the first five were treated as light sins, but the other four were serious viz. occupying the same bed or seat, taking food in the same row with the sinner, cooking food in the sinner's cooking pots or partaking of food prepared by him, being his sacrificial priest or employing him as one's sacrificial priest, being the sinner's teacher of the Veda or employing him as one's teacher of the Veda, sexual intercourse, taking food with him in the same pot. The Pr. Prakāśa (folio 74a) holds that *samsarga* is of three kinds, the highest, middling and lowest. The first includes four viz. *yonisambandha* (marriage), *srauvā* (i.e. that due to sacrificing for a sinner or making him a priest), *maukha* (about learning or teaching Veda) and eating of food from the same vessel (*ekāmātrabhojana*), the middling is of five kinds viz. using the same vehicle, seat, bed or coverlet, eating in the same row and learning the Veda together (*sahādhyayana*). The lowest is of various other kinds such as intimate talks, touching, cooking food in the same vessel, eating food at his house, receiving a gift from him &c. *Adhyāpāna* in order to be a great sin must relate to the Veda, and so also *yājana* must relate to such Vedic sacrifices as *Darśapūrnāmāsa*, *Cāturmāsya*, *Agnistoma*. Helping a *mahāpātaka* to perform the five daily *yajñas* or teaching him the *aṅgas* (metrics, grammar etc.) and the *śāstras* is only a minor sin. Parāśara<sup>62</sup> (XII. 79) states that sins are transferred (or spread) from man to man like a drop of oil on water by sitting or sleeping together or by using the same conveyance or by speaking with or dining in the same row. Devala and Chāgaleya q. by the Mī. on Yāj. III. 261, the Pr. Prakarāṇa (p. 101), the Pr. V. (p. 145), the Par. M. (II. part 1. p. 28) and others contain similar verses. Acc. to Pr. Prakāśa (folio 75a), in order to become *pātita* one must simultaneously practise these four together, if practised separately, there is no *pātitya* but only *doṣa*. Parāśara (I. 25-26) states that in the *Kṛta* age a man became *pātita* by speaking with a *pātita*, in *Tretā* by touching him, in *Dvāpara* by partaking of food prepared in his house and in *Kālī* by actually committing a sinful act and that in the *Kṛta* age a district was abandoned (if any one therein became *pātita*), in *Tretā* the village, in *Dvāpara* the family (of the *pātita* was abandoned) and in *Kālī* only the actual perpetrator himself (is

62 आसन्नान्दृष्टयनाद्यानात्सम्भावात् सद्विभोजनात्। संक्रान्तिं हि पापानि तैलविन्दु-  
रिवाम्भसि॥ पराशर XII 79, which is the same as a verse of कृष्ण पृ. by परा. मा.  
II. 1 p. 28.

abandoned as *patita*). It is clear from this that such contacts with a *patita* as speaking with him,<sup>63</sup> touching him or eating food (in the house of a *patita*) were not regarded as involving a man in the same sin as that of the actual perpetrator. Speaking, touching and eating are also actions (*karman*) and Parāśara did not include them in the word 'karmanā' which refers only to the actual perpetration of a murder, surāpāna etc. Therefore when some writers include such contacts as eating or touching under 'karmanā' they put two meanings on the word *karman* in Parāśara viz. perpetration of a murder or the like and also doing some of the acts (touching, eating) which are forbidden to be done in reference to a perpetrator by some *śmṛtis*. This is a procedure which is against the maxim of the Mīmāṃsā that the same word conveys only<sup>64</sup> one sense in the same context. The reasonable inference from the words of Parāśara is that merely touching a *mahāpātaka* or eating food in his house did not involve the toucher and eater in *pāṭitya*. In spite of this medieval writers gradually extended the scope of *samsarga* in a spirit of exclusiveness and of over-emphasis on ideas of ceremonial purity. For example, the *Smṛtyarthasāra*<sup>65</sup> (p. 112) remarks that he who associates with the person that associates with a *mahāpātaka* has to undergo half the expiation that the first associator has to undergo. But that work does not go beyond this. The *Mit.* (on Yaj III, 261) appears to hold that the associator even though he does not become *patita* is liable to undergo expiation and that even the 4th and 5th associators in a series are liable to undergo expiation

63. संवत्सरेण पतति पतितेन सहान्वरत् । एकयानभोजनासनशयनैः ॥ यौनसौवमौरव-  
सम्बन्धात् सय एव ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 35. 3-5 यौन (derived from योनि) refers to marital  
connection, सौव (derived from सुव a sacrificial ladle) means 'employing as  
a sacrificial priest or becoming such a priest for another), सौव (from सुव)  
means 'teaching the Veda or learning it by word of mouth). So Viṣṇu pre-  
scribes that *pāṭitya* results at once from the first kind of *samsarga* referred  
to above तत्र पञ्चमहापञ्चादिविषय याजनं लभ्यते । अङ्गशालाध्ययनं लभ्यते । इन्द्रि-  
यभोगिनीव्यति-  
रिक्तो परिणयो लभ्यते ॥ पतितेन सहैकपात्रे अन्नव्यातिरिक्तसक्त्यादिभक्षणं लभ्यते ॥ भा. प्रकाश  
folio 75a.

64. सङ्कच्छुत. शास्त्रमेवार्थं गमयति ।, which maxim is relied upon in 6 Cal.  
119, 126, (FB), that is quoted with approval in L R. 41 I A 290, pp 303-4, 54  
All 698, 722 (FB) अन्वयश्चालिकार्थत्वम् ॥ शबर on जै VI, 1 22, मद्. पा. p. 369.

65. महापातकिसंसर्गिसंसर्गे तु तत्संसर्गिद्वयस्यार्थं कुर्यात् ॥ स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 112.

though it is lesser and lesser<sup>65</sup>. The Pr. Prakarana (p 109), Pr V. (pp 169-170) and the Pr T. (p 547) quote certain verses of Āpastamba and Vyāsa which very much widen the circle of *samsarga*. Āpastamba-smṛti<sup>67</sup> (III, 1-3) states. 'if a cāṇḍāla stays in the house of any one of the four castes without being known, the latter on coming to know of the fact should undergo expiation, which is Cāndrāyana or Parāka for a member of the first three varnas and Prājāpatya for a śūdra. Those who partook of cooked food in that man's house should undergo Kṛcchra; one should prescribe one half of Kṛcchra for those who took cooked food in the house of the 2nd associator and for those who partook of cooked food in the house of these last one-fourth of Kṛcchra is prescribed'. So besides the original associator three more in succession were held to be liable for *prāyaścitta*. Mercifully they stopped at the 4th from the original associator. A few writers took a more reasonable view. The Par M (II part 2, p 90) remarks<sup>68</sup> that Parāśara did not prescribe any expiation for *samsarga* (with those guilty of grave sins) with the idea that in the Kali age

66 अतः संसर्गिसंसर्गिणा द्विजातिकर्मण्यो हानिर्न भवति प्रायश्चित्तं तु भवत्येव ॥ . तत्र पादहीनम् ॥ .. एवं चतुर्थपञ्चमयोरपि कामतः संसर्गिणोरर्धहीनं त्रिपादीनं च द्रष्टव्यम् ॥ मिता on या III 261 या प्रकाश (folio 110a) finds fault with this and holds on the strength of a verse of Vyāsa 'यो येन संसृज्यते स तदीयमेव प्रायश्चित्तं कुर्यात् तेन द्वितीयसर्गो नवाह्वानि कुर्यात् तृतीयस्तु पादोर्ध्वं सप्ताह्वानि कुर्यात् । एव चतुर्थपञ्चमादयः पूर्वपादोर्ध्वं व्यासवाक्याविशेषात् ॥'.

67. अन्यजातिरविज्ञातो निवसेद्यस्य वेदमनि ॥ स वै ज्ञात्वा तु कालेन कुर्यात्तत्र विशेषधनम् ॥ चान्द्रायणं पराको वा द्विजातीनां विशेषधनम् ॥ राजापत्यं तु शूद्राणां तथा संसर्गद्वये ॥ यैस्तत्र युक्तं पक्षाच्च कृच्छ्रं तेषां विनिर्दिशेत् ॥ तेषामपि च यैर्युक्तं कृच्छ्रपादो विधीयते ॥ आपस्तम्ब quoted by प्राय. वि pp 170 and 492, प्राय. तत्र p. 547 The verses occur with slight variations in the versified आपस्तम्बसृष्टि (Ānan, edition) III 1-3. The प्राय. वि p 169 remarks 'व्यासादिवचने तृतीयसंसर्गिपर्यन्तं प्रायश्चित्तदर्शनात् । तथा चाण्डालादिसङ्गरे व्यासः ॥ ये तदज्ञाशिरो विमाः कृच्छ्रं तेषां विधीयते ॥ तद्भोजिनीऽर्धकृच्छ्रेण तदज्ञादाश्च पादत् ॥'.

68. आचार्यस्तु कालियुगे संसर्गदोषाभावमभियेत्य संसर्गप्रायश्चित्तं नाग्यधात् । अत एव स्तुत्यन्तरे कलौ वज्र्यानामनुक्रमणे-संसर्गदोष पापेषु-इत्युक्तम् । परा. मा II part 2 p 90 For a severe onslaught against Mādhava, vide धर्मद्वैतनिर्णय (p 132) The प्राय. वि (folio 77a) explains away Mādhava's emphatic remarks as follows: 'कृते सम्भाषणमात्रात्पतति कलौ तु कृत्स्नेन निषिद्धकर्मणा याजनादिभिरित्यर्थः । अन्यथा पूर्ववाक्ये कर्तारं तु कलौ न्यसेदित्यनेन साक्षात् कर्त्रादि. संसर्गो निषिद्धः । द्वितीयवाक्ये तु कलौ पतति कर्मणेत्यनेन साक्षात्कर्तृवैव दोषोऽन संसर्गकर्तृरिति परस्परविरोधः स्यात् । एवं च माधवस्य कलौ संसर्गदोषाभावोक्तैरेव तात्पर्यम् । तथा च कालिनिषिद्धेषु संसर्गदोष इत्युक्तिः पातकिना सह पूर्वोक्तयाजनाद्यनेकविधसंसर्गाभावेपि यो देशादिमात्रसंसर्गः कृतयुगादौ दोषजनकत्वेनोक्तः पाराशरपूर्वश्लोके यश्चात्तरश्लोके कृतयुगादौ सम्भाषणमात्रादौ उक्तस्तद्विषयः ।'.



there is no blemish of samsarga and that it is on account of this that in the enumeration of things to be avoided or not allowed in the Kali age (*Kali-varjya*) another smṛti includes 'pollution through contact with a sinner' (as a *Kalivarjya*). The *Smṛtimuktāphala* (*Prāyaścitta* pp. 897-98) echoes the very words of Mādhava and quotes further authorities on the point<sup>69</sup>. The *Nirṇayasindhu*<sup>70</sup> holds that though there is blame in association with a *patita* the associator does not himself become *patita*. As Yāj. III. 261 employs the word 'vatsaram' and as the accusative of time is, acc. to Pāṇini, to be used only when there is '*atyantasamyoga*' of time and space (distance) it follows that the associator who is to undergo penance for contact must have been day and night in contact for a year. Devala employs the word 'sārvakālikam' in this connection.

Though many crimes do not in so many words come within the words of the definitions of the mahāpātakas the smṛtis extend by analogy the same condemnation as the mahāpātakas in three ways. For example, Yāj. III. 251 expressly states that one who kills a ksatriya or vaiśya engaged in (soma) sacrifice or a foetus or an ātreya woman has to undergo the same expiation as for brāhmaṇa murder (therefore this is *vācamkāndeśa*). Yāj. III. 232-233 extends the sin of *gunātapa-gamana* to intercourse with several near female relatives (such as mother's or father's sister). This is extension by *tādṛūpya*. The smṛtis declare many actions as equal to (*sama*) mahāpātakas in general or as equal to one of the mahāpātakas. This is *atideśa* by *sāmya*. A few words must be said on this topic. The general rule is that the expiation for those lapses that are declared to be equal to a mahāpātaka is less than (i. e. half of) what would be prescribed

69. अत एव कलियुगधर्माभिधाने प्रवृत्तः पराशरः ब्रह्महत्यादिमहापातकचतुष्टयस्य भावयित्तुमुक्तवान् कलियुगे संसर्गदोषाभावमभिप्रेत्य संसर्गमायस्त्रितं नाभ्यधात् । कर्मण एव पातित्यहेतुत्वम् । तथा कर्मणा पातित्यं कण्ठस्तेनाह पराशरः (125) 'कृते संभाषणादेव ... कलौ पतति कर्मणा ॥' इति । .. स्मृतिकामधेनौ । संसर्गदोषो नैव स्यान्महापातकिभिः कलौ । संसर्गदोष स्तेनाद्येन महापापानिष्कृतिः । तथा स्मृत्यन्तरे । संसर्गदोषः...पापेऽपि पठितम् ॥ कलौ संसर्गस्य पापमात्रहेतुत्वम् । संसर्गदोषस्य पातित्वापादकत्वाभावेऽपि पापमात्रापादकत्वमस्तीत्याह पराशरः । स्मृतिः (या ) pp 897-898.

70 कलौ कर्तव्यं लिप्यते इति व्यासोक्तेः पतितसंसर्गे दोषसत्त्वेऽपि पातित्यं नेत्यर्थः । निर्णयसिन्धु III. p 368, तत्रापि (याज्ञवल्कीये) वत्सरमिति द्वितीया श्रूयते सा च कालाध्वनोरत्यन्तसंयोग इत्यत्यन्तसंयोगे स्मृता । अत्यन्तसंयोगश्च यावद्द्वितीयावसंस्थः । .. संवत्सरेण पतति पतितेन सहाचरन् । भोजनासनशय्यादि कुर्वाणः सार्वकालिकमिति देवबलाक्ये सार्वकालिकशब्देन द्वितीयाया एवोक्त । या, यकाश (folio 76 b),

for the mahāpātaka itself<sup>71</sup>. And the penance for those that come under *atideśa* of the *vācanika* or *tādrūpya* kind is three fourths of that for the mahāpātaka itself. But it has to be noted that there is divergence of views about these in the *sūtras* and the *smṛtis*. Acc. to Gaut 21. 10 giving<sup>72</sup> false evidence, backbiting about another's guilt that will reach the king, falsely accusing one's *guru* with a grave sin or crime are equal to mahāpātaka. In Manu XI 55 (=Agnipurāṇa 168. 25) the last two of these three and false statement about one's caste or learning or family (i e. saying that one is a brāhmana when one is not) for securing prosperity or eminence are stated to be equal to brāhmana's murder. Acc to Yāj. III 228 falsely charging one's *guru* is equal to *brahmahatyā* and false statement about one's caste or learning is equal to drinking surā (Yāj. III 229), while acc. to Visnu Dh. S 37. 1-3 the three sins mentioned in Manu XI. 55 are to be included among minor sins (*upapātakas*), while giving false evidence is declared by Visnu to be equal to drinking surā (36. 2). No useful purpose would be served by dilating at great length on the divergences of *smṛtis* on what lapses are equal to one of the Mahāpātakas. The digests explain that where the same lapse is described as equal to surāpāna by one *smṛti* and as equal to brāhmana-murder by another the idea is that there is an option as to the penance prescribed for that lapse. Therefore only the remarks of Manu and Yāj. will be set out here. Manu XI. 56 (=Agnipurāṇa 168. 26) prescribes that forgetting the Veda (already studied), reviling the Vedas, giving false evidence, killing a friend, eating forbidden food or food that should not be eaten, these six are equal to surāpāna. Vide Yāj III 228 already referred to above. Manu XI. 57 holds that stealing a deposit or a man or horse or silver or land or diamonds and other gems is equal to the theft of brāhmana's gold. Yāj. III. 230, Visnu Dh S. 5 383, Agnipurāṇa 168. 27 are to the same effect. Acc to Manu XI. 58 (=Agnipurāṇa 168 28) carnal intercourse with a sister by the same mother, with maidens, with females of the lowest castes (like Cāṇḍālas), with the wife of a friend or son is declared to

71. अत्र साम्यातिदेशेऽर्थे ताद्रूप्यवाचनिकयोस्तु पादोनम्॥ प्राय स p. 3, vide प्राय प्रकरण pp. 85-87. एतेनातिदेशे पूर्णमायाश्चित्तं वदन्तौ शूलपाणिभवेदेवावपास्तौ । प्राय स p 9, अत्र समत्वाभिधानात् सिद्धाचारवलेन पादोनं कल्प्यम्॥ कपिसमो ब्राह्मणो राजसमो मन्त्रीत्यादिषु समशब्दस्य किञ्चिन्न्यूने प्रयोगदर्शनात्॥ मद. पा p. 808, vide नित्त. on या. III, 231 for similar words

72 कौटसादर्थं राजगामि पैशुनें युरोरवृताभिर्ज्ञंसनं महापातकसमानि॥ गौ. 21.10

be equal to the violation of a guru's bed. Yāj. III. 231 is practically the same (but he adds intercourse with a *sagotra* woman to the list). Gaut. 23.12 and Manu XI 170 are very similar. Yāj. III. 232-233 declare that a man who has sexual intercourse with a sister of his father or mother, with his maternal uncle's wife, with his daughter-in-law, with a co-wife of his mother, with his sister, with the daughter or wife of his Vedic teacher or his own daughter, is guilty of being a violator of the guru's bed and should have his penis cut off and be killed (by the king) and the woman concerned, if she was a willing party, should also be killed. Nārada (*śrīpumsayoga*, verses 73-75)<sup>73</sup> states: "If a man has sexual intercourse with any of these women viz. mother, mother's sister, mother-in-law, maternal uncle's wife, father's sister, a wife of the paternal uncle or of a friend or of a pupil, a sister, sister's friend, daughter-in-law, daughter, the wife of one's Vedic teacher, a woman of the same gotra, one who has come for protection, a queen, an ascetic woman, one's wet-nurse, a woman performing a *vratā* and a *brāhmana* woman, he becomes guilty of the sin of the violator of the guru's bed (i. e. incest). For that crime no other punishment is laid down except that of the cutting of the penis." These two, Yāj. and Nārada, show that excision of the organ and death are both the expiation and the punishment for this crime. The Mit. (on Yāj. III. 233) adds that this punishment applies only to the offenders other than a *brāhmana*, since Manu (VIII. 380) prescribes that a *brāhmana* offender should not be punished with death whatever sin or crime he may have committed and that he is to be banished from the country unhurt and is to retain all his wealth. The Visnudharma-sūtra (36.4-7) adds a few more women to the list of Yāj. and Nārada (such as a woman in her monthly illness, the wife of a learned *brāhmana* or of one's sacrificial priest or of one's *Upādhyāya*).

These lapses described above from false accusation against the guru<sup>74</sup> (Yāj. III. 228 or Manu XI 55 to Yāj. III 233 or Manu

73. सखीयोनिसगोत्राक्षिण्यभार्यासु स्त्रियाणां गवि च श्रुतल्पसप्तः ॥ गौ 23 12; माता मातृवत्सा श्वश्रुर्मातुलानी पितृवत्सा । पितृव्यसखीक्षिण्यस्त्री भगिनी तत्सखी स्त्रिया ॥ दुहिताचार्यभार्या च सगोत्रा शरणायता ॥ राज्ञी प्रव्रजिता धात्री साखी वर्णोत्तिमा च या ॥ आसामन्यतनो गत्वा श्रुतल्पग उच्यते ॥ क्षिप्रस्योत्कर्तनं तस्य नान्यो दण्डो विधीयते ॥ नारद (स्त्रीयुसयोग 73-75), compare आप. घ. सू. I 9 25 (श्रुतल्पगामी सन्नुषणं क्षिप्रं परिवारस्याञ्जलावाधाय दक्षिणां दिशमनाहुतिं ब्रजेत्) and गौ. 23.10

74. एतानि शुर्धिक्षेपाद्विजनयामनपर्यन्तानि महापातकातिदेशविधयाणि सद्यःपतन-  
हेतुत्वात्पातकान्युच्यन्ते ॥ मिता.-on य. III. 233,

XI 58) and said to be equal to some mahāpātaka or other are designated as pātakas by Vṛddha-Hārīta (IX. 216-17) and by the Mit. (on Yāj. III 233) and as *anupātakas* by the Visnudharma-sūtra (36.8). Gautama<sup>75</sup> (21.1-2) adds a few more to the list of pātakas or *patitas* viz. he who has connection with the female relatives of his mother or father or with sisters and their offspring, a thief of gold, an atheist, one who constantly repeats censured acts, one who does not cast away a *pitla* or who abandons blameless relatives or those who instigate others to commit pātakas. These pātakas are less than mahāpātakas in their culpability and greater than upapātakas.

*Upapātakas* (minor sins). The number of these has greatly varied from time to time and from smṛti to smṛti. Vas I 23 speaks<sup>76</sup> of only five upapātakas viz. forsaking the sacred fires (after beginning Agnihotra), offending the guru, being an atheist, taking one's livelihood from an atheist, selling the soma plant. Śātātapa as quoted by Viśvarūpa on Yāj. III. 229-236 mentions only eight. Baud. Dh. S. (II 1 60-61) mentions a small number as upapātakas. Gaut. 21.11 states<sup>77</sup> that the guilt of upapātaka attaches to those who have been declared to defile the company at a Śrāddha dinner and have been named above before the bald man (in Gaut. XV. 18), killers of kine, those who forget the Veda, those who pronounce Vedic texts for these last, Vedic students who break the vow of chastity and those who allow the time for upanayana to pass without performing it. Śaṅkha quoted by Viśvarūpa on Yāj III 229-236 mentions only 18 upapātakas and styles them *upapātaniyas*. The longest lists are contained in Manu XI 59-66, Yāj III 234-242, Vṛddha-Hārīta IX. 208-210, Visnudharmasūtra 37 and Agnipurāṇa (168 29-37). According to the Pr. V. (p 195)<sup>78</sup> the upapātakas mentioned by Manu

75. ब्रह्महत्यापशुवधतृणप्राणहानिपितृपुत्रोत्पत्तिस्वन्धागस्तेननास्तिकनिन्दितकर्मण्यसिपतिता-  
त्याग्यपतितत्यागिनः पतिताः ॥ पातकसंयोजकाश्च ॥ गौतम 21 1-2 गौतम 20.1 mentions the  
persons whom one should abandon 'त्यजेत्यितरं राजघातकं शूद्रयाजकं शूद्रार्थयाजकं  
वेदविहावकं भ्रूणहन् यश्चान्यावसायिभिः सह सवसेदन्त्यावसायिन्यां वा ।'

76. सोऽग्नीनपविध्वेद् शूद्र च यः प्रतिद्वष्टयान् नास्तिकीं नास्तिकवृत्तिः सोम च विक्री-  
णीयादिषुपपातकानि ॥ वसिष्ठ I 23.

77. अपर्कस्याना माग्दुर्बालाद्गोदन्तुब्रह्मघ्नतन्मन्त्रकुद्वकीर्णपतितसावित्रीकेशपपातकम् ।  
शौ. 21.11. The word दुर्बाल occurs in शौ. 15 18,

78. एवं च गोवधादिनास्तिकयान्तानि ऊनपञ्चाशदुपपातकानि । प्राय. वि. p. 195.

come to 49. Those enumerated by Yāj. are set out below<sup>79</sup> (they are 51 according to Viśvarūpa on Yāj. III. 229-236, who omits one verse commented on by the Mit. viz 'sūdrapreṣyam' &c. which contains five): slaying kine, being a *vṛātya* (i. e. one whose *upanayana* was not performed at the prescribed age), theft (other than that of brāhmana's gold or other than what is described as equal to theft of the mahāpātaka type), non-payment of debts borrowed (and not satisfying the three debts due to gods, sages and *pitṛs*), not establishing the *śrauta* fires (even though one has the capacity to do so); selling what ought not to be sold (such as salt); parivedana (a younger brother's marrying before an elder brother or establishing sacred fires before him); learning (the Veda) from a paid teacher; teaching the Veda for payment; adultery (with women other than those referred to in *gunātapa* or those lapses equal to it); an elder brother's remaining unmarried when a younger brother has married; usury (i. e. taking more interest than is allowed by the smṛtis); manufacture of salt; killing a woman (of any caste, except an *atreyī*); killing a sūdra; killing a ksatriya or vaiśya (who is not initiated for a *śrauta* sacrifice); maintaining oneself on wealth which is condemned; atheism (denial of the soul and a world after death); giving up the observances peculiar to one's status (e. g. a vedic student having sexual intercourse or one guilty of brāhmana murder or the like giving up the performance of the expiation already begun); sale of one's children; theft<sup>80</sup> of corn, inferior metals (like lead and copper) or cattle; officiating as a priest at a sacrifice for those who are not entitled to sacrifice (such as sūdras or *vṛātyas* &c); driving out of the house one's father, mother or son (without a proper cause such as that

79. गोवधो ब्राह्मता स्तेयमुणानां चानपाक्रिया। अनाहिताग्निता पण्यविक्रयः पारिविदनम् । भूतदध्ययनादानं भूतकाध्यापनं तथा ॥ पारदार्यं पारिवित्त्यं वारुण्यं लवणक्रिया ॥ स्त्रीशूद्र-विद्वज्जवधो निन्दितार्थोपजीवनम् ॥ नास्तिक्यं व्रतलोपश्च सुतानां चैव विक्रयः ॥ धान्यकुण्ड-पशुस्तेयमयाज्यानां च याजनम् ॥ पितृमातृसुतत्यागस्तडागारागविक्रयः ॥ कन्यासन्दूषणं चैव परिविन्दकयाजनम् ॥ कन्याप्रदानं तस्यैव कोदित्यं व्रतलोपनम् ॥ आत्मनोऽर्थे क्रियारम्भो मद्य-स्त्रीनिषेवणम् ॥ स्वाध्यायाग्निमुत्तत्यागो बान्धवत्याग एव च ॥ हन्धनार्थं दूमच्छेदः स्त्रीहिंसो-पधिजीवनम् ॥ हिंस्रयन्त्रविधानं च व्यसनाभ्यासविक्रयः ॥ शूद्रप्रेष्यं ह्रीनसत्त्वं ह्रीनयोनिनिषेवणम् । तथैवान्ध्रमे वसः पराजपरिपुष्टता ॥ असच्छास्त्राधिगमनमाकरेण्यधिकारिता ॥ भार्याया विक्रय-श्वेपामैकैकमुपपातकम् ॥ या III. 234-242.

80 'Steal' has already been mentioned as the third upapātaka. The mention of the theft of corn &c. here either serves the purpose of showing that the theft of corn &c. will always be expiated as an upapātaka while other kinds of thefts may be dealt with more leniently. The same remark applies to *पितृमातृसुतत्याग* and *बान्धवत्याग* separately mentioned below.

mentioned by Gautama 20.1); the sale of a tank or of a park intended for a charitable object (though not actually dedicated to the public), ascribing demerits to an unmarried girl (or interfering with her private parts by means of a finger or the like); officiating as a priest (at the marriage) of one who though a younger brother marries before an elder brother, giving one's daughter in marriage to one who marries before his elder brother; cheating or following crooked ways (except against one's guru, which is equal to *surāpāna*), giving up an observance voluntarily undertaken<sup>81</sup>, cooking for the sake of oneself only (and not for deities, guests &c, which attitude is condemned by Rg X 117 6 and Manus III 118), sexual intercourse with a woman (even one's own wife) who is given to drinking wine, giving up the Veda already learnt so as to forget it by the study of other subjects); not tending one's *śrāuta* or *smṛta* fire, abandoning one's son<sup>82</sup>, not maintaining one's relatives (such as the maternal or paternal uncle, when one has the means), cutting down a big tree for fuel (to be used only in cooking one's food<sup>83</sup>), maintaining one's self on one's wife (i.e. on her immoral earnings or by means of her *stridhana*) or by killing animals or by herbs (used as charms), setting up of machines that cause death or injury to beings (such as for pressing oil from sesame or for crushing sugarcane stalks); addiction to the vices (declared to be eighteen by Manus VII 45-48); selling one's self (as a slave for money), being the servant of a *sūdra*, friendship with low persons, intercourse with a woman of a lower caste (either as a wife or as a concubine); living outside of the four *āśramas*<sup>84</sup>, fattening oneself on food charitably supplied by others, studying the works of false *sāstras* (such as those of atheists like *Cārvāka*); holding the office of the superintendent of mines (of gold and the like); sale of one's wife

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81. *Vratalopa* has already been mentioned above in verse 236 as an *upapātaka*. Therefore the repetition of 'vratalopana' (in verse 238) must be differently explained as done by the *mitaśvara*.

82. In च III 237 we have *पितृमातृसुतत्याग*, and then in 239 again *स्वाध्यायाग्निसुतत्याग*. Therefore अपराकं p 1051 explains: 'सुतस्यारक्षणनष्ट्याग स्वाध्यायाग्नित्यागसाहचर्यात् । पितृमातृसुतत्याग इत्यत्र तु जातकर्मादिसत्काराकरण सुतस्य त्यागः ।'

83. पाकादिप्रयोजनान्निसन्निधनार्थमशुष्कवृक्षभोजनं कुमच्छेदः । अपराकं p 1051

84. अनाश्रमी न तिष्ठेच्च क्षणमेकमपि द्विजः । आश्रमेण विना तिष्ठन्न प्रापश्चित्तियते हि सः ॥ दक्ष I 10, one must belong to one of the four *आश्रमसः*, ब्रह्मचर्य, गार्हस्थ्य, वानप्रस्थ and संन्यास and act as would befit that *āśrama*.

The above list, though long, is not thoroughly exhaustive. Vas I 18 quoted above mentions several persons as *enasunoḥ* (who acc. to Viśvarūpa on Yāj III. 229-236 are *upapātakīnaḥ*), some of whom (such as one who is asleep when the sun rises or sets) are not included by Yāj. in his list of upapātakas. Though almost all of the upapātakas listed by Yāj occur in Manu (XI 59-66), yet some of them such as 'abhicāra' (performing a sacrifice like Śyenayāga for the destruction of an enemy), 'mūlakarma' (employment of herbs for bringing under one's control a person) are not noted by Yāj. The Mit on Yāj. III. 242 observes that some upapātakas if repeatedly indulged in make a man *paṭita* (as provided by Gaut 21. 1) Viśvarūpa, therefore, derives upapātaka as one 'that may become a pātaka by constant addition (*upacaya*) or by constant practice' (*upetya*<sup>85</sup>).

Manu XI. 67 (=Agnipurāṇa 168<sup>86</sup>. 37-38) and Visnu Dh. S. 38 1-6 mention certain lapses as 'jātibhramśakara' (that cause the loss of caste) viz giving pain to a brāhmana (by means of a stick or by the hand), smelling things which ought not to be smelt at (such as garlic, ordure &c.) and smelling spirituous liquor, cheating (saying one thing and doing another), an unnatural offence with a man (or beast also, acc to Visnu). According to Manu XI 68 (=Agnipurāṇa 168 38-39), killing a donkey, a horse, a camel, a deer, an elephant, a goat, sheep, fish, a snake or a buffalo must be known to be *saṅkarikarāṇa* (reducing one to a mixed caste). Visnu 29. 1 says that *sankarikarāṇa* is the killing of village or forest animals. Manu XI. 69 holds that accepting presents from condemned men (such as those mentioned in Manu IV. 84), trading, serving śūdras and speaking a falsehood make a man unworthy to receive gifts (*apatrikarāṇa*). The Visnu, Dh. S. 40. 1 adds 'maintaining one's self by usury' to these. Manu XI. 70 prescribes that killing insects, small or large, or birds, eating any thing kept close to spirituous liquors, stealing fruits, fuel and flowers and unsteadiness of mind are *malāvaha* (which make a man impure). Visnu Dh. S. 41. 1-4 are similar. Visnu Dh. S. 42. 1 says all other lapses not specifically mentioned in

85. उपपातकसंज्ञाप्येवमर्थैव । उपपद्येन उपेत्य वा सेच्यमानं पातकमेव स्यादिति । अहं यत्र गौतमेन पातकमध्ये निन्दितकर्मणिः सति । तिष्ठत्यस्य on या. III 229-236. The reference is to गौतम 21.1, quoted above in note 75.

86. The printed अग्निपुराण reads भैक्ष्यं for जैह्वं in मनु XI.67 and अग्निः 168.39 reads मनुज for महिष.

the several kinds are styled miscellaneous (prakīrnaka) Vṛddha-Hārīta (IX. 210-215) specifies several lapses as prakīrnaka viz. cutting big trees for fuel (used for cooking one's food), killing insects, big and small, eating of food that has become uneatable owing to *bhāva* <sup>87</sup> (i.e. its resemblance in colour or flavour to some forbidden food or because it is offered with disrespect) or *kāla* (food on ekādaśī or in an eclipse, or in a mourner's house &c. or that is stale) or *kāryā* (action, such as food served with the bare hand or seen by a *patita*, *cāṇḍāla* or a dog &c.); theft of clay, skin, grass, wood, over-eating, falsehood, restlessness about pleasures, sleep by day, spreading false rumours; making others hear false rumours, eating at another's house, sexual intercourse by day, seeing women in their monthly illness or just after delivery, looking at others' wives; sexual intercourse on a fast, on a śrāddha day, on a *parvan* day; service of a *sūdra*; friendship with the low, touching the leavings of food; broad laughs with women, talking at random (or love prattle), looking at women that have untied their hair. It will be noticed that some of these like the cutting of big trees for fuel, service of a *sūdra*, friendship with low persons have been already included by Yāj under upapātakas.

Having dealt at length with several classes or grades of sins, we have now to address ourselves to the question of the consequences of sins and the means recommended or adopted for removing sin and its consequences.

It has already been shown above how the sages of the Rgveda prayed to the gods, particularly to Aditi, Mitra, Varuna, the Ādityas and Agni to free them from *āgas* or *enas* etc. They often say that they violated the *dharma*s or the *valas* (ordinances) of the gods and implore forgiveness. They were afraid of the consequences of their guilt, viz. the god's anger. They thought that when God was angered by their transgressions he smote them with adversity, destruction, disease and death. For example, they pray 'whatever ordinance (*vratā*) of yours we may violate every day like subjects (in the case of a king's ordinances) do not subject us to your death-dealing blow' (Rg I. 25. 2), 'O Varuna! whatever transgression we men have committed towards the divine host and whatever rules of yours we may have confounded through heedlessness, do not, on

87. For भावदुष्ट, कालदुष्ट and क्रियादुष्ट food mentioned in वृद्धहरित IX 211 vide H. of Dh. vol. II, pp. 771-772.



account of that sin (*enas*), 'strike us down' (Rg. VII, 89.5)<sup>88</sup>. In Rg. X, 89.8-9 it is said that Indra hurls his sharp and deadly weapon at those who break the settled order (dharma) of Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman. The gods are implored to save the worshipper from the deadly attacks of the wolf and from sinking into a pit (in adversity) in Rg. II, 29.6. In Rg. IX, 73.8 it is said that the wise God has his eye on all worlds and he pierces in pits those who do not observe his ordinances and who are therefore not liked by him<sup>89</sup>. On the other hand, when God is pleased with the worshipper, he is implored to lead the latter by the path of virtue (Rg. I, 189.1), to confer happiness on the worshipper's offspring (Rg. I, 189.2, IV, 12.5) and to bestow wealth on him (Rg. VIII, 45.40).

In the Rgveda the first means of removing the consequences of sin appear to be prayers for mercy and for the remission of sin as in Rg. VII, 86.4-5, VII, 88.6-7, VII, 89.1-4 (where 'mṛṇā suksatra mṛlaya' is the refrain of all four verses). Even in the Rgveda water was supposed to remove sin, e. g. I, 23. 22 says 'O water! carry away whatever sin (*durita*) may exist in me'. This shows that sin was supposed to have physical effects like a disease, which were removed by water. Sacrifices were offered to the gods in order to win their favour and in order that the sacrificer may be freed<sup>90</sup> from the consequences of even grave sins. The Tai S. V. 3, 12.1-2 and the Śat. Br. XIII, 3, 1, 1 (S. B. E. vol. 44 p. 328) state that the gods redeemed themselves from all sin by means of this (Aśvamedha sacrifice), they even redeemed themselves from the sin of brāhmaṇa murder. That a confession of sin was deemed to remove sin is illustrated in a striking way by what happened in the Varunapraghāsa (one of the *cāturmāsya* sacrifices). In that<sup>91</sup> sacrifice the wife of the sacrificer had to confess whether she had any lovers and if she felt ashamed to

88 यत्किंचिद् द्वेष्ये जनेऽभिद्रोहं मनुष्याश्चरामसि ॥ अचिन्तयत्तव धर्मा युषोपिम मा नस्तस्मादेनसो देव धीरियः ॥ ऋ. VII 89.5

89. विद्वान्स विश्वा ध्रुवनामिपश्यन्नाश्रुष्टाव विध्यति कर्ते अमृतान् । ऋ. IX, 73.8.

90 सर्वं वा एतेन पाप्मानमतरन्नापि वा एतेन ब्रह्महत्यामतरन्सर्वं पाप्मानं तरति तरति मङ्गहत्या योऽश्वमेधेन यजते । तै. सं. V. 3.12.1-2.

91 यज्जारं सन्तं न मन्त्रयादियं ज्ञाति वन्द्यात् । असौ मे जार इति निर्दिशेत् । निर्दिश्यैवैनं वरुणपाशेन ग्राहयति । तै. ब्रा. I.6.5. Vide Kātyāyana Śr. V, 5, 6-10 'समार्जनाय धेयितेऽसंस्तुते प्रतिग्रथात् पत्नीमानेऽप्यज्ञाह वेन चरसीति । संस्तुतानाच्चष्टे । वृणानि नोद्गृह्णाति यथासंस्तुते । अनाख्यातमहितं ज्ञातिभ्य इति श्रुतेः । आख्याति प्रवासिन इत्येना वाचयति नयत् ।', 'प्रवासिनो हवामहे' is वाज. सं. III, 44

reply in so many words she had only to raise up in her hand small pieces of grass blades to indicate the number of lovers, if any. If she confessed she had to recite the verse, Vāj. S III 44 and was allowed to take further part in the sacrifice. If she concealed the truth, it was stated in the Tai. Br. that evil would befall her near and dear relatives (her son or husband). It is said by many European scholars who have written on the religion of the Veda that sacrifice became a sort of magic rite to wrest from gods or independently of them what the worshipper desired (e.g. see Keith's *Religion and Philosophy of the Veda and Upanishads* pp. 260-268)<sup>92</sup> But this is an over-statement. When initiated for a sacrifice the sacrificer and his wife had to observe a fast or live on a low diet, both were called upon to observe many strict rules such as telling the truth, they had to make large preparations and spend wealth on the materials and the fees to the priests. These things were deemed to cleanse the mind and soul of the taint of sin. There is no reason to suppose that it was only the ritual that was thought to bring about the desired result (and not all the other matters referred to above).

We shall now discuss the prescriptions of the sūtras and smṛtis about the consequences of sins.

In this connection the doctrines of *Karma* and *Punarjanma* must be well remembered. The details of the origin and development of those doctrines will be discussed in a later section. Here it is enough to state the few main propositions of the doctrine of Karma. The fundamental proposition is that cause and effect are as inseparably linked in the moral sphere as assumed in the physical sphere by science. A good action has its reward and a bad act leads to retribution. If the bad actions do not yield their consequences at once or in this life, the soul begins another existence and in the new environment undergoes suffering for its past bad deeds. The theory of karma and

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92. Christ gave a model prayer to his disciples in Luke 11 2-4 and Matthew 6. 9-13, where after invoking the heavenly Father the first thing asked for is the daily bread, then the forgiveness of sin and deliverance from evil. Pious Christians have an easy and complacent self-assurance of getting the things prayed for, since Christ himself has said that they have only to ask and it shall be given to them (Luke 11 9). This also is a sort of magic but it is simple as compared with elaborate Indian sacrifices. It seems rather perverse for a Christian who believes in Luke 11 9 to say that if an Indian believes that a sacrifice will yield some reward it is all magic and nothing more.

the theory of transmigration of souls (of pre-existence and post-existence) are inextricably mixed up in Indian thought from at least the ancient times of the Upanisads. The general rule is that *Karma*, whether good or evil, cannot be got rid of, except by enjoying or undergoing its consequences. This is said by Gaut. 19. 5, Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa and many other works. 'Because the deed does not perish' Gaut. 9<sup>3</sup>; 'whatever human action it may be, whether good or evil, it cannot be got rid of except by enjoying its consequences; know from me that a man gets rid of good and evil deeds by enjoying (their consequences)'. This doctrine is based on the Śat. Br. V. 2.2.27, Br. Up. IV. 4 and VI. 2, Chāṇ. Up. III. 14, and V. 3-10, Kāṭha 5. 6-7 and other Upanisad texts.

Therefore they say, 'a man is born again in that world for which he has worked.' 'According as a man acts and according as he believes so will he be; a man of meritorious acts will be meritorious, a man of evil deeds sinful. He becomes pure by pure deeds and evil by evil deeds. And here they say that a person consists of desires. And as is his desire, so is his will; and as is his will, so is his deed; and whatever deeds he does that he will reap' (Br. Up. IV. 4. 5); 'a man is made up of will; whatever he wills in this world the same he becomes after departing from this world' (Chāṇ. Up. III. 14. 1); 'some human beings enter the womb in order to have an embodied existence; others go into inorganic matter (the stump of a tree and the like) according to their deeds and according to their knowledge' (Kāṭha Up. 5. 7).<sup>94</sup>

'Actions done by a man do not perish unless they (i. e. their consequences) are enjoyed even after crores of years, (the fruits of) actions whether good or evil must of necessity be enjoyed'.<sup>95</sup>

93. न हि कर्म क्षीयते । गौ ष सू 19.5 q. by शाङ्कराचार्य in his भाष्य on वेदान्त-सूत्र IV 1.13, न तु भोगाद्वते पुण्यं पापं वा कर्म मानवम् । परित्यजति भोगाच्च पुण्यापुण्ये निबोध मे ॥ मार्कण्डेयपुराण 14.17, तस्मात्कृतस्य पापस्य प्रायश्चित्तं समाचरेत् ॥ नास्तु कस्यान्यथा नाशः कल्पकोदितैरपि ॥ भविष्यपुराण I 19.27

94. यथाकारी यथाचारी तथा भवति साधुकारी साधुर्भवति पापकारी पापो भवति पुण्यः पुण्येन कर्मणा भवति पापः पापेन । अधो खल्वाहुः काममय एवायं पुरुष इति स यथाकामो भवति तत्कृतुर्भवति यत्कृतुर्भवति तत्कर्म कुरुते यत्कर्म तदभित्यपद्यते ॥ बृह उ. IV. 4.5, अथ खलु क्रतुमयः पुरुषो यथाक्रतुस्मिहोके पुरुषो भवति तथैव । त्रेत्य भवति ॥ छा III 14.1, योनिमन्ये प्रयच्छन्ते शरीरत्वाय देहिनः । इथाशुमन्येऽस्तुतं यन्ति यथाकर्म यथाश्रितम् ॥ क उ. 5.7.

95. नाशुक्तं क्षीयते कर्म कल्पकोदितैरपि ॥ अवश्यमेव भोक्तव्यं कृतं कर्म शुभाशुभम् ॥ स्मृति quoted by गोविन्दानन्द on प्राय वि p. 17 and by सायण in his भाष्य on ते. अ 8.2 In परा. मा II part 1 p 11 the verse is read as अवश्यमनुभोक्तव्यम्.

Vide also Āp. Dh. S. II. 1. 2. 2-7 and Visnu Dh. S. XX. 47 'just as a calf finds out its own mother from among thousands of cows, so actions done in a former life unerringly reach the perpetrator thereof.'

But this general principle was modified in various ways by the smṛtis and later writings. Gautama 19.11<sup>96</sup> (= Vasistha 22.8) states 'Reciting the Veda inaudibly (japa), austerities, a sacrifice, fasting and giving gifts are the means of expiating that (i. e. a blamable act)' Vas. 20. 47 and 25. 3 lay down 'A sinner is freed from sin by tormenting his body, by austerities, by reciting the Veda and also by making gifts' and 'those who are constantly engaged in *prāṇāyāma*s (suppression and regulation of breath), reciting purificatory texts, giving gifts, offering sacrifices, muttering sacred texts will undoubtedly be freed from sins'. Manu III. 227 observes, 'by confession, by repentance, by austerity, by reciting Vedic texts (sacred Gāyatri or other texts), a sinner is freed from guilt and in case of difficulty (i. e. if he is unable to perform austerities or to recite Vedic texts) by liberality'. Similar provisions occur in Parāśara X. 40, Śatātapa I. 4, Samvarta 203, Hārita (q. in Pr. T. p. 467), Yama, (q. in Pr. V. pp. 30, 31), Bhaviṣyapurāṇa (q. by Pr. V. p. 31)

Before proceeding with the subject of *prāyaścittas* we shall speak briefly about the other means of reducing the consequences of sin. And first comes confession. With reference to the confession of paramours by the wife in the Varunapraghāsa, the Tai. Br. (I. 6. 5. 2)<sup>97</sup> says 'He makes the wife confess, thereby he renders her pure and then he leads her to penance'. The Śat. Br. (II. 5. 2. 20) puts it in this form 'for when confessed the sin becomes less, since it becomes truth'. This was a confession before God (Fire) and men (the priests) to restore one to divine forgiveness and favour. As regards several lapses, confession was part of the procedure prescribed for atoning for the sin.

96. तस्य निष्कयणतो जपस्तपो होम उपवासो दानम् । गौ 19.11=वासिष्ठ 22.8= बौ ध. सू. III. 10.9 The word निष्कय occurs in Jai VI. 4.33 (niskraya-vāddacca) which refers to a vedic passage about विश्वजित् 'सर्वोभ्य एव देवताभ्य आत्मानं निष्क्रीणीति' quoted by Śābara on जै. VI. 4.32.

97. पत्नी वाचयति मेध्यामेवैनां करोति । अथो तप एवैनामुपनयति । यज्जार ..माहयति । यवास्यान एवामहे इति पत्नीमुदानयति । ते जा I 6.5, vide note 91 above for the passage यज्जार...माहयति.

## CHAPTER II

### MEANS OF REDUCING CONSEQUENCES OF SINS

*Confession*—In Āp. Dh S.I. 9. 24. 15, I. 10. 28. 19, I. 10. 29, 1 it is prescribed that the person undergoing a penance for being an *abhusasta* or for unjustly forsaking his wife or for the murder of a learned brāhmana has to declare his misdeed while begging for alms to support himself. The Vedic student who was guilty of sexual intercourse had also to proclaim his lapse while begging at seven houses (Gaut, 23.18, Manu XI 122) <sup>98</sup>

*Repentance (anutāpa)*—Manu<sup>99</sup> XI 229-230 (= Visnudharmottara II 73 231-32) provide: "The more a man's mind loathes his own evil deed the more does his body become freed from the unrighteousness (committed by him). If after committing a sin a man feels repentance for having done it he becomes free from that sin. He becomes purified only by the resolution of ceasing to sin and thinking 'I shall not do so again'".<sup>100</sup> The Visnupurāna II. 6.40 lays emphasis on repentance and humble devotion to Kṛṣṇa. Pr. V. (p. 30) quotes a verse of Angirasa 'A man after committing sins, if he is consumed by repentance and is sorry day and night (for his misdeed), is purified by prāṇāyāma'. The view of digests like the Pr. Prakāśa is that

98 Confession of sins has played a prominent part in early and medieval Christianity. For example, (First epistle of) John I. 9 says 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness'.

99. Manu XI. 229 also occurs in ब्रह्मसूत्र 218. 5.

100. Compare Christ's call to repentance in Matthew 4. 17 and Mark I 15 and his last words (in Luke 24 47) that 'repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations'. शोचते मनसा नित्यं दुष्कृतान्यनुचिन्तयन् । तपस्वी चापमत्तश्च पापेभ्यः । स प्रमुच्यते ॥ इति कल्पतरुवृद्धत-  
वाम्भेन तपस्विपदोपादानात् ।... पुनरङ्गिराः । विकर्मणा तप्यमान पापाद्धि परिमुच्यते । इति ।  
अत्राहुतापनाशस्य पापनाशकत्वाद्युपपत्तेः पापनाशकमायश्चित्ते अधिकारिविशेषणत्वेन पापनाश-  
मयोजकत्वमुक्तम् । विष्णुरपि । मनःसंतापनात्तीव्रमुद्देहच्छोकमन्ततः ।... अत्र सर्वत्राहुतापस्य  
निहितत्वेन नखानि निकृन्वति इत्यादिवद् दीक्षितत्ववैराग्यवज्राधिकातिविशेषणत्वमेव । मा-  
प्रकाश folio 11, यम । पश्चात्तापो निवृत्तिश्च स्नानं चाङ्गतयोदितम् । नैमित्तिकानां स्वातन्त्र्ये  
तद्विधिः स्यादनर्थकः ॥ महाक्लेशसाध्यं हि प्रायश्चित्तम् । अल्पक्लेशा हि पश्चात्तापादयः । तै-  
प्रायश्चित्तफले कृते प्रायश्चित्तविधिरफल इति स्पष्टम् । अपराक p 1231.

repentance by itself is not enough to destroy sins, but that repentance renders the sinners fit to receive penance, just as paring the nails and the like make the person intending to perform a Vedic sacrifice fit to be a *dīkṣita*. Yama quoted by Aparārka (p 1231) states that repentance and stopping from repeating the sin are merely the *aṅgas* (subsidiary elements) of *prāyaścittas* and cannot independently take the place of penances.

*Prāṇāyāma* (restraint of the breath) Vide H of Dh. vol II p 317 for a description of this. Manus. XI 248 (which is the same as Baud. Dh. S. IV 131, Vas. 264, Atri II 5, Sankhasmṛti XII 18-19) lays down 'sixteen *prāṇāyāmas* attended by the *Vyāhrtis* and the *Pranava* (*omkāra*), if performed every day, would purify after a month even the murderer of a *bhrūna* (a learned *brāhmaṇa*)'. Visnu Dh. S. 55.2 (in prose) is to the same effect. Vas. 261-3 provide that on the proper performance of three *prāṇāyāmas* all the sins committed by day or in the night are at once destroyed. Yāj. III 305 states that for the removal of all sins, of *upapātakas* and of sins for which no special expiation is provided by the texts one hundred *prāṇāyāmas* should be performed. This refers to sins not known to others for which expiation is to be performed secretly. Baud. Dh. S. (IV 15-11) provides for varying numbers (3, 7, 12) of *prāṇāyāmas* to be spread over one day to a year for different kinds of sins ranging from the eating of the food of a *śūdra* to *brāhmaṇa* murder. This whole passage is quoted by the Mit. on Yāj. III 305 which points out the kinds of sins it deals with. The *Agnipurāṇa* 173.21 has the same half verse as Yāj. III 305 (first half).

*Tapas* (austerity) Even Rg. X 154.2 speaks of *tapas* as leading to heaven and as unassailable. The Chāṇ. Up. V 10.1-2, Mundaka Up. I 2.10-11 place *tapas* over *yajña*. Gaut. 19.15 says that celibacy,<sup>101</sup> truthfulness, bathing thrice daily (in the morning, at noon and in the evening), wearing wet clothes (till they are dried on the body), sleeping on the ground (on a raised part or altar) and fasting constitute austerities. Baud. Dh. S. III 10.13 adds to these '*ahimsā*' (non-injury to any being), *asthanya* (not depriving any one of his property) and *guru-sukṛt-ūsa* (attendance upon a teacher). Gaut. 19.17 states that

101. ब्रह्मचर्यं सत्यवचनं सवनेष्वकोपस्पर्शनमाद्र्वैव्रजतापः श्रावितानाशक इति तपसि । गौ. 19.15.

the periods for which *tapas* is to be observed are a year, six months, four months, three months, two months, one (month), 24 days, 12 days, 6 days, 3 days, a day and a night, (according to the nature of the sin). Manu XI. 239-241 declare that those guilty of mahāpātakas and others guilty of evil deeds are freed from sins by well-practised *tapas* and that whatever sins are committed by people in thought, word and bodily actions are all quickly burnt by *tapas*. This doctrine is shared by the Jainas as stated in the Uttarādhyayana XXIX 27 'by austerities he cuts off karman' (S. B. E. vol 45 p. 166).

*Homa* (sacrifice into fire). The Tai. Ā. (II 7-8) describes<sup>102</sup> the kūsmaṇḍa homa and dīksā and II. 8 prescribes that the man who regards himself as impure should offer a sacrifice with the kūsmaṇḍa *mantras* (mentioned in Tai. Ā. II. 3-6, viz. 'yad devā deva-hedanam' (Vaj. S. 20 14-16 = Tai. Ā. II. 3.1) The Mahārnavakarmavipāka (folio 8 a) prescribes the procedure of Kūsmaṇḍa homa taken from Jamadagni which is brief. It is as follows.—After shaving the hair on the head and the moustache and taking a bath in holy water one should offer the ājyabhāgas and then offer oblations of clarified butter with the three *Amuvākas* beginning with 'yad devā devahedanam,' and then he worships fire with the verses beginning with 'Vaiśvānarāya pratipādayāmi'. He then offers *śamudh* with the mantra 'yad adivayam' and then he repeats the Jayā mantras. He has to observe the rules for a dīksita viz not eating flesh, avoiding sexual intercourse, not telling a falsehood and not sleeping on a cot. He has to subsist on milk (if he is a brāhmana), on barley gruel if a ksatriya and on āmīkṣā if he is a vaiśya. The Kūsmaṇḍa-homa as prescribed by Baudhāyana is a longer one. The Baud. Dh. S. III. 7 1 prescribes that he who considers himself impure should offer burnt oblations reciting the kūsmaṇḍa mantras, that he who has had forbidden intercourse becomes even like a thief or even like a slayer of a learned brāhmana

102 अथ कूष्माण्डैर्हृद्याद्योऽपुत इव मन्येत यथा स्तेनो यथा भ्रूणहैवमेव भवति योऽप्यनैरेतः सिञ्चति । यद्वर्णाजीनमेनो भ्रूणहत्यायास्तस्मान्मुच्यत इति । ते आ II 8, which is repeated in श्री ध. सू. III. 7 1, that is q. by the मिता. on य. III 303. 'यत्र कर्मणि यदेवा देवदेवनमित्यादयो मन्त्रास्तैस्तिरीयारण्यके समाग्नताः स कूष्माण्डहोमः । परमिभ्य अग्रे नय शुपथेति च तथा अग्रे मखे प्रथमस्य प्रचेतस इत्याद्या कचस्तैस्तिरीयशाखायां समाग्नताः स गणहोमः । महार्णवकर्मविपाक folio 7 b For अग्रे नय vide Rg I 189 1, Tai S I. 1, 14 3, Tai. Ā I. 8 8.

and that (by performing homa with kūsmandas) he becomes free from any sin that is less than the murder of a learned brāhmana Yāj III. 309 provides that whenever a twice-born man feels himself mixed up in heavy sins he should perform a *homa* with sesame with the sacred Gāyatrī *mantra*. The Mit following a verse of Yama says that one lakh of offerings of sesame must be made. Both Manu XI 34 and Vas 26 16 say that a brāhmana becomes free from all distresses by Vedic recitations (*japa*) and sacrifices (*homa*). When the wife confessed to the existence of a paramour, the Śat. Br. II 5 2. 20 states that she made an offering into the *Dakṣināgni* with the *mantra* (Vaj S. III 45) 'whatever<sup>103</sup> sin we have committed, whether in the village, in the forest, in society or by the organs of sense, we cast that away by this sacrifice, *avāhā*.' Both Mann (VIII 105) and Yāj (II, 83) prescribe that when a witness tells a falsehood in order to prevent an accused person from being sentenced to death, he should offer for expiating his perjury an oblation of boiled rice to Sarasvatī There are other homas also prescribed such as the Ganahoma, in which such verses as 'agne naya supathā' from the Taittirīya sakhā are recited (Mahārnavā).

The old idea of sacrifice seems to have been that it was propitiatory in character. Sacrifice was not demanded or required by God. Sacrifice was probably regarded as a gift which pleased God, induced Him to forgive a man for his transgressions and enabled erring man to regain God's favour which had been lost by some shortcoming or some sinful act. Sacrifices therefore had an expiatory or cleansing function or character. Sacrifices may be performed by offerings either an animal (meant as substitute for the sinner himself who had forfeited his life for his sins and transgressions) or a burnt offering or any other thing offered to God and then distributed to others.

*Japa* (muttering of Vedic passages as prayers) *Japa* is of three kinds, *vācika* (audibly uttered), *upāṃśu* (inaudibly uttered) and *mānasa* (mentally revolved), each succeeding one being ten times superior, acc to Laghu Hārīta IV. p 186,

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103 यद् याने यद्वरण्ये यत्समायां यदिन्द्रिये । यदेनश्चकुमा वपमिदं तद्वयजामहे  
स्वाहा ॥ वाज सं III. 45, vide also तै. स. I. 8 3 for a similar passage.



(Jīvananda I.)<sup>104</sup> Śābara (on Jai. XII. 4. 1) distinguishes *japa* from *stuti*, the former being simply an utterance or recitation of a *mantra* or *mantras*<sup>105</sup>. Inaudible *japa* is praised<sup>106</sup> in Śāṅkhāyana Br. 14. 1. The Āśv. Śr I 1 20 provides that *japa*, anumantṛana, āpyāyana and upasthāna are uttered *upāmsu*. The Āp. Śr (24 1. 8-10) provides that mantras from the Rgveda and the Sāmaveda are uttered in sacrifices loudly and that passages of the Yajurveda are muttered *upāmsu* and the Tai. Prātiśākhya 23. 6 states that *upāmsu* recitation is made by means of the effort of speech organs but without sound (i. e. in a very low voice) and without the mind being directed (to utterance with udātta and other accents) i. e. 'Karanavad-asābdam-amanah-prayogam-upāmsu'. Gaut. 19. 12 (= Baud. Dh. S. III. 10 10=Vas 22 9) prescribes the following Vedic texts as purifiers: Upanisads, Vedānta texts, the Samhitā texts of all the Vedas (and not the *padapūtha* or *kramapūtha*), the *Yajus* texts in which the word 'madhu' occurs, the Aghamarsana hymn (Rg. X. 190 1-3), the Atharvaśiras, (the *anuvākas* called) Rudras, the Purusa hymn (Rg. X. 90), the two *sāmans* called Rājata and Rauhineya, the Brhat-sāma and the Rathantara, the Purusaṣati sāmān, the Mahānāmni verses, the Mahāvairāja (*sāmān*), the Mahādivākīṛtya (*sāmān*), any of the Jyestha sāmāns, the Bahispavamāna (*sāmān*), the Kūsmāndaś, the Pāvamāniś (Rg. IX) and the Sāvitrī (Rg. III. 62 10).<sup>107</sup> The

104. अत्र जपयज्ञं प्रकृत्य नरसिंहपुराणम् । त्रिविधो जपयज्ञः स्यात्तस्य भेदं निबोधत । वाचिकाख्य उपांगुश्च मानसस्त्रिविधः स्मृतः । त्रयाणां जपयज्ञानां श्रेयान् स्यादुत्तरेतरम् । इति । अत्र हारीत । उच्चस्वेकगुणं मौक्तो ध्यानाद्विशुद्धः स्मृतः । उपांगुः स्याच्छतगुणः सहस्रो मानसः स्मृतः । स्मृतिच I p. 149. The verses त्रिविधो . उत्तरेतरम् occur in वृत्तिह-पुराण 58. 78-79 and also in लघुहारीत IV. p. 186 (Jiv I). Both these also define वाचिक and उपांगुजप as follows. 'मन्त्रसुच्चारयन् वाचा जपयज्ञस्तु वाचिकः । शनैश्चचारयन्मन्त्रं किञ्चिदीदृशं प्रचलयेत् । किञ्चिच्छ्रवणयोग्यं स्यात्त उपांगुजपः स्मृतः ॥'

105 वचनं जपनमिति समानार्थं, यस्मात् जप व्यक्तायां वाचीति स्मर्यते । तेन यत्र वचनमार्थं मन्त्रस्य क्रियते न स्तुयते नाशस्यते स जप । इति on जै. XII. 4. 1.

106. अथर्था आज्यमाज्येन वै देवा. सर्वाङ्कामानाज्यस्तु सर्वममृतत्वं ..तद्वा इदं पद-विधमाज्यं तूष्णीं जपस्तूष्णीं शंसतः । पुरोषस्तूष्णीं कथयिष्ये याजयेति । ... अथ यस्तुरस्तात् तूष्णीं जपं जपति स्वर्गो वै लोको यज्ञस्तथस्तुरस्तात्तूष्णीं जपं जपति स्वस्त्ययनमेव तत्कुर्वते स्वर्गस्य लोकस्य समश्चै । शांखायनब्रा. 14.1.

107. 'Madhūni' are explained by Haradattā as 'मधुशब्दयुक्तानि यजूषि ब्रह्मेण मानित्यादीनि'. These occur in तै. आ. X 38. It is better to hold as done by the मद्र. पा p 761, by Maskarin in his bhāṣya on Gaut. and by Pr. Prakāśa (folio 86a) that the word मधुनि refers to the three verses beginning with the words 'Madhu vāitā' that are Rg. I. 90. 6-8 and occur in Tai. S. IV 2.9 and

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original idea of japa was highly spiritual. Deep knowledge of the Upanisads and other texts would have made the soul pure and enabled it to realize the supreme reality and induced in the mind love of all human beings as sparks of the one Divine Essence. Japa at the highest level was contemplation of God and endeavour to attain unity with God. The habit of repeating the sacred texts should lead to maintaining the soul in the presence and thought of God. Japa demands three things, purity of heart, detachment and placing oneself in the hands of God.

Manu XI. 46 provides that a sin unintentionally committed is expiated by the recitation of Vedic texts as prayers, but that which men in their folly commit intentionally is expiated by *prāyaścitta*.

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Vā. s XIII. 27-29 also, since they are styled मनुमती by आश्व. सू. पार. सू. I 3. भाववृत्. I. 9 14. Atharvashra is an उपनिषद् which begins with देवा ह वै स्वर्गं लोक-मायस्ते रुद्रमपृच्छन् को भवानिति. Vide the Nir. edition of 108 Upanisads (printed in 1925) for the अथर्वशिरम्. The अयमर्षण is highly eulogized as a destroyer of sins like Aśvamedha in Manu XI 259-60, Visnu Dh S 55.7, Vasu 26 8, Baud. Dh S. IV 2 20. Rudras are the eleven *amṛtāḥ* of Tai S IV 5. 1-11 beginning with तमस्ते रुद्र मन्त्रवे. Acc. to Haradatta the two *Sāmāns* Rājata and Rauhina are sung on the Rk verse 'Indram naro nemadhitā havante' (Rg. VII 27 1, Sāmaveda, Pūrvārcika 318). The बृहत्साम is sung on the verse त्वामिद्धि हवामहे (ऋ. VI 46 1, Sāmaveda Pūrvārcika No. 234), the Rathantara on the verse अभि स्वा ह्युर (ऋ. VII 32 22, Sāmaveda Pūrvārcika 233). In the भगवद्गीता X 35 ŚrīKṛṣṇa puts the Brhatsāma as the foremost among Sāmāns (बृहत्साम तथा साम्नां). Puruṣagati Sāman is sung on the verse 'Abhamasmi prathamajā rtasya,' (Sāmaveda, Aranyakānda VI 1 594) महानाग्नी verses are those beginning with विद्वा मयवन् विद्वा which occur in the ऐ. आ IV, in the जैमिनीयसंहिता of the सामवेद (ed. by Dr Raghuvira) and in other संहितासु. The महावैराज (सामन्) is sung on the verse पिबा सोममिन्द्र मन्वतु त्वा (ऋ. VII 22 1, सामवेद पूर्वाचिक 398, उत्तराचिक 927), the महादेवाकीर्त्य is sung on विभादुब्रह्मविष्णु सोम्य (ऋ. X 170 1, सामवेद अरण्यकाण्ड 628, उत्तराचिक 1453), about the ज्येष्ठसामानि हरदत्त mentions two interpretations (of the तलवकार शास्त्रा and छन्दोगस), one holding that they are sung on उडु त्य (Rg I 50 1, सामवेद पूर्वाचिक 31) and चित्रं देवाना (Rg I 115 1), the other that they are three Sāmāns sung on सूर्यान् दिवो (Rg VI 7.1, सामवेद पूर्वाचिक 67, उत्तराचिक 1140). Maskarin holds that ज्येष्ठसामानि are those sung on the verses इं नो देवी- (Rg X. 9 4) and चित्रं देवाना (Rg I 115 1). The बहिर्यवमान is sung on उपारस्मे गायता नर. (Rg IX 11 1, सामवेद उत्तराचिक 651, 763). Vide H. of Dh vol II pp 1169-1170 for further details of the बहिर्यवमान. For the कुम्भापदमन्त्र, vide तै. आ II. 3-5 पादमन्त्र are the verses about soma in the 9th Mandala of the Rgveda. Sāvitrī is the famous Gāyatrī mantra (Rg. III 62 10).

Manu II 85-87 (which are the same as Vās. 26 9-11 and Visnu Dh S 55. 10-21) lay<sup>108</sup> down: 'the performance of *japa* is ten times more efficacious than the sacrifices (like Darsapūrnamāsa) prescribed by the rules (of the Veda), *japa* when carried on inaudibly is a hundred times superior (to sacrifices) and mental revolution of mantras is a thousand times superior. The four pākayajñas<sup>109</sup> (Vaiśvadeva, *buli*, daily *śrāddha*, and honoring guests) together with the Vedic sacrifices do not come up to even the 16th part of *japa*. A brāhmana attains perfection (the highest goal) by *japa*; he may or may not engage in other duties (such as Vedic sacrifices), a brāhmana befriends all creatures'. Great eulogy is bestowed on the inaudible *japa* of the Gāyatrī *mantra* (Rg III. 62 10) for which pp. 303-305 of H of Dh. vol. II may be consulted. Where no particular number is specially mentioned the recitation of a mantra is to be performed a hundred times.<sup>110</sup>

Manu<sup>110a</sup> XI. 261-262, Vās. 27 1-3, Angiras 101 and other works go so far as to assert that the fire of Veda study consumes guilt caused by evil deeds just as a fire burning strongly consumes even green trees or that a brāhmana who remembers Rgveda (studied by him) is not tainted by any guilt, though he may have destroyed the three worlds and have eaten the food of any person whatever. But these are simply laudatory (*atthavādas*) and are not to be taken literally, as Vās. 27. 4<sup>111</sup> (= Angiras 102) gives the warning 'one should not become addicted to (or take pleasure in committing) evil deeds relying on the power of the Veda (stated in some smṛti passages). (The effects of) actions done through ignorance and negligence are alone consumed (by Veda study) and not those of other actions (intentionally done).'

Many smṛtis such as Manu XI 249-257 (which are almost the same as Visnudharmottara II. 74. 4-13), Vās. 26. 5-7 and 28 10-15 (the former of which are the same as Manu XI 249-251), Visnu

108. Manu II. 87 occurs in Śaṅkhasmṛti also (XII. 28).

109. The five pākayajñas are enumerated in Manu III 70 and the four meant are all of them except brahmayajña (teaching and studying Veda).

110. 'जपस्तु शतसंख्याक, अनादेशे शतमिति सूत्रादिति शूलपाणि. । प्रा प्रकाश. folio 143a.

110a. Manu XI. 262 and Vās. 27 3 are identical.

111. न वैद्वलमाभित्य पापकर्मरतिर्भवेत् । अज्ञानाच्च प्रमादाच्च दृष्टते कर्म नेतरम् ॥ बसिष्ठ 27.4, अङ्गिरस् 102

Dh. S 56 3-27, Atri VI 1-5 (which are almost the same as Vas <sup>112</sup> 28 10-15), Śankha, chap. 11 (= Vas 28 10-15), Samvarta 227-228, Baud Dh. S IV 2 4-5, IV. 3 8, IV 4. 2-5, Yāj III 302-305, prescribe several Vedic hymns or single Vedic verses or prose passages as specially efficacious for removing all sins. It is not possible nor necessary to set down all of them, but by way of sample the verses of Manu (XI 249-257) are translated here. 'Even a drinker of *surā* becomes pure if he mutters the hymn (seen) by Kutsa <sup>113</sup>, the three verses beginning with 'pati' (Rg VII 80 1-3) seen by Vasistha, the Māhitrā hymn (Rg X 185), the verses called Śuddhavatī (Rg VIII 95 7-9 where the word 'śuddha' occurs 13 times in different connections). Even he who has stolen gold (of a brāhmana) instantly becomes free from guilt if he once mutters (the hymn) beginning with 'asya vāmasya' (i e. Rg I 164 1-52), and the Śivasankalpa (Vāj S XXXIV. 1-6). The violator of a guru's bed is freed from sin if he repeatedly recites the hymn beginning with 'haviṣpāntam' (Rg. X 88 1-19) and the hymn beginning with 'na tam-amho' (i e. Rg X 126 1-8), the hymn beginning with 'iti' (i e. Rg X 119) and the hymn addressed to *Puruṣa* (Rg X 90). He who desires to do away with sins, great and small, should mutter during a year the verse beginning with 'ava' (i e 'ava te helo varuna namobhih' Rg I 24. 14, Tai S I 5 11 3), or the verse 'yat kim ca' (Rg VII 89 5) or the verse 'iti vā' (Rg X 119 1). That man who, having accepted a gift that ought not to be accepted, or having eaten forbidden food, mutters the hymn beginning with 'tarat sa mandī' (Rg IX 58 1-4)<sup>114</sup> becomes pure after three days. He who has committed many sins becomes pure if he recites for a month the hymn beginning with 'Soma rudrā' (Rg VI 74 1-4) and the three verses beginning with 'Aryamanam' (Rg. IV 2 4-6) while he bathes in a river (and not in a pond or other reservoir of water). One guilty of a grievous offence should mutter the seven verses beginning with 'Indram' (Rg I 106 1-7). A twice-born man removes even very great guilt by offering clarified butter for a year (in fire) with the mantras for the Śakalahomas (Vāj S VIII 13) or by muttering the

<sup>112</sup> Vas 28 10-15 are quoted in स्मृतिच I p 187. Atri VI. 1-5 are quoted as Atri's in Gr R p 245.

<sup>113</sup> The Kautsa hymn is Rg. I, 97 1-8, all of which have as their refrain अप न. सोमोऽन्वदधम्, 'may he burn away our sin'.

<sup>114</sup> सत्स मन्दी धावति is the refrain of all four verses of Rg IX 58. It means 'He who presses (soma) gets over (all sins), he runs (to higher worlds),' Yide Nir. XIII 6.

mantra 'nama id-ugram' (Rg. VI 51. 8) One who is stained by mortal sin becomes pure if with a concentrated mind he attends cows for a year, reciting the Pāvamānī hymns (the whole of Rg. IX) and subsisting on alms <sup>114a</sup>

So much importance and such occult powers came to be attached to the words of the Rgveda that the Rgvidhāna of Śaunaka (which is later than Manu) concerns itself with prescribing numerous hymns of the Rgveda for the removal of various diseases, of sins, for the conquest of enemies

The Sāma Br I 5 2 says <sup>115</sup> generally that when no particular hymns are prescribed for the removal of sins Vedic mantras are powerful and become purifiers if accompanied by *tapas* and the Sāmans may be repeated for the same purpose from ten times as the minimum to 100 times as *prāyaścitta*. Gautama 19. 13 prescribes the kind of food on which one should subsist when one is engaged in *japa* viz. one was to live on milk alone, to eat vegetables only, to eat fruits only, to live on barley gruel prepared from a handful of grain, to eat gold<sup>116</sup>, to eat clarified butter, and to drink *soma* and so forth. Gautama 19. 14 further lays down that all mountains, all rivers, holy lakes, places of pilgrimage, the dwellings of sages (*ṛṣis*), cowpens and temples of the gods are places (which help to destroy sin).

As the Veda could be studied in and after the sūtra period only by the male members of the first three classes, the *japa* of Vedic texts for the removal of sins was not possible for śūdras; therefore, the Mit. (on Yāj III 262) says that although the śūdra (and women and those born of pratiloma marriages also) has no *adhikāra* (power or capacity or authority) for the recitation of Gāyatrī and other Vedic mantras, still the śūdra and women after revolving in the mind the name of the deity put in the dative case can engage in *japa* with the word *namaḥ* (i e he can only utter the words 'namo namaḥ' and not *om* &c)

114a. In Rg. I. 106. 1-7 the first six verses have the refrain विश्वस्माक्यो अहसो निष्पितृन् ('May you take us beyond all sin').

115. अनादेशो मन्त्रा बलवन्तस्तपोन्विताः पावना भवन्ति। आपन्नं मायश्चित्तं चरेत्। अभ्यासं साम्नां शतं दशवारम्। सामविधानम् I. 5 2-4.

116. 'To eat gold' is explained by हरदत्त as 'सर्पिरादौ हिरण्यं निवृण्व्य प्राशनं हिरण्यप्राशनम्'.

as stated by Gaut Dh S. X 66-67 and Yāj. I 121<sup>117</sup>. When Manu IV. 80 says 'let him not explain to a śūdra the sacred law (*dharma*) nor impose upon him a *vrata*' all that is meant is, according to the Mit on Yāj III 262, that it applies only to a śūdra who does not wait upon or serve higher varnas. Similarly, when Gaut IV. 20 says that those born in the inverse order are outside the pale of the sacred law, the meaning is that *samskāras* like upanayana are not to be performed on them. The mystic syllable 'om' is said by Āp Dh S (I 4 13 6) to be the door to heaven and was to be employed before the recitation of any Vedic passage. The Yogasūtra (I 27) avers that *om* (called *pranava*) is expressive of the idea of God and that the repetition of *om* and revolving the meaning of it in the mind lead to concentration.<sup>118</sup>

Not only were certain Vedic hymns and passages recommended for recitation with the object of removing sins some works, particularly the Purāṇas, proposed an easy way for all viz. that the remembrance of God Nārāyaṇa (or Hari or Kṛṣṇa) removed all sins. The Brahmapurāṇa (chap. 176) contains a stotra (hymn of praise) of Viṣṇu, which when recited is said to free a man from all sins (mental, vocal or bodily). The Pr. V. p 31 quotes a verse from the Bhaviṣyapurāṇa<sup>118a</sup> and three verses from the Viṣṇupurāṇa as follows.—'even a great sin is removed by (the resolve of) not doing it again, by gifts, by confessing it to others, and by meditation (on Viṣṇu) and not only by *prāyaścittas*' (Bhaviṣya); 'of all the expiations (for sins declared by the sages) such as *tapas* (Cāndrāyana and others) and other actions (*japa*, *homa*, *gifts*) the meditation on

117 अशुश्रूतोल्लस्य नमस्कारो मन्त्रः । पाकयज्ञी स्वयं यजेतेत्येके । गी X 66-67, on which हरदत्त comments 'अस्य श्रद्धस्य वैश्वदेवादियु तत्तद् देवतापदं चतुर्थ्यन्त मनसा व्याख्या नमो नम इत्येव रूपो मन्त्रोऽशुश्रूतो धर्मज्ञः ; नमस्कारेण मन्त्रेण पञ्चयज्ञाच्च हापयेत् ॥ यः I 121 Vide H of Dh. vol II p 158 note 371 for further details मनु X 41 says that all pratilomas are like śūdras

118. ओङ्कार स्वर्गद्वार तस्माद् ब्रह्माभ्येष्ट्यमाण एतदादि प्रतिपद्येत । आप. ध. सू. I 4 13.6, 'तस्य वाचक प्रणवः । तज्जपस्तदर्थभावनाम् । योगसूत्र I. 27-28, वाचस्पति comments: प्रणवस्य जप प्रणवामिधेयस्य चेश्वरस्य भावनम् । तदस्य योगिनः प्रणवं जपत. प्रणवार्थं च भावयतश्चित्तमेकाग्रं सम्यधति ।

118a भविष्यपुराणम् । अगुन करणास्यागात्स्वयापनाद्दुश्चित्तनात् । व्यपेति महद्व्येनः प्रायश्चित्तैर्न केवलम् ॥ विष्णुपुराणम् । प्रायश्चित्तान्यशेषाणि तप कर्मात्मकानि वै । यानि तेषाम-  
शेषाणां कृष्णाहस्मरण परम् ॥ प्रातर्निशि तथा सन्ध्यामध्याह्नादियु संस्मरन् । नारायणमवाप्नोति  
सद्य पापक्षय नर ॥ प्राय वि p 31 The verse प्रायश्चि. परम् is विष्णुपुराण II 6.39.  
The verse प्रातर्निशि is q by अपराजित p 1232 and by प्राय तत्र also (p. 524)  
The two verses are also respectively ब्रह्मपुराण 22 37 and 39.

Kṛṣṇa is the highest. If a man remembers Nārāyaṇa in the morning, at night, at twilight, at midday and the like, he at once secures the removal of sin' (Viṣṇupurāṇa). The Brahma-purāṇa<sup>119</sup> (216. 87-88) gives expression to a popular belief as follows:—"Men, even after committing sins many times through folly, do not go to Hell if they prostrate themselves before Hari who destroys all sins. Those men also who always remember Janārdana even by roguery go to the world of Viṣṇu after death." The Viṣṇupurāṇa affirms that those who contemplate upon the mantra of twelve letters (viz. 'om namo bhagavate Vāsudevāya') do not return to the cycle of births and deaths. The great power of mantras is mentioned in the Ādiparva (161. 14) by Kuntī. The Nṛsiṃha-purāṇa in chap. 18 eulogises the mantra of eight letters (om namo Nārāyaṇāya) and chap. 63.6, states "what is the use of many mantras and the performance of many *vratas*, when the mantra 'om namo Nārāyaṇāya' is capable of securing all desired objects". The mantra of five letters 'namah Śivāya' is dealt with in Lingapurāṇa (pūrvārdha, chap. 85) and Saurapurāṇa 65. Brahma-purāṇa speaks of *vaidika* mantras and *āgamokta* mantras (41. 63). The Nityācāra-paddhati (p. 67) says that it is necessary to understand the meaning of vedic mantras in śrauta rites but in smārta rites it is not so.

*Dāna* (gifts). Gaut. XIX. 16 provides<sup>120</sup> that gold, a cow, a dress, a horse, land, sesamum, clarified butter and food are the gifts (that destroy sin) and may be optionally undergone as penance if no express mention is made thereof. Vas. quotes several verses on gifts one of which (29. 16) states: "whatever sin a man distressed for livelihood commits he is purified from that by giving land even if it be as small in extent as 'gocarma'"<sup>121</sup>. Viṣṇu Dh S. 92.4 is to the same effect. Samvarta<sup>122</sup> (204) prescribes that the gifts of gold, cow and land

119. कृत्वापि बहुश पाप नरा मोहसमन्विताः ॥ न यान्ति नरकं नत्वा सर्वपापहर हरिम् ॥ शांतेनापि नरा नित्यं ये स्मरन्ति जनार्दनम् । तेषां यान्ति तद्धं त्यक्त्वा विष्णुलोकमनामयम् ॥ ब्रह्मपुरा 216.87-88: अद्यापि न निवर्तन्ते द्वादशाक्षरचिन्तका । विष्णुपुराण I. 6.39.

120. हिरण्यं गौर्वातोऽथवा भूमिस्तिला वृतमन्नामिति देयानि । एतान्येवानादेशे विकल्पेन क्रियेत् । गौ 19.16 and 18

121. अथाष्टुदाहरन्ति । यात्किञ्चित्कुशले पापं पुरुषो वृत्तिकर्षितः । अपि गोचर्ममात्रेण भूमिदानेन क्षुध्यति ॥ वसिष्ठ 29.16. For the meaning of गोचर्म, vide H. of Dh vol. III. p. 432, n. 718.

122. सुवर्णदानं गोदानं भूमिदानं तथैव च । नाशयन्त्याहुः पापानि अन्यजन्मकृतान्यपि ॥ सर्वत्र 204 q by आय. तत्त्व p. 483 (which reads 'महापातकजान्यपि at the end'). हिंसायां दानमेव मुख्यमित्युक्तं भविष्ये । हिंसात्मकानां सर्वेषां कीर्तितानां मनीषिभिः । प्रायः श्रितकदम्बानां दानं प्रथममुच्यते ॥ प्रा. प्रकाश (folio 86a).

quickly destroy sins even if committed in former lives Medhātithi (on Manu XI, 139) remarks that the verse implies that as to sins arising from injury to living beings gifts are the principal expiations. The subject of *dāna* has been dealt with at length in H. of Dh vol II pp. 837-888. A few further remarks may be made here. In many inscriptions and copperplate grants of lands or villages the donor usually states that the grant is made for the increase of the merit of himself and of his parents (e g. E. I vol. XI, p. 219 at p 221). Brhaspati<sup>123</sup> as quoted in the Madanaratna (vyavahāra p 66) expressly provides that in land-grants the king should state that he made the gift for securing merit to his parents and to himself<sup>124</sup>. The Rājataranginī (I 143)<sup>125</sup> refers to the founding of *vihāras* (monasteries).

*Upavāsa* (fasting). Fasting strictly means total abstinence from food and drink, but generally it means light diet restricted in quantity and also as regards the nature of the articles taken. Even the Tai S. (I 6, 7 3-4) refers<sup>126</sup> to three ways of observing *vrata* on the days of the *Daśāpūrṇamāsa*-*śi* either by subsisting only on food available in the village or on forest food or partaking of no food at all. Gaut 19 11 includes *upavāsa* among the several means of removing sins. *Tapas* is also one of such means acc. to him. But in Gaut, 19 15 as stated above, Gaut includes fasting (*anūśaka*) among 'tapāmsi'.

123. दत्त्वा भूम्यादिकं राजा तत्प्रपद्ये पदेऽथवा । ज्ञातनं कारयेद्धर्म्यं स्थानवन्द्यादिसंयुतम् । मातृपित्रोरामनश्च पुण्यायास्तु कस्तनवे । दत्तं मयास्तु कायाय दानं सन्नद्धचारिणे ॥ बृह. in मदनरत्न p. 66 on व्यवहार

124. In Europe the same practice prevailed in the middle ages, 'The founder (of monasteries) constantly tells us that this sacrifice is made for the atonement of his own sins and those of his progenitors and kinsfolk' G. G. Coulton in 'Five centuries of Religion' (1936) vol III p. 27. Redemption of sin by monetary payments or by leaving property to the churches and monasteries was a very firm belief in the Middle Ages in Christian countries, so much so that men who had earned properties made large gifts to the church when the prospect of death was near and vast estates accumulated in the hands of churchmen, which led to the passing of the Statute of Mortmain in England.

125. तस्मिन् कृते न जायेत निहारच्छेदवैशसम् । तस्य तत्परकाणां च मायाश्चित कृत भवेत् ॥ राजतरङ्गिणी I, 143.

126. यद्वाग्म्यास्तु पवसति तेन वाग्म्यानवरुध्ये यद्वाग्म्यस्याश्नाति तेन वाग्म्यान् यद्वान्वाग्म्यपवसेत् पितृदेवस्य स्यात् । तै. स. I, 6, 7, 3.



Haradatta explains *upavāsa*<sup>187</sup> as giving up the eating of boiled rice (*bhaktatyāga*) and adds that *upavāsa* is again included under *tapāmsi* to show the great importance attached to it. Haradatta notes that a predecessor of his relying on a Purāṇa passage explained *upavāsa* in Gaut. 19.11 as 'restraint of senses'. In many of the Grhya sūtras *upavāsa* means only eating light food prepared from corn usable in sacrifices (such as rice) once in the day excluding vegetables, māsa (pulse), salt and flesh (compare Gobhila gr. I. 5.26, Khādīra gr II 1.4 and 6, Kauśika-sūtra I. 31-32, Kāthakagrhya 46.2<sup>128</sup>). The Br. Up IV. 4. 22 closely associates 'anāsaka' (fasting) with *tapas* as a means to the mystic realisation of the Supreme Soul<sup>129</sup>. Jaimini (III. 8. 9-11) appears to regard fasting as *tapas*<sup>130</sup>. Manu XI 203 (= Visnu Dh. S. 54.29) provides that fasting (for a day) is the penance for omitting the rites ordained by the Veda (such as the Darśapūrnāmāsa sacrifice and the performance of *sandhyā* adoration) and for neglecting the special duties of a *snātaka* (laid down in Manu IV. 34 ff). When a person was observing a fast he had to avoid doing certain other actions. Acc to Devala a fast becomes bereft of its good results by drinking water often, by chewing *tāmbūla* by sleep in the day-time and by sexual intercourse<sup>131</sup>; but the Garuḍapurāṇa I. 128.6 and Bhaviṣya-purāṇa (I. 184.27) allow even when one is fasting the use of flowers, ornaments, rich clothes, garlands, unguents, applying collyrium to the eye and the cleansing of teeth. Dakṣa quoted by the Par M states that if a man observes a fast for the day and night on the day on which the sun first turns towards the

127. उपवासो भक्त्याग । स एव तप स्वपि पुन पठते आदरव्यापनार्थम् । अपर आह । निष्कपणेषु पठित उपवास इन्द्रियनिग्रह । व्यावृत्तस्यैव दोषेभ्यो यस्तु वासो युगे सह । उपवासं तमाहस्तु न शरीरस्य शोषणात् ॥ इति पुराणे दर्शनादिति । हरदत्त on गौ 19. 11. The स्मृतिच० II p 355 attributes the verse to व्यास and it and अपराकं p. 199 read it as उपावृत्तस्य पापेभ्यो ..सर्वभोगविवाजित . मा. प्रकाश. (folio 44a) reads as अपराकं does and says it is taken from अग्निपुराण.

128 काठकयुद्ध 46 2 is औपवर्चं श्रुत्वा and the com of देवपाल says उपवस्तु-रशनमौपवर्चं तत्पुनर्वर्त्य हविष्माक शकमावलवणमांसवर्जम् । व्रीहियवपयोधृतमभूतिभिर्धुक्त्वा ।

129. स वा पप महानज आत्मा...तमेतं वेदाख्यवचनेन ब्राह्मणा विविद्विषन्ति यज्ञेन दानेन तपसाऽनाशनेन । बृह. उ. IV. 4. 22. Vide शाङ्करभाष्य on वेदान्तसूत्र III 4.26 and 33 for the explanation of this Up passage.

130 तपश्च फलसिद्धिर्वाह्योक्तम् । जै. III. 8. 9. शबर 'तपः श्रयते द्व्यहं नाशनाति द्व्यह नाशनाति इति । तत्र सन्देह किमास्ति तप याजमानमिति । याजमानं तप इति ।'

131 असक्तजलपानाच्च ताम्बूलस्य च भक्षणात् । उपवास मनुष्येभ्यः दिवा स्वापाञ्च मैथुनात् ॥ देवल 9. by अपराकं p. 199. स्मृतिच० II. p. 355. The गरुडपुराण (I. 128. 7-8) has almost the same verse.

north or south, or on the Visuva day (day of equinox), and on an eclipse of the sun or the moon and bathes he is freed from all sins<sup>132</sup>. Manu XI 166 (= Agnipurāṇa 169.31) prescribes a fast for three days as a penance for theft of grass, firewood, tree, dry food (i e. grains of rice), jaggery, clothes, hide and flesh. The Anuśāsanaparva (106 1) remarks<sup>133</sup> that men of all varṇas and even Mlecchas thought highly of fasts and that chapter contains an exaggerated eulogy of fasting. Almost all religions (except Zoroastrianism) such as the Hebrew, Christian (in Lent) and Moslem (in Ramjan) emphasize the necessity of fasting as a discipline or as a preparation for penitence. The Bhaviṣya-purāṇa (I, chap 16.12-14) states that those who have not kindled sacred fires can please the gods by *vratas*, restraints, gifts and particularly by *upavāsas* and points out (verses 18-22) what substances (eatables) should be given up from the first to the 15th *tithi* in each fortnight. In the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa and the śrauta and grhya sūtras the word upavasatha is used in the sense of 'upavāsa' and is derived from 'vas' (to dwell) with 'upa'. Vide H of Dh. vol II p 1010 and n 2276 for the Śat Br. The Khādira gr II 1 4, Gobhila gr I 6 2, Kauśika-sūtra I 31 employ the word upavasatha. Āp Dh S. II 1 1 4-5 prescribe an upavāsa for husband and wife on *parvan* days and if they cannot totally abstain from food they should eat only once by day food proper for upavāsa. Aparārka p. 199, Smr C (śrāddha p 355) and Kṛtya-ratnākara quote a verse from Vyāsa deriving the word upavāsa<sup>133a</sup>. The Āp Dh S. II 5 9-13, Baud. Dh II 7 32, Vas 6 21 and Śān gr. II 16 5 have the same verse viz. 'an āhitāgni, a draught ox and brahmacārin, these three fulfill (their work) by eating, they cannot fulfill their duties by non-eating'. This is explained as not applying to *prāyaścittas* (Baud. Dh Ś II 7 34) and to fasts on Ekādaśī. The Śāntiparva 323 17 states 'Just as a dirty garment is afterwards cleansed by water, so to those who are heated in (the fire of) fasting inexhaustible happiness for a long time comes.' Śānti 79 18, however, says 'merely emaciating the body by fasting is not *tapas*, but *ahimsā*, truthfulness, freedom from cruelty, restraint and compassion are *tapas*'.

132. अयने विषुवे चैव चन्द्रसूर्यग्रहे तथा । अहोरात्रोपित स्नात्वा सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥  
बृहत् प. by परा मा I 1 p 438.

133. सर्वेषामेव वर्णानां श्लेच्छानां च पितामह । उपवासे मतिरियं कारणं च न विग्रहे ॥  
अनुशासन 166 1.

133a 'उपावृत्तस्य पापिभ्यो यस्तु वासो ह्यग्रे । सह । उपवासः स विज्ञेयः सर्वभोगविवर्जितः'  
अपरार्क p. 199. ह्यग्रे means 'क्षमादिभिः,' and वास. means 'नियमेनावस्थानम्.'

*Tirthayātrā*:—Pilgrimage will be dealt with exhaustively in a later section. It was believed that going on a pilgrimage and bathing in such holy rivers as the Ganges freed a man from sins. Visnu Dh. S. (35.6) lays down that those guilty of *mahāpātakas* may become pure by Āśvamedha sacrifice or by visiting all the sacred places on the earth. Devala says that a man removes the consequences of such grave sins as the murder of a brāhmana that he may have committed unintentionally by the performance of great sacrifices or by going on a pilgrimage. Parāśara (XII. 58 ff) prescribes<sup>134</sup> pilgrimage to see Rāma's bridge to Lankā for a murderer of a brāhmana who has studied the four Vedas. Devala states: 'a man becomes freed from sin by approaching holy places and shrines, brāhmanas that practise austerities, that all rivers that fall into the ocean, all great mountains, all shrines and all forests are holy.' The Matsyapurāna (184.18) says that a heap of sins as big as the mountain Meru or Mandara becomes destroyed when man reaches Avimukta (Benares). The Kūmapurāna<sup>135</sup> (pūrvārdha 29.3) says 'I do not see any other expiation for destroying all sins in the Kaliyuga for all beings except Benares'. Even in the times of the Peshwas of Poona pilgrimage was prescribed for brāhmana murder (vide 'Selections from Peshwa Records,' vol. 43 p. 107) and the brāhmanas were ordered that after the sinner performed the penance they were to dine with him and recognize that he had been purified. In an order dated śake 1659 (1737 AD) the Peshwa Bajirao the first informs the Deshmukhas, Deshpandes and Mukadams that four brothers named Zende approached him with the story that their father was born when their paternal grandmother lived with one Pilaji Zende after she became a widow and that she intended to remarry that man but that had to be postponed owing to famine, that the caste meeting were prepared to take them into the

134 चातुर्विंशोपपक्षे तु विधये ब्रह्मयातके । सद्युद्धसेतुगमनं प्रायश्चित्तं विनिर्दिशेत् ॥ पराशर XII 58 q. by अपरार्क p. 1061, ग्रन्थ. वि. p. 45. The प्रा प्रकाश (folio 66 a and b) remarks. 'ब्रह्महत्याव्रतमुपक्रम्य भविष्यपुराणे । विन्ध्यादुत्तरती यस्य निवासः परिकीर्तितः । पराशरमते तस्य सेतुबन्धस्य दर्शनम् ॥ इति । ..अथ च विन्ध्योत्तरवर्तिनः षष्ठ्यधिकशतत्रययोजनगमनेन तावत्संख्याकमाजापत्यापनोद्यद्ब्रह्महत्यापनोदोकेरसीर्थादुक्तेः कैकेयोजनयमनरपैकेकमाजापत्यदुलपत्यमर्थादुक्तं भवति ॥'.

135. नान्यत्यदयामि जन्तूना मुक्ता वाराणसीं पुरीम् । सर्वपापशमनं प्रायश्चित्तं कलौ युगे ॥ कूर्मपुराण (पूर्वार्ध 29.3) q. by परा. मा II, 2 p. 162; अभिसंगम्य तीर्थानि पुण्यान्पायतमानि च । नरः पापान्मुच्येत ब्राह्मणांश्च तपस्विनः ॥ सर्वैः सद्युद्धगाः पुण्याः सर्वे पुण्या नगोत्तमाः । सर्वमायतनं पुण्यं सर्वे पुण्या वनाश्रया ॥ देवल q. by परा. मा II, 2 p. 201, मा. प्रकाश folio 66 b.

caste and hold them pure if a Government order was issued. Then the Peshwa issued an order that they should go to Tulapur on the banks of the Bhīmā river and that they and their male progeny together with their wives should be restored back to the caste and complete association with them as to taking food and marriage be carried on with them from generation to generation.<sup>136</sup> The Pr. Prakāśa quotes a verse from the Bhavisya-purāṇa about the penance for brāhmaṇa murder to the effect that for him who dwells to the north of the Vindhya mountain Parāśara prescribes the sight of Setubandha as a penance and then remarks that a man from the north of Vindhya has to travel 360 yojanas to reach Setubandha and that since 360 Prājāpatya penances are declared to be enough to remove the sin of brahmahatyā, it impliedly follows that each yojana towards a tīrtha is equal to one Prājāpatya. The Smṛtyar-thasāra (pp. 149-150) quotes several verses from the Purāṇas stating that gods like Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva, great sages like Bṛghu, Vasistha and Viśvāmitra, great kings like Hariscandra, Nala, Sagara obtained greatness by means of tīrthas and that Pāṇḍavas, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Nārada, Vyāsa and other sages engaged in pilgrimages for securing kingdoms and for removal of evil fortune. This subject of *tīrthas* will be dealt with at length in a separate section.

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136. Vide राजवट्टे खण्ड 6 letter 113 p 225

## CHAPTER III

### PRĀYAŚCITTA; ITS ORIGIN, DERIVATION AND MEANING

It is now necessary to turn to *prāyaścittas* as removers of sin. A number of subjects will fall to be treated here.

First, an attempt must be made to understand the etymology and meaning of the word 'prāyaścitta' in ancient times. There are two forms of the word, *prāyaścitti* and *prāyaścitta*, which occur in Vedic works without distinction of meaning and both forms are fairly old, though *prāyaścitti* appears to be the older of the two. The form *prāyaścitti* frequently occurs in the *Tai. S.* (as in II. 1.2.4, II. 1.4.1, III. 1.3.2-3, V. 1.9.3, V. 3.12.1)<sup>136</sup>. In some of these passages no question of sin arises. The word means 'doing some thing which would get rid of some accidental happening or mishap such as the breaking of an *ukhā* (a pot or saucepan for boiling or cooking) or the sun's losing its brilliance.' In *Tai. S.* V. 3.12.1 the word is used in the sense of an expiation for a sin. So even in very old books the word had two shades of meaning. The *Kausītaki*<sup>137</sup> Br. (vi. 12) states: "they say 'whatever mistake or excess occurs in the sacrifice that affects the priest *brahmā*, that he treats with the three-fold learning (i. e. the three Vedas)". The word also occurs in the *Atharvaveda* XIV. 1.30, *Vāj. S.* 39.12 (in close proximity to *niskṛti*), in the *Ait. Br.* V. 27, in the *Śat. Br.* IV. 5.7.1, VII. 1.4.9, XI. 5.3.8, XII. 4.1.6 and in other works also. The form *prāyaścitta* occurs in *Kausītaki Br.* V. 9, VI. 12 and elsewhere. The *Āśv. Śr.* III. 10.38 and *Sāṅkhayana Śr.* III. 19.1 respectively employ the words *prāyaścitti* and *prāyaścitta*<sup>138</sup>. In *Pār. gr.* I.

136 a अस्तवादिभ्यो न व्यरोचत तस्मै देवा. प्रायश्चित्तिमैच्छन् । ते. सं. II. 1.2.4, II. 1.4.1; यदि निधेत तैरेव कपालः संघर्जेत्सैव ततः प्रायश्चित्ति । ते सं. V. 1.9.3, एष वै मज्जापानं सर्वं करोति योऽश्वमेधेन यजते सर्व एव भवति सर्वस्य वा एषा प्रायश्चित्ति सर्वस्य भवजम् । ते सं. V. 3.12.1

137 यद्वै पञ्चाक्षरं स्वलिप्तं बोल्लवणं वा भवति ब्रह्मण एव तत्पादुस्तन् अज्या विद्यया भिषज्याति । कौषीतकि ब्रा. VI. 12.

138. विध्यपराधे प्रायश्चित्तिः । आश्व औ. III. 10, विध्यपराधे प्रायश्चित्त् । अथर्लोपे प्रतिनिधि । शौ औ. III. 19.1; विध्यपराधे प्रायश्चित्तं दोषनिघातार्थं विधीयतेऽनाज्ञाते विशेषे ध्यानं नारायणस्य सज्जपेज्याहोमाश्च हननाथेति । वैखानसश्रौतसूत्र 20.1 (ed by (Continued on the next page)

10 the form 'prāyaścitti' is employed. Jai. in several places employs the word *prāyaścitta* (as in VI 37, VI 4.10, VI 5.45 and 49, XII 3.16). Śābara<sup>139</sup> on the last sūtra (XII 3.16) explains that the *prāyaścittas* (in the Śruti texts) are of two kinds, viz some are meant to make good the defect in the procedure and materials of sacrifice which arises or befalls through some neglect or heedlessness, while others are subsidiary parts of a rite when an occasion arises i.e. they are undertaken to atone for not doing what is ordained or doing something which is forbidden (e.g. non-performance of daily Agnihotra even though the sun rises). The Śat. Br.<sup>140</sup> XII 4 and Ait. Br. 32.2-11 provide some interesting and amusing examples of the mishaps for which *prāyaścittas* are provided e.g. when a vicious boar, ram or dog runs between the sacrificial fires, or if Agnihotra milk gets spilled while the cow is being milked or if the milk pot is turned upside down or if it were to break or if the cow were to lie down while being milked, or if the fire were to go out after the first libation is offered etc. Vide also Mānava-grhya I 3, Hir. gr. I 5.1-16, Bhāradvāja gr. II 32, Kauśika-sūtra 46.14-55, Āśv. Śr. III 10 and Āśv. gr. III 6-7 for similar occurrences and *prāyaścittas*. The Mahābhāṣya on Pān. VI 1.157 explains<sup>141</sup> both *prāyaścitti* and *prāyaścitta* on the analogy of the word *Pāraskara*. *Prāyaścittas* may be said to be, in the language of the Mīmāṃsā, either *krativartha* or *purusartha*. The former are prescribed in the Śrautasūtras. It is the latter kind of *prāyaścittas* that are generally dealt with in Smṛti works on *prāyaścitta*. In this work the *prāyaścittas* mentioned in Śrauta

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Caland). The com. Nārāyaṇa explains अन्व औ III. 10 as follows विहितस्याकरणेऽन्यथाकरणे च प्रायश्चित्तिः कर्तव्या । प्रायो विनाशं चित्तिं सन्धानम् । विनष्टसन्धानं प्रायश्चित्तिरित्युक्तं भवति ।

139. 'प्रायश्चित्तानि द्विप्रकाराणि । कानिचिद्देश्यस्य प्रमादादापतितस्य समाधानार्थानि कानिचिन्निमित्ते कर्माङ्गानि । तत्र समाधानार्थानि यथा यदुक्तं यज्ञं आपत्तिमियात् भू स्नाहेति गार्हपत्ये जुहुयात् । शबर on जै XII. 3.16, 'यानि तु न दोषनिर्घातार्थानि तेषु समुच्चय । कानि पुनस्तानि यानि श्रुतस्याक्रियया प्रतिषिद्धसेवनानि तान्मुच्यन्ते । यथा यस्याहतमाग्निहोत्रं स्वयंऽभ्युदियान्मैत्रं चरुं निर्वपेत् सौर्यमेककपालम् । शबर on जै XII. 3.17 Compare आप औ IX 1.1 श्रुतिलक्षण प्रायश्चित्तिं विध्यपराधे विधीयते । 'जपो होम इत्या च । दोषनिर्घातार्थानि भवन्ति ।

140 यस्याग्निहोत्रं दोषमानं कन्देत् किं तत्र कर्म का प्रायश्चित्तिरिति । शतपथ XII. 4.1.6

141 प्रायस्य चित्तिचित्तयोः । महाभाष्य on 'पारस्करमधुतीनि च सज्ञायाम्' । पा. VI 1.157 (ed. by Kriehorn, vol III p. 96)

works are passed over, as they have either been mentioned in vol. II. or were of rare occurrence even in olden days.

Most digests and commentaries derive the word *prāyaścitta* relying on a verse (attributed to Angiras<sup>142</sup> by some) from *prāya* (meaning 'tapas') and *citta* (meaning resolve or firm belief), the idea being that *prāyaścittas* are so called because of their association with or emergence from a resolve to undergo *tapas* or because of the firm belief that it will be a means of the removal of sin. Various other derivations are suggested by some writers. The Bālabhāṭṭi<sup>143</sup> on Yaj. III. 206 quotes a half verse to the effect that 'prāya' means 'sin' and 'citta' means 'purification', which had been quoted by Paksadharamiśra<sup>144</sup>, Bhaktūpādhyāya and the Tadarānanda, but the Pr. M. (p. 2) says that the source or authenticity of that verse is doubtful. Hemādri refers to an unnamed bhāṣyakāra's explanation viz. 'prāya' means 'destruction' and 'citta' means 'joining together' and *prāyaścitta* means the making good what is lost and that the word denotes a *naumittika* action on sin.

The Par. M. quotes a *smṛti* text<sup>145</sup> and says that that is *prāyaścitta* whereby the 'citta' (the mind) of a repentant sinner is made generally (*prāyaśah*) free (from emotion i. e. brought to a normal state) by the *parsad* (assembly of learned brāhmanas). Here 'prāyah' seems to be taken as equal to 'prāyaśah' and 'citta' has its usual sense. In Sāyana's<sup>146</sup> comment on the

142 प्रायो नाम तप मोक्तं चित्तं निश्चय उच्यते । तपोनिश्चयसंयोगात्प्रायश्चित्तमिति स्मृतम् ॥ अङ्गिरस्य acc to हरदत्त on गौ. 22.1., प्राय वि. p 2 (० निश्चयसंयुक्तं). मत्सरि on गौ. 19.20 quotes व्यास प्रायो ...चित्तं संयम उच्यते । तप संयमसंयुक्तं, while प्राय प्रकरण p. 8 reads चित्तं नियम उच्यते.

143 तदुक्तम् । प्राय. पापं विनिर्दिष्टं चित्तं तस्य विशेषणम् । इति । चतुर्विंशतिमते ऽ-  
ध्यायेत् । तथा पापनिवर्तनक्षमधर्मविशेषे योगरूढोऽयं शब्द इति तत्त्वम् । बालम्भट्टी on या.  
III. 206.

144. यत्तु पक्षधरमिभ्रभक्तूपाध्यायडोढरानन्दकृत —प्राय. पापं विजातीयचित्तं तस्य  
विशोधनमिति च पेटुस्तत्राकारश्चिन्त्य । प्राय. म. p. 2, भाष्यकारस्तु प्रायो विनाश. चित्तं  
सन्धान विनष्टस्य सन्धानमिति विभागयोगेन प्रायश्चित्तशब्द पापक्षयार्थं नैमित्तिके कर्मविशेषे  
वर्तते । हेमाद्रि (on प्राय०) p, 989.

145. प्रायश्चर्यं समं चित्तं चारयित्वा प्रदीयते । पर्यदा कार्यते यत्तु प्रायश्चित्तमिति  
स्मृतम् । पापिनीयतापिनश्च चित्तं व्याकुलं सत् विषमं भवति तच्च पर्यदा येन व्रताच्छ्रद्धा  
प्रायश्चर्यस्य समं कार्यते तद्वत्तं प्रायश्चित्तम् । व्रतं चारयित्वा चित्तवैषम्यानिमित्तं पापं प्रदीयते  
रूपवत्ते विनाश्यते इत्यर्थः । परा. मा. II part 1 p. 3.

146. अयं अयः प्राप्तिः प्रकर्षणाय. प्रायः । विहितधर्माकरणस्य प्राप्तिरित्यर्थः । तत्प्रकार-  
विषयं चित्तं चित्तिर्ज्ञानम् । तत्पूर्वकाच्छ्रद्धानानि प्रायश्चित्तानि । com. on सामविधानभा.  
I. 5.1.

Sāmavidhāna Br I 51 another derivation is suggested viz that 'prāyah' is composed of two parts 'pra' and 'ayah' and means 'happening or finding' (of the non-performance of what is ordained) and 'citta' means 'knowledge'; and so religious observances after knowing a certain happening are called prāyaścittas. The Pr Vi p 3 and Pr. Tattva p 467 quote Hārita and give<sup>147</sup> yet another derivation (from 'prayata' pure and 'cita' collected), in accordance with which 'prāyaścitta' means such actions as *tapas*, gifts and sacrifices whereby a man becomes purified (*prayata*) and destroys his accumulated sins ('cita' being equal to 'upacita'), just as clothes are made clean by the employment of salts, moist heat, putting in boiling water on a fire, and washing in water. Hence, as the Mit says, the word prāyaścitta conventionally<sup>148</sup> denotes a certain act or rite of the *naumittika* type (since it takes place only when an occasion arises) intended for the destruction of sin (and therefore being desired for removal of sin it may also be called *kāmya*). The Par. M quotes verses from Brhaspati's<sup>149</sup> work of which the section on prāyaścitta holds at the beginning and at the conclusion thereof that prāyaścitta is *naumittika*<sup>150</sup> (to be performed when a cause

147 तत्र हारीत । प्रयतत्वाद्वाचितमशुभं कर्म नाशयतीति प्रायश्चित्तमिति । यत्प-  
प्रयत्नं कर्म उपचितं सञ्चितमशुभं पापं नाशयतीति । कृततत्कर्मभिः कर्तुं प्रयतत्वाद्वा । शुद्धत्वा-  
देव तत्प्रायश्चित्तम् । तथा च शुनहरीत । यथा शारोपस्तेदच्छण्डनिर्णोदनप्रक्षालनादि-  
भिर्वासांसि शुद्ध्यन्ति एवं तपोदानयज्ञैः पापकृतः शुद्धियुष्यन्ति । प्राय तत्र p 467, vide  
also प्राय. वि. p. 3 for the first sūtra and p. 17 for the rest of the passage of  
हारीत. The मद्. पा. p 703 quotes the passage from यथा शारोप. मद् पा p 704  
explains चण्डनिर्णोदन as 'बुल्लचधिश्चयणादिना तत्क्लेदनम्' and मा प्रकाश (folio 9a)  
'चण्ड अग्नि. निर्णोदनं तस्मिन्नाधिभयणं क्लेदनमिति'.

148 प्रायश्चित्तज्ञान्दश्वाय पापक्षयार्थं नैमित्तिके कर्मविशेषे रूढः । मित्ता on या. III  
220, which is q by स्मृतिशु (प्राय.) p 859, परा मा II part 1 p. 3

149 तथा च बृहस्पतिः प्रायश्चित्तप्रकरणस्योपक्रमोपसंहारयोः नैमित्तिकत्वं दर्शयति ।  
नैमित्तिकं धर्मजातं गदती मे निबोधत । विहितस्यानष्टानात् प्रतिषिद्धनिषेवणात् । प्रायश्चित्त-  
यत्किंयते तन्नैमित्तिकमुच्यते । इत्युपक्रमः । नैमित्तिकं समाख्यातं प्रायश्चित्तं समासतः ।  
इत्युपसंहारश्च । परा मा. II part 1 p. 7, also in बालम्भडी on या III 206 and  
प्राय प्रकाश folio 7 b तथा च जाबालः । अतः काम्यं नैमित्तिकं च प्रायश्चित्तमिति स्थितिः,  
मा प्रकाश folio 8a.

150 Actions are divided into three kinds, *niitya*, *naumittika* and  
*kāmya*. *Niitya* acts are those like *sandhyā-vandana* (which are obligatory  
and performed daily as a duty and which if not performed lead to sinful-  
ness), *naumittika* are those acts which have to be done only on some occasion  
(as a bath on an eclipse) and *kāmya* rites are those which are performed out  
of a desire to secure some object (as the sacrifice called *putresti* for a son).  
Manu in XI 53 says 'therefore (because of the remnants of the guilt of



or occasion arises), Jābala q in the Pr. Prakāśa holds that *prāyaścitta* partakes of the nature of both *naimittika* and *kāmya* actions. The Pr. Prakāśa finds fault with the definitions of *prāyaścitta* proposed by the Kalpataru, Śūlapāni and others and ultimately arrives at the conclusion that those alone are *prāyaścittas* which are so spoken of by the learned, just as on Jaimini II.1.32 (tac-codakesu mantrākhyā) Bhattācārya explains that mantras are those which the respectable *ṛājñikas* and those who studied the Vedas so designate<sup>150a</sup>

Sins as stated by Brhaspati<sup>151</sup> and others are of two kinds, viz. intentionally committed and unintentionally committed.

Great divergence of views has prevailed from very ancient times as to whether *prāyaścittas* can destroy sins intentionally committed Manu XI. 45 and Yaj. III. 226 are positive that sins committed unintentionally are destroyed by *prāyaścittas* or by the study of the Veda. The difficulty arises about sins committed intentionally or with full knowledge. Gaut. (19. 3-6 = Vas. 22. 2-5) states two views,<sup>151a</sup> one holding that *prāyaścitta* should not be performed since deeds (here sinful deeds) are not destroyed (except by experiencing the consequences thereof), the other view holding that *prāyaścitta* should be per-

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crimes in former lives men are born blind or idiots &c.) penances must always be performed for the sake of purification, because those whose sins have not been expiated are born with disgraceful marks.' Though Manu employs the word 'nityam' here, what is meant is that when a sin is committed, a *prāyaścitta* must necessarily be performed and it is not left to the volition of the sinner whether to perform it or not. Vide Mit on Yaj. III. 220. But it does not follow from this that if *prāyaścitta* for removing a sin is not performed, another sin is thereby committed, for in that case there would be *anavasthā* (regressus ad infinitum)

150 a 'यथा भट्टाचार्यैस्तज्जोदकेषु मन्त्राख्येति .. यत्र वैदिकयाज्ञिकानामभियुक्तानां मन्त्र इति प्रसिद्धिः स मन्त्र इति सूत्रात्पर्यं वर्णितमेवाभिहापि यत्राभियुक्तानां प्रायश्चित्त-प्रसिद्धिस्तत्राप्रायश्चित्तमिति लक्षणे मन्त्रयाज्ञवल्क्यवाक्यानां तात्पर्यमुक्तेयम् । folio 76 of Ma. Prakaśa Ms.

151. कामाकामकृतं त्वेवं महापापं द्विधा स्मृतम् । पुरुषापेक्षया चैव निष्कृतिर्द्विविधा स्मृता ॥ बृहस्पति q. by प्राय वि p. 24, परा मा II part 1 p 13 (first half).

151 a तत्र प्रायश्चित्तं कुर्यान्न कुर्यादिति सीमांसन्ते । न कुर्यादित्याहुः । न हि कर्म शीघ्रं इति । कुर्यादित्यपरम् । गो 19.3.6 = वसिष्ठ 22.2-5 (the last being कुर्यादित्येव तस्माच्छ्रुतिनिर्देशनात्) न कुर्यादित्याहुः This is the पूर्वपक्ष view. The सिद्धान्त 18 'कुर्यात्' which is supported by indications derived from vedic passages

formed (for the removal of the effects of sin). The latter relies upon certain indications in Vedic passages. Gaut., relies upon four such passages. The first says "152 'after performing the *punahstoma*<sup>153</sup> one can come back to (become fit for) *soma* sacrifice (i. e. for Vedic rites in general). Another indication is 'after performing *Vrātyastoma* (one becomes fit for Vedic sacrifices).' A third is: 'He, who offers the *Aśvamedha* sacrifice, crosses beyond all sin, beyond *brāhmana* murder'. The fourth is: one should make a person charged with grave sins perform the *Agnistut*. *Vasistha* also (20 1-2) gives expression to the two views about the efficacy of penances.<sup>154</sup> *Manu* XI, 45 (latter half) states, that according to some, *prāyaścittas* may be prescribed for the removal of intentionally committed sins from indications contained in the *Vedas*. It cannot be said that these *Śruti* passages are mere *arthavādas* (i. e. laudatory texts). They must really be taken, though expressed in the form of ordinary *arthavādas*, as laying down (a *vidhī*) that one desirous of destroying his sins should perform *Aśvamedha* and the other sacrifices mentioned. In this case the maxim of *rātrisaṭtra*<sup>155</sup> applies (vide *Jai*, IV, 3, 17-19). There are certain *sattras* (sacrifices extending over more than twelve days) called *Trayo-*

152. पुनः स्तोमेनेष्ट्वा पुनः सवनमायान्तीति विज्ञायते । ब्राह्मस्तोमैश्चेष्ट्वा । तरति सर्वं पाप्मानं तरति ब्रह्महत्यां योऽश्वमेधेन यजेत । अग्निष्टुताभिः स्यमानं याजयेदिति च । गो 19.7-10. वसिष्ठ (22.6) is the same as गो 19.9, while it (22.7) reads इति चाभिज्ञस्तो गोसवनाभिष्टुता यजेत तरति सर्वं is तै. सं V 3 12.2 quoted above and शतपथभा XIII 3 1.1. गोसव and अग्निष्टुत् are different sacrifices. The गोसव is a strange rite, for which vide H. of Dh. vol II p 1213 n. 2644. It is described in तै. ब्रा II, 7.6.

153. The *Punahstoma* is a *śrauta* sacrifice, of the class called *ekāha* (i. e., performed in one day) acc. to *Haradatta*. Vide *Lātyāyana-śrauta* IX 4 and 5 for its efficacy. The *Vrātyastoma* is also an *ekāha*, which was prescribed for those whose *upanayana* was not performed at the proper time (and who had therefore become *patita-sāvitrīka*). *Yāj* I, 38 provides *vrātyastoma* for *patitasāvitrīka*. Vide H. of Dh vol II p 377 and p 385 (for its description from the *Tāndya Brāhmana*). The *Agnistut* is an *ekāha* (vide *Tai Br* II 7 12 and *Āśv Śr* IX, 7 22-25). *Manu* XI 74 prescribes *Aśvamedha*, *Gosava* or *Agnistut* and several other sacrifices for the removal of the grave sin of *brāhmana* murder.

154. अभिसन्धिकृते प्रायश्चित्तमपराधे । अभिसन्धिकृतेऽप्येके । वसिष्ठ 20 1-2.

155. राज्ञी. प्रकृत्य श्रूयते प्रतितिष्ठन्ति ह वा य एता राजीरुपयन्ति । ब्रह्मवर्चस्विनोऽभावाद्भवन्ति य एता उपयन्ति । इति । तत्र सन्देहः । किं ते फलार्थवादा उत फलविधय इति । शबर on जैमिनि IV 3, 17. The second alternative is the सिद्धान्त view.. Vide ताण्ड्यब्राह्मण 23.2,4 for the passage प्रतितिष्ठन्ति.. उपयन्ति ।

daśarātra, Caturdaśarātra and so on. All these are called rātrisattras. With reference to these a Vedic passage says 'those who approach (i. e. perform) these rātrisattras attain stability (long life or super-eminence)'. In the text prescribing the rātrisattras there is no mention of any special reward for performance. Therefore 'stability' (*pratisthā*) contained in the passage must be held to be the reward of the performance of rātrisattras and not mere heaven (which is the reward of all sacrifices for which no special reward is mentioned, according to Jai. IV. 3. 15-16). The same maxim applies to passages like Yāj. III. 226 which say that sin is removed by penances<sup>156</sup>. Medhātithi draws attention to the story in the Tai. S. VI. 2.7 5, Kathaka S. VIII. 5, Ait Br 35.2 that Indra consigned yatis to *śālūrkas* (dogs or wolves) and had to perform the rites called Upahavya to get rid of the sin. Manu states his own opinion in the next verse (XI. 46) that sins committed unintentionally are destroyed by the recitation of Vedic texts and sins committed intentionally through folly are destroyed by various *prāyaścittas*. Yāj. III. 226 (latter half) appears to hold that *prāyaścittas* do not destroy sins intentionally committed, but the sinner undergoing the prescribed penance becomes fit to be associated with other people on account of the texts (laying down the *prāyaścittas*); but Yāj. implies, it seems, that the results of sin intentionally committed (such as Hell and the like) are not got rid of. Manu XI. 189 prohibiting social intercourse with sinners who have not performed penance practically conveys the same idea as that of Yāj. in III. 226 (latter half). Yāj. III. 220 observes that a man guilty of *pātakas* should perform *prāyaścitta* for his own purification (here and in the next world); in this way (i. e. if he performs penance) his inner soul recovers its composure and the people also become satisfied. This verse puts in a nutshell the purposes of *prāyaścittas* as conceived by the *smṛtis*, viz. purging of sin (or purification), the satisfaction of the sinner's mind, admission to intercourse with

156 'युन स्तोमेनेष्ट्वा .. यजेते इति ।...न चेदमर्थवादमात्रम् । अधिकारिविशेषणा-  
काक्षया रात्रिसत्रस्यायेनार्थवादिकफलस्यैव कल्पनाया न्याय्यत्वात् । अतो युक्तं प्रायश्चित्तैर-  
येत्येन इति । मिता on या III 226, vide प्राय वि p 9 and p 18 for similar views  
' अतो रात्रिसत्रस्यायेनार्थवादिकपापक्षयकामिना प्रायश्चित्तं कर्तव्यमिति निर्णीतम् । प्राय. वि  
p. 18. The उपहव्य sacrifice is prescribed for one desirous of prosperity,  
ownership of a village or offspring. Vide कात्या. श्रौ. सू. 22.8.7 'भूतिकामो वा  
ग्रामकामो वा भोजकामो वा उपहव्येन यजेत.'

all people. Chāgaleya<sup>157</sup> holds that *prāyaścittas* free the sinner from the consequences of sins committed unintentionally, but no penance exists which frees a man from the consequences of sins knowingly committed except in the case of *upapātakas* and in suicides or attempts at suicide. The Par. M. (II 1 pp 200-201) cites a verse of Jābali and verses of Devala setting forth the two views about the efficacy of *prāyaścittas*, while it also cites the view of Baudhāyana-smṛti that there is no *prāyaścitta* for sins committed knowingly and the view of Āngiras that the penance is double in the latter case<sup>158</sup>. Āngiras further says that *prāyaścittas* do destroy the sin arising from committing acts that are forbidden and the like, just as the rising sun removes darkness. Manu XI 47 provides: 'A twice-born man having become liable to perform a penance (for a sin), whether he committed it through fate or by some act committed in a former existence, must not have intercourse with virtuous men until he performs the proper penance.' Āp. Dh. S (I 9 24 24-25) provides 'If a man slays a *guru* (father, Vedic teacher &c) or a *brāhmaṇa* who has studied the Veda and finished the ceremonies of a soma sacrifice he shall live according to these very rules (contained in Āp. Dh. S I 9, 24, 10-32) until his last breath. He cannot be purified (of the sin of the murder of a *guru* or learned *brāhmaṇa*) in this life. But his sin is removed (at his death).'<sup>159</sup> It appears to follow from Āpastamba's words that penance ending in death destroys the sin. The same was the view of Āngiras, Yama and others.

157. छागलेयेऽपि । प्रायश्चित्तकानामां कानावर्ता न विद्यते । उपपान्तक एव स्थापयन् ज्ञानोपधाने ॥ अन्वयः । कानावर्ता ज्ञानपूर्वकपापे नरकभोगनिवारकं प्रायश्चित्तं न विद्यते । उपपान्तकान्महानरोन्तु ज्ञानपूर्वकत्वेऽपि स्थापयितुं वेति । आत्महननाद्य विषमज्ञाने कृते यदि जीवनि नदा प्रायश्चित्तं विद्यते यदा मृतत्वेऽपि तद्विषमज्ञाना कर्मव्यभिचयवशात् प्रायश्चित्तं विद्यते इति न विरोधः । ननु. पा. p. 705 The half verse प्रायश्चित्तं विद्यते occurs in परा ना II part 1 p 201

158. अकान्तः कृते पापे प्रायश्चित्तं न कान्तः । स्थानकान्कृते यत् द्विगुणं इद्विगुणं ॥ अङ्गिरश्च q. by परा ना. II part 1 p 201; अस्ति निषिद्धक्रियानर्ण पापं तस्मात्कलं तु प्रायश्चित्तं न । तथा चाङ्गिराः । उद्यम्यद्वयद्वयद्वित्यस्तनः सर्वे व्यपरोहति । वद्वत्कलानामानिष्ठं नर्ष पापं व्यपरोहति । पापं चेदुच्यते कृत्वा कल्याणमभिपद्यते । मुच्यते पातकं सर्वविहासैरपि चन्द्रना ॥ कल्याणं प्रायश्चित्तं । या. वक्राद्य folio 6a.

159. शुभं ह्यस्य आश्रयं वा कर्ममन्त्राग्नेतेनैव विधिनोत्तमादुद्भूताश्चरेत् । नारवा-  
स्मिन्होके अन्वयचिद्विद्यते कल्पं तु निर्हण्यते । आप. य. सू. I 9 24 24-25 Vide also  
आप. य. सू. I 10, 28 18 for the same words ह्यद्वयं gives his own and  
another's interpretation of आप. य. सू. I 9 24 24-25 'अस्मिन्होके जीविते प्रत्या-  
पत्तिः कृद्भिर्मान्नीत्यर्थः । कल्पं तु निर्हण्यते । तस्य उवादिभिः संस्कारादिः कर्मण्य इति भावः ।  
अन्ये तु पूर्वं वृत्तं तद्विद्वदपि नम्यन्ते । अन्वयपत्तिः पुत्रादिभिः उवादिमात्रेण मन्त्र्य इति ।'

In this conflict among the authors of *smṛtis* the solution proposed by the Mit. on Yaj III 226 has been accepted by most medieval writers and is as follows<sup>160</sup>. The potentialities and consequences of sins are twofold, viz those leading to Hell and the others preventing intercourse with members of the society to which the sinner belongs. Therefore, even though a *prāyaścitta* may not be efficacious to prevent the first mentioned consequence (viz fall into Hell), there is nothing improper in *prāyaścitta* being effective in removing the obstacle to association with other people. As to sinful acts that are not *patanīya* (do not cause loss of caste) *prāyaścitta* does destroy such sinfulness as expressly stated by Manu, XI 46. Even as to sins that are *patanīya* and are committed intentionally, if a penance ending in death is undergone as laid down by Manu XI 73, Yaj III 247-248 and Gaut 22, 2-3 for *brāhmana* murder; Manu XI 90-91, Yaj III 253, Gaut 23 1 for drinking *surā*; Gaut 23 8-11, Manu XI 103-104 and Yāj. III 259 for sexual intercourse with the *guru*'s wife; Manu XI 99-100 and Yāj. III 257 for theft of *brāhmana*'s gold; then the sin is destroyed as stated by Āp. Dh S I 9 24 25 and I 10. 28.18 quoted above. When Manu says (in XI 89 latter half) that there is no penance for the sin of slaying a *brāhmana* intentionally, the proper interpretation of this read along with Manu XI 46 quoted above is not that there is total absence of *prāyaścitta* in such a case, but that ordinary *prāyaścittas* (such as those in Manu XI 72) would not do in such a case, but only very heavy ones that would end in death. Medieval digests like the *Prāyaścitta-muktāvali* (folio 32a) hold that according to the *Kalvaṇya* section penance ending in death is forbidden in the case of *brāhmana* sinners and therefore a

160. यत्तु मनुवचनं 'इयं विशुद्धिरदिता' इत्यादि (11 89) तदपीयमिति सर्वनाम-  
परावृष्ट्यादशशायिकादिब्रतचर्याया एव 'कामते...विधीयते' इत्यनेन अतिवेधो न पुनः  
प्रायश्चित्तनाशस्य । मरणान्तिक्रोदः प्रायश्चित्तस्य दर्शितत्वात् ।.. द्वे हि पापस्य शक्ती नरकोत्यादिका  
व्यवहारनिरोधिका चेति । तत्रैतदशक्त्यविनाशोऽपि व्यवहारनिरोधिकाया शक्तेर्विनाशो नाद्युपपन्न-  
स्तत्मात्पापापपननेऽपि व्यवहार्यत्वं नाद्युपपन्नम् । यत्तु मनुवचनं (11 45) 'अकामतः...निदर्शनात्'  
इति तदपि कामकृते प्रायश्चित्तमाप्त्यर्थं न पुनः पापक्षयप्रतिपादनपरम् । अपतनीये पुनः कामकृतेऽपि  
प्रायश्चित्तं पापक्षयो भवत्येव 'अकामतः...पृथग्वै' ॥ इति मनुस्मरणात् (11 46) । पतनी-  
येऽपि कर्मणि कामकृते मरणान्तिकप्रायश्चित्तेषु कल्पपक्षयो भवत्येव फलान्तराभावात् ।  
'नार्यास्मिन्नोक्तैः निहन्त्यते' इत्यापस्तम्बस्मरणात् । मित्ता on या III 226 इन्द्रहारीत IX.  
173 and Yama hold the view that intentional sins are destroyed by penances  
that end in death. 'प्रायश्चित्तैरपैत्येनो यदकार्यकृतं महत् (यदकामकृतं?) । कामतस्तु  
कृतं यत्तु मरणास्तिसिद्धयति ॥ महापातककर्तारश्चत्वारो मतिपूर्वकम् । अग्निं प्राविश्य  
क्षुष्यान्ति स्नात्वा महति वा क्रतौ ॥ यम p by मा. प्रकाश, folio 16 (b), अपराक p. 1039  
reads चत्वारोऽप्यविशेषतः । The words of the mitta are quoted or paraphrased by  
subsequent works such as the *Prāyaścittasāra* (p 4),

brāhmana murderer can only be made to undergo the twelve years' penance.

The Par M. (II part 1 pp 201-203) sets out this view of the Mit and appears to hold it itself. It sets out another view also. Those who hold this latter view read Yāj. III, 226 as 'kāmatosvyavahāryastu' with an *avagraha*. The meaning then is that one who has performed the penance prescribed for a sin does not fall into Hell, but he cannot be allowed to associate with good men (*sistas*) if he is guilty of a wilful sin. There is a verse of Manu (XI 190 = Visnu Dh. S. 54.32) that one should not associate with those who slay children, who return evil for the good done to them, who slay those that come for protection and who kill women, even though they might have become purified by undergoing the appropriate penance. There is a similar verse of Yāj III 298 on which the comment of Vijñāneśvara is most interesting as indicative of the spirit of our medieval writers who were always oppressed by the might of words (Vedic or *smṛti*) deemed as authoritative. The Mit remarks <sup>161</sup> 'the prohibition (contained in Yāj. III, 298) is based on the text alone (and not on logic or reasoning). What cannot a text do? There is nothing too heavy for a text. Therefore, even though a light penance is prescribed for slaying an adulterous woman, still there is a prohibition against associating with such slayers based on the words of the text'.

161. प्रायश्चित्तेन क्षीणदोषानपि न सव्यवहरोदिति वाचनिकोऽयं प्रतिषेधः । 'किमिति वचनं न कुर्याच्च हि वचनस्यातिभारोऽस्ति' । अतश्च यद्यपि व्यभिचारिणीनां वधेऽस्तीत्येव प्रायश्चित्तं तथापि वाचनिकोऽयं संव्यवहारप्रतिषेधः । मिता on या III 298 The words किमिव हि वचनं. भार. occur frequently in शास्त्रभाष्य, e.g. on जै II 2.27, III 2.3, III. 7.11, IV 3.38, V 4.17 etc. On जै VI 1.44 (about the privilege of the *rathakāra* to consecrate Vedic fires) Sabara employs slightly different words 'न हि वचनस्य किंचिदलभ्यं नाम.' Even Sankarācārya relies on these words of Sabara in his *bhāṣya* on Vedāntasūtra III 4.32. When Yāj I 58 says that a son born of a brāhma form of marriage renders 21 generations holy (10 paternal ancestors, ten descendants and himself) Viśvarūpa says that this is all laudatory of the brāhma form and not to be taken seriously as it would be contrary to the doctrine of *Karma*, but then he turns round and says that it may be taken literally as stated by those who know *Mīmāṃsā* 'रुतिमात्रमेतज्ज्ञाना भाविना पावनानुपपत्तेः । उपपत्तौ वा कृतनाशकृताभ्यामप्रसङ्गात् । यद्वास्तु फलविधिः । विवाहविशेषस्य फलविशेषापेक्षत्वात् । न चागमादुपनिषदर्थेऽनुपपत्तिरिति ज्ञायं वक्तुम् । तथा च नैयायिका — न हि वचनस्यातिभारोऽस्तीत्याहुः ।' विश्वरूप on या I, 58. Vide Apārarka on Yāj II, 73-75 (p. 673) who says that one man's merit (*puṇya*) cannot be transferred to another and that Yāj, II, 73-75 are simply intended to frighten away witnesses from perjury as Nārada (*ṛṇādāna* 200) clearly states.

This maxim is taken from the bhāṣya of Śābara and is a favourite device with all Dharmaśāstra writers from Viśvarūpa downwards to justify any statement of the smrtis however illogical or exaggerated it might appear to be. The Pr. T. (pp. 544-545) quotes <sup>162</sup> the Mit. about the two śaktis of sin and its remarks on Yāj III, 298 and does not approve of them, relying on the words of Brhaspati that no decision should be arrived at on the bare words of the śāstra, but it should also be supported by reasoning and that the words 'slayers of women' do not refer to adulterous women but to innocent women (such as the wives of one's enemies). Nārada (sāhasa, verse 11) holds that those who are punished by the king with a fine of the first or second (madhyama) kind can be allowed to associate with other members of society but those who are awarded the highest fine should not be spoken to by others <sup>162a</sup>. Those who take the view of the sinner's inability to associate with other men even after undergoing penance rely also upon Vedānta-sūtra III, 4, 43 (bahis-tūbhayathāpi smrtēracārācca). The Par. M. very rightly points <sup>163</sup> out that the sūtra refers to those who after going in for life-long celibacy abandon the duties of that stage of life (āśrama) and that it does not refer to householders and quotes a verse of Kauśika in support. The Smṛti-muktāphala (Pr., pp. 867-868) refers to this discussion contained in the Par. M. The Pr. M. (p. 7) appears <sup>164</sup> to hold that the great Śāṅkarācārya explained

162. एतेन यद्यपि व्यभिचारिणी प्रतिषेध इति मिताक्षरोक्तं न युक्तिसिद्धम्। केवलं शास्त्रमाश्रित्य न कर्तव्यो विनिर्णयः। युक्तिहीनविचारे तु धर्महानिः प्रजायते। पापे शुक्रणिं युरूपि स्वल्पान्यल्पे च तद्विद्। प्रायश्चित्तानि नैत्रेय जगुः स्वायम्भुवादयः। इति बृहस्पति-वचनात्। प्राय त p 545.

162 a. स्यातां संख्यवहार्यौ तु धृतदण्डौ तु पूर्वयोः। धृतदण्डोऽप्यसम्भाष्यो ज्ञेय उक्तम-साहसः॥ नारद (साहस, 11).

163. अयं हि बहिष्कार ऊर्ध्वरेतोविषयः न तु गृहस्थविषयः। ऊर्ध्वरेतोविचाराणामेव तत्र प्रस्तुतत्वात्। इदं च कौत्सिकेन स्पष्टीकृतम्। नेष्टिकानां वनस्थानां यतीनां चावकीर्णनात्। छुद्धानामपि लोकेऽस्मिन् प्रत्यापत्तिर्न विद्यते॥ इति। परा मा. II part 1 p. 205. प्रा. प्रकाश (folio 17 b) quotes कौत्सिक's verse.

164. श्रीशङ्कराचार्यास्तु 'कामतोऽव्यवहार्यस्तु' इति अकारमश्लेषेणेदं याज्ञवल्क्यवचो 'बहिस्तुभ्यथापि स्मृतेराचारज्ञः' इति सूत्रे कृतप्रायश्चित्तनेष्टिकब्रह्मचार्यादिपरम्। आरूढो नैष्टिके धर्मे यस्तु प्रचयते पुनः। प्रायश्चित्तं न पश्यामि येन छुच्येत्स आत्महा॥ इति। प्राय. न p. 7. The verse आरूढो is अत्रि VIII 16 and is quoted by शङ्कर without citing the name. The प्रा प्रकाश (folio 17 a) also refers to Śāṅkara's comment on Vedānta-sūtra III, 4.43 and the two verses quoted by him. It observes. एवं तावत्सकलनिबन्धुसमतं व्यवहार्य इति पदच्छेदेन याज्ञवल्क्यवाक्यस्य ध्यात्वा-नुक्तम्। शारीरकमीमांसायां तु .

Vedāntasūtra III 4, 43 after reading Yāj III 226 as 'kāmatos vyavahāryastu' and that those who fell from the vow of life-long celibacy (either as naisthika brahmacārins or as sannyāsins) were to be excommunicated (and not to be associated with). The printed editions of the bhāṣya contain no express quotation of Yājñavalkya's verse, but from the fact of his quoting Atri's verse it is possible to hold that Śaṅkarācārya understood Yājñavalkya as the Pr. M. says he did.

A question may naturally be asked: why should it be accepted that penances destroy sin (as stated in Yāj III 226). The answer is: what <sup>165</sup> actions are grave sins or minor sins or not sins at all is laid down by the śāstra (śruti and smṛtis). For example, it is not clear to ordinary people why being an officer over mines or making friends of low people or being a servant of a śūdra should be a sin at all. But the smṛtis say so. If the smṛtis are to be relied upon for determining what acts are sinful, then it follows as a matter of course that the same smṛtis which speak of penances as removers of sins must also be accepted and that no other means for determining the efficacy of penances can be appealed to. So also the Bhagavad-gītā (IV 37) states that the fire of spiritual knowledge consumes all (accumulated, *sañcita*) actions (and their consequences).

Many of the sins (though not *all*) for which penances are provided in the smṛtis are also offences punishable by the king or State. For example, murder, theft, incest, perjury are acts punishable by the State in almost all countries even now and were so in ancient and medieval India. Persons guilty of these were also liable to undergo *prāyaścittas*. It is probably due to this double liability that punishments for crimes in ancient and medieval India were light as compared with the heavy punishments for even trifling crimes inflicted in western countries only a century or two ago. But there are other acts which are not punishable by the State now and were not probably punished even in ancient or medieval India by the king. For example, forgetting Veda studied by a person, not tending Vedic fires consecrated by a person himself, sleeping till after sun-rise and sleeping at sunset are *pātakas*, acc to Vas I 19 and some of those are *upapātakas* acc to Yāj III 239. It does not seem

165 ननु प्रायश्चित्तैरेवैत्येन इति न युक्तम्। फलविनाशयत्वात्कार्मणः। नैवम्। यथा पापोत्पत्तिः। शास्त्रगम्या तथा तत्परिहारोपीति। नात्र प्रमाणांतरं क्रमेति। अत एव शीघ्रमेव पूर्वोक्तपर्यक्षभङ्ग्यायमर्थो दर्शितः। मित्रा on या. III. 226.



likely that an Indian king ever punished any person for these. On the other hand, obstructing the road, prying when the king is taking his meals, sitting before the king on one's haunches, speaking loudly before the king are among the fifty *chālas* of which the king could take cognisance *suo motu* and award suitable punishment (vide H. of Dh vol III p. 266). But there is nothing to show that such actions ever fell within the purview of the rules about *prāyaścittas*. The important questions are: What was the relation of the rules about *prāyaścittas* which were to be prescribed by a *pariśad* (a meeting of learned *brāhmanas*) to punishments by the king as regards actions which were both *pātakas* inviting penances and crimes entailing punishments by the King? Which of these two sets of rules was earlier? Were penance and punishment cumulative or alternative? It is difficult to give definite opinions on these questions. We know that *prāyaścittas* like *Āśvamedha* are spoken of even in the *Tai S*. We also know that the *prāśnavivāka* (which is quite close to *prādvivāka* in derivation and meaning) occurs in the *Vāj. S.* XXX. 10 and *Tai Br.* III. 5. 6. Therefore it follows that judicial functions were very early separated from the executive functions of the king. The reference to the ordeal of fire in the *Tāndya Br.* 14. 6. 6 (vide H. of Dh. vol. III p. 361) and the grasping of a red-hot hatchet in the hand by a person accused of theft and his being killed show that ordeals were administered and the punishment for theft was death. *Bṛhaspati*, quoted in the *Vivādaratnākara*, says 'When a man of good character and a diligent reader of the Veda has committed theft he shall be kept in prison for a long time and shall be caused to perform penance after having been compelled to restore the goods' (*S. B. E.* vol. 33 p. 362<sup>166</sup>).

The *pariśad* made its own rules about *prāyaścittas* and the king awarded punishments. Which set of rules was earlier it is difficult to say. The king did not very probably interfere with the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the *pariśad* and the *brāhmanas* helped the king in the administration of justice by being judges and by advising him as to the punishments to be imposed (vide

166. वृत्तस्वाध्यायवान् स्तेयी बन्धनात् क्लिश्यते चिरम् । स्वामिने तद्धनं दाप्यः प्रायश्चित्तं तु कारयेत् ॥ बृहस्पतिः q by विवादरत्नाकर p 331. It is possible that this verse means that a learned *brāhmana* who has been well conducted but fell a victim to the temptation of theft should not be jailed for a long time because jail life torments his mind and therefore he should be made to restore stolen property and given penance.

Visnu Dh. S. V. 194). Gautama VIII.1, echoing the words of the Śat. Br. V. 4. 4 5, observes:<sup>167</sup> 'the king and the brāhmana with profound learning uphold the moral order in the world (or are upholders of the sacred law). The Āp. Dh. S. (II 5.10.12-16) contains very important information: 'The ācārya shall order those who, while participating according to the śāstras (in the privileges and responsibilities of their castes), have gone astray through the weakness of their senses to perform penances according to the dictates (of the smrtis) commensurate with their (sinful) acts. If they transgress their ācārya's order he shall take them to the king. The king shall send them to his *purohita* proficient in dharmaśāstra and the science of government. He (*purohita*) shall order them to perform (proper penances) if they are brāhmanas. He shall reduce them by forcible means except corporal punishment and slavery.' So this passage shows that the king helped in carrying out *prāyaścittas*. Nārada includes 'neglect of penances' among matters solely dependent on the king (*prakīrnaka*, verse 3) and not on complaints by private individuals. Devala<sup>168</sup> probably conveys the real position when he says: 'The king is the giver of *kricchras* (i. e. his consent is required for actually undergoing the prescribed penances), the learned man who has studied Dharmaśāstras prescribes the *prāyaścitta*, the sinner carries out the penance and the king's officer sees to the safe performance of the prescribed penance' Parāśara VIII. 28 says 'an assembly should point out the proper penance after getting the permission of the king, it should not be done without reference to him, but slight penance may be done without informing him'. The Par. M. II. part 1. p. 232 explains that this applies to *prāyaścittas* for sins like *govadha* or those that are greater than it. Devala<sup>169</sup> also has similar verses.

167. द्वौ लोके धृतव्रतौ राजा ब्राह्मणश्च बहुश्रुतः । गो VIII. 1. इतय V. 4.4 5 has 'नियसाद धृतव्रत इति धृतव्रतो वै राजा. एव च औन्निर्यश्चैतौ ह वै द्वौ मनुष्येभ्यो धृतव्रतौ.'

168. कुच्छाणा वापको (वायको v 1) राजा निर्देष्टा धर्मपाठकः । अपराधी प्रयोक्ता च रक्षिता कुच्छपालकः॥ देवल p. by मद्. पा p 777, माय सा p 8. राज्ञश्च/कुम्भे स्थित्वा मायश्चिच विनिर्दिशेत् । स्वयमेव न कर्तव्य कर्तव्या स्वल्पनिष्कृति ॥ पराशर VIII. 28, on which परा मा II. 1 p 232 says: अत्र गोवधस्य प्रकृतत्वात्तन्मात्रस्याधिक्ये राजाऽज्ञायैव व्रतं निर्दिशेत् ।

169. याचितास्तेन ते चापि ब्राह्मणा. पापभीरुणा । निष्कृतिं व्यवहारार्थं कुर्यान्मन्यै ह्यप्राज्ञया ॥ स्वयं वा ब्राह्मणे कुच्छमल्पदोषे विधीयते । राज्ञा च ब्राह्मणैश्चैव महत्सु ह्यपराधे च ॥ देवल p. by परा. मा II part 1 p 232-233 and by माय सा p 21. मा. प्रकाश (folio 25 a) reads देवल's verse as स्वयं तु ब्राह्मणा ब्रूयुरल्पदोषेषु निष्कृतिम् । राजा... महत्सु परिचक्षते ॥.

Parāśara VIII, 29 states that the king also should not ignore the parisad and should not by himself prescribe penance. Paithinasi quoted by the Dandaviveka (p. 76) provides<sup>170</sup> for both *prāyaścitta* and punishment and from the tenor of the verse it appears that both were to be enforced by the king. The position is tolerably clear as to medieval times. One feels great hesitation in stating definitely the relation of punishment to penances and the king's position as to both in ancient times. Āp. Dh. S. I, 9, 24, 1-4 provide<sup>171</sup> that one who kills a *ksatriya* or a *vaiśya* or a *śūdra* shall respectively give one thousand cows, a hundred cows and ten cows for the purpose of removing the enmity and that in each of these cases one bull was to be given in addition for the purpose of expiation. Āpastamba does not expressly state to whom the cows were to be given. The commentator Haradatta explains that they were to be given to *brāhmanas*. Manu XI, 127, 129, 130, and Yāj III, 266-267 have similar provisions but in the chapter on penances. On the other hand, Baud. Dh. S. I, 10, 23, expressly states that the cows are to be given to the king. As both the words '*vairaniryātanārthaḥ*' and '*prāyaścittārthaḥ*' are employed by Āp. it may be said that the cows were to be made over to the king even according to Āpastamba. The cows were to be made over to the king for bestowal on the family of the murdered person to mollify them and if they refused to receive them the king was not to retain them for himself but was to distribute them among *brāhmanas*. We know that Manu (IX, 243-245) provides that the fine recovered from a man guilty of mortal sins was not to be taken for himself by the king but was to be offered to Varuna and thrown into water or was to be distributed among learned *brāhmanas*. Manu IX, 236 provides that for those who were guilty of the four grave sins (*brāhmana* murder &c.) and did not undergo penance for the same the king should inflict corporal punishment (branding on the forehead) together with fine in accordance with the *śāstra*. Manu IX, 237

170. अकार्यकारिणामेवां प्रायश्चित्तं तु कल्पयेत् । यथाशक्यस्वरूपं च दण्डं चैषां प्रकल्पयेत् ॥ पैठीनसि q. by दण्डविवेक p 76.

171. क्षत्रियं हत्वा गवं सहस्रं वैरनिर्यातनार्थं दद्यात् । शतं वैश्ये । दश शूद्रे । कृषभश्वावाधिकः सर्वत्र प्रायश्चित्तार्थः । आप ध. इ. I, 9, 24 1-4, क्षत्रियवधे गोसहस्र-  
श्वभेकाधिकं राज्ञ उन्मुखेनैरनिर्यातनार्थम् । शतं वैश्ये दश शूद्रे कृषभश्वावाधिकः । शौ. ध. इ. I, 10, 23-24.

(= Matsya 227 164) and Visnu V. 4-7 say that on the forehead a mark of female private parts with red-hot iron should be branded in the case of incest, the mark of a tavern flag in the case of drinking *surā*, the mark of dog's foot in the case of theft (of brāhmaṇa's gold) and the mark of a headless trunk in the case of a brāhmaṇa-murder. Manu IX. 240 further prescribes that men of all castes guilty of the four mahāpātakas committed unintentionally that perform the proper penance should not be branded on the forehead by the king but should be awarded the highest fine. Manu IX. 241 and 242 provide that a brāhmaṇa guilty of these grave sins unintentionally may be punished with the middle amercement (if he himself be possessed of good qualities) but if he was guilty of the grave sins committed intentionally he should be banished from the kingdom being allowed to take with him his wealth and paraphernalia; while persons other than brāhmanas when guilty of grave sins unintentionally committed were to be deprived of all their wealth and if guilty intentionally they were to be sentenced to death. These verses show that though *prāyaścitta* be performed persons guilty of grave sins were liable to undergo punishment and if no penance was performed then they were liable to branding and also fines etc. Manu XI. 56 provides that bearing false witness is similar to the drinking of *surā* and Manu XI. 57 and Yāj. III. 230 hold that misappropriation of a deposit is like the theft of gold. Visnu Dh. S. (V 169) provides that the misappropriator of a deposit was to be made to return the deposit or its price with interest and was to be punished like a thief by the king and V 179 that a false witness had all his property confiscated. These instances establish that both fines by the king (i. e. *rāja-danda*) and penances prescribed by the assembly of learned men (i. e. *parisaddanda* or *daiva danda*) had to be undergone by those guilty of some grave sins that were also looked upon as crimes. In some cases the penance and the punishment were the same. For example, Gaut 23 10-11, Vas. 20. 13, Manu XI 104, Yāj. III 259 and several other *smṛtikāras* prescribe for incest the penance of the excision of the testicles and penis and proceeding toward the south or south-west till the body falls. Nārada as quoted above prescribes for incest the punishment (*danda*) of the excision of the testicles. The Mīt. on Yāj. III. 233 quotes Nārada and remarks that the punishment of excision and death prescribed by Yāj III. 233 applies only to non-brāhmaṇas and that in such cases the punishment of death itself is the

prāyaścitta There were works like the Madanapārijāta<sup>172</sup> (p. 827) and the Mitākṣarā that held that the prohibition against corporal harm to brāhmanas (Manu VIII. 380) applies only to matters other than prāyaścittas and that since the Manusmṛiti itself (XI. 100) states that a brāhmana guilty of theft of brāhmana's gold may go to the king with an iron club and have his head smashed by the king, the death of a brāhmana as a penance for theft by being struck with a club presented by himself was not ruled out. In some cases punishment by the king was deemed to have purged a man of sin and no penance seems to have been thought necessary, as Manu VIII. 318 (= Vas 19.45) says 'men that commit sins and are punished by the king become purified and reach heaven like good men who perform meritorious deeds.' The Mit on Yāj. III. 259 explains that this holds good only where the punishment is death, as in the case of incest noted above. Āp. Dh. S. II. 10.27. 15-16 provide<sup>173</sup> that a person guilty of slaying a man, of theft and of forcible seizure of land was to be deprived of his wealth by the king and was to be sentenced to death and that if the offender was a brāhmana he was to have a piece of cloth tied over his eyes for the whole of his life (i. e. he was not to be sentenced to death). It appears that in very ancient times as provided by Āp. Dh. S. I 9.25.4 the thief approached the king<sup>174</sup> with a club (of iron or *khadira* wood) on his shoulder and announced his guilt, when the king struck him with the club; on his being killed he became free from guilt. This was a penance as well as a legal punishment. Manu has a similar rule in his chapter on punishments (VIII. 314-316) providing that the thief should carry a weapon (called *musala*) or a club of *khadira* wood or a double-edged *śakti* or an iron staff and that if the king strikes him once with the club and he is killed

172. अथ च लिङ्गच्छेदवधात्मको दण्डो ब्राह्मणव्यतिरिक्तस्य । न जातु ब्राह्मणं हन्यात्-  
सर्वपापेभ्यश्चरितम्—इति तस्य वधनिषेधात् (मनु. ८. ३८०) । वधस्यैव प्रायश्चित्तरूपत्वात् । निता.  
on या III 233, but on या III 257 the niṭa- says 'मनुना सुवर्णस्तेयकुक्षि-इत्यभिप्राय  
यहीत्या सुसल राजा सकृदस्यात् तं स्वयमिति सर्वनाम्ना प्रकृतब्राह्मणपरमर्शनेव हननविधानात् ।  
न जातु ब्राह्मणं हन्यादित्यस्य प्रायश्चित्तव्यतिरिक्तदण्डरूपहननविषयत्वेनाप्युपपत्तेः ।'; vide  
also मद् पा p. 827 for the same view.

173. पुरुषवधे स्तेये भूगदादान इति त्वान्यादाय वध्यः । चक्षुर्निरोधस्त्वेतेषु ब्राह्मणस्य ।  
आप. ध सू II. 10. 27. 15-16.

174. स्तेन. प्रकीर्णकेशोस्ते सुसलमाधाय राजानं गत्वा कर्माद्वक्षति तेनेनं हन्यादधे मोक्षः॥  
आप ध सू I. 9 25 4. ब्राह्मणसुवर्णहरणे प्रकीर्य केशान् राजानमभिधावेत्स्तेनोस्मि भो  
शास्त्रु मा भवानिति तस्मै राजादुम्बरं शस्त्रं दद्यात्तेनात्मानं प्रमापयेन्मरणाद्युक्तो भवतीति विज्ञायते ।  
वसिष्ठ 20 41. औदुम्बर means 'made of udumbara wood' or may also mean 'red  
in colour' (i. e. made of copper).

or if he is not killed but is allowed to go half dead and lives, the thief is freed from the guilt. The Mit. on Yāj. III. 257 quotes a prose passage from Śaṅkha and a verse from Samvarta (122) to the same effect. Manu in the chapter on penances (XI. 100-101 = Agnipurāṇa 169. 20-21) provides the same procedure for theft as a penance. Vas. 20. 41, Yāj. III. 259, Viṣṇu 52. 1-2 and Parāśara XII. 69-70 provide a somewhat similar penance for the thief of brāhmana's gold. Vasistha introduces an important change viz., that the king hands over to the thief a weapon made of udumbara wood (or probably of copper) with which the thief is to kill himself. It appears that gradually the king gave up this unpleasant method of awarding punishment personally. Nārada<sup>175</sup> (pariśista, verses 46-47) provides that after the thief comes running to the king and announces his guilt, the king was to touch him (with the club, as a symbolic gesture) and then let him off and the thief became freed from sin by his confession of guilt. It has to be remembered, however, that the thief had to restore, even when he underwent penance, stolen property, as stated by Manu VIII. 40, Yāj. II. 36 and 270, Brhaspati and by digests<sup>176</sup> like the Pr. Prakaraṇa. If it were impossible to make the thief restore the stolen property the king had to make it good from his own treasury<sup>177</sup> (Gaut. X. 47, Śāntiparva 75. 10, Kautilya III. 16) or he had to make his officers<sup>178</sup> entrusted with the duty of preventing thefts pay the price of the stolen property (Āp. Dh. S. II. 10. 26. 8). Vide for further details H. of Dh. vol. III. pp. 166-168. It appears that the actual carrying out of the sentence of death was later on assigned to Cāṇḍālas as stated by Manu X. 56 and Viṣṇu Dh. S. 16. 11 (vadhya-ghātaṭvām cāṇḍālānām).

175. राजा स्तेनेन गन्तव्यो मुक्तकेशेन धावता। आचक्षणेन तत्स्तेयमेवंकर्मस्मि श्लाघि माश् ॥ अनेना भवति तेन स्वकर्ममतिपादनात् । राजा ततः स्पृशेदेनमुत्सृजेत्तु श्लाघित्विषम् ॥ नारदः परिशिष्ट 46-47.

176. दुस्त्वैवापहृतं द्वयं धनिकस्याप्युपायत । अपश्चितं ततः कुर्वात्कर्मवस्यापदस्ये ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 52. 14. सर्वमेव सुवर्णहरणादिस्तेयमायाश्चितं विद्यमानस्यापहृतद्वयस्य त्यागपुर सरमेव कर्तव्यम् । इतरथा कृतमायाश्चितस्यापि पुनस्तद्व्ययस्वीकारे तथैव स्तेयप्रसङ्गात् । विनष्टे तु द्वये पुनःस्वीकाराभावात्मायाश्चित्तमेवेति । माय प्रक. on p. 77

177. चौरहतमपजित्य यथास्थान गमयेत् । कौशाद्रा दद्यात् । यौ X. 46-47 ; प्रत्याहृतमक्षय स्याद्धनं चौरहेतुं यदि । तत् स्वकोशात्मदेयं स्यादक्षयिनोपजीवत ॥ शान्ति 75. 10 q. by the मित्ता on या II. 36, चौरहतमविद्यमानं स्वद्वयेभ्यः प्रयच्छेत् । कौटिल्य III. 16 p. 190.

178. तत्र यन्मुच्यते तैस्तत्प्रतिदाप्यम् । आप. ध. द्. II. 10. 26. 8.

Another point to be noted is that as regards the awarding of punishments and prescribing of penances, the matters to be considered were the same viz. whether the lapse was intentional<sup>179</sup> (*kāmataḥ*) or unintentional (*akāmataḥ*) or whether it was the first offence or whether it was repeated and what the circumstances as to the time, the place, the caste, the age, the capacity, learning, wealth were. Compare Kautīlya IV. 10, Gaut. XII 48, Manu VII. 16 and VIII. 126, Yāj I. 368, Visnu V. 194, Vas. 19. 9 about punishments with Baud.<sup>180</sup> Dh. S. I. 1. 16, Yāj. III. 293 (= Atri verse 248 and Agnipurāṇa 173. 6), Angirasa 143, Viśvāmitra, Vṛddha-Hārīta IX. 297, and Vyāghra as regards penances. It is on account of this close connection between punishments and penances that the Prāyaścittatattva, after quoting Devala to the effect that if a man makes no move for taking prāyaścitta for one year, he has to undergo double penance thereafter and to pay a double fine to the king, remarks that the maxim is that prāyaścittas are to be moulded on the lines of punishments<sup>181</sup>. The Pr. M. (pp. 124-125) quotes Kāśyapa who provides a penance for one that causes mischief to a well, public park, bridge, rampart wall or a temple or idol, then quotes Visnu V. 169 which prescribes the highest fine for a breaker of idols, Manu IX. 285 which provides a fine of 500

179. ज्ञात्वापरार्थं देशं च कालं बलमथापि वा। वयः कर्म च वित्तं च दण्डं दण्डयेयु पातयेत्॥ या. I. 368; अनुबन्धं परिज्ञाय देशकालौ च तत्त्वतः। सारापरार्थौ चालोक्य दण्डं दण्डयेयु पातयेत्॥ मनु VIII. 126, on which मेधातिथि remarks that this is the fundamental or basic verse on the question of punishment 'उक्तानुक्तदण्डेष्वपरार्थेषु नातृकाभ्रोजोयम्। एतदर्थोऽसारेण सर्वदण्डकृतिः कर्तव्या'.

180. शरीरबलमायुश्च वयः कालं च कर्म च। समीक्ष्य धर्मविद् ब्रह्मज्ञा प्रायश्चित्तानि निर्दिशेत्॥ यौ ध. I. 1.16; देशं कालं वयः शक्तिं पापं चविश्य यत्नतः। प्रायश्चित्तं प्रकल्प्यं स्वाद्यन्न चोक्तानि निष्कृतिः॥ या III. 293; सर्वत्र चैव प्रायश्चित्तप्रकरणे जातिशक्तियुगापेक्षं सक्तुर्ब्रह्मद्विहृतं तथा। अन्वबन्धं परिज्ञाय प्रायश्चित्तं प्रकल्पयेत्॥ इत्येतदेव संक्षेपपञ्चम्। विश्वरूप on या. III. 262 The verse is quoted as विश्वामित्रा's in प्राय. प्रकरण. p. 8, प्राय. वि. p. 29, परा. मा II. part 1 p. 235 and as देवल's by the मित्ता on या III. 243. Vide also व्यास q by परा. मा. II part 1, p. 24.

181. यथा स्मृतिसारे देवलः। कालातिरेके हिशुणं प्रायश्चित्तं समाचरेत्। हिशुणं राजदण्डं च दत्त्वा शुद्धिमवाप्नुयात्॥ कालातिरेके संवत्सरातिरेके। संवत्सराभिशास्तस्य दुष्टस्य हिशुणो दन-इति मनुवचने (8 373) संवत्सरात्यरतो हिशुणदण्डदर्शनेन दण्डवत्प्रायश्चित्तानि भवन्तीति न्यायेन एकत्र निर्णीतः शास्त्रार्थो बाधकमन्तरेणान्यत्रापि तथेति न्यायाच्च। प्राय. तत्त्व p. 474; vide p. 530 of the same work for the same न्याय. 'अथ मण्ड-पोद्यानादि-देवतागारादि-भेदने काश्यपः। वापीकूपारामसेतुलतातडागवप्रदेवतायतनभेदने प्रायश्चित्तम्।...ब्राह्मणान्भोजयेत्। इति। एतच्चाल्प्योपपाते। महतोपपातेऽन्यास्ते प्राजापत्यादि कल्पनीयम्। देवता च्वाच शुन्मयी पूजोऽक्षिता च शास्त्रा। प्रायश्चित्तस्याल्पत्वादप्यत्र दण्ड-गौरवदर्शनेन प्रायश्चित्तगौरवं कल्प्यं दण्डवत्प्रायश्चित्तानि भवन्तीति वचनात्। तथाच दण्डगौरवनाह कात्यायनः।...विष्णुरपि..मनु.. इति।

*paṇas* for a breaker of idols and re-instatement of the idol by him and then remarks 'dandavat prāyaścittāni bhavanti'. Nārada divided *sāhasa* into three kinds viz *mathama*, *madhyama* and *uttama*, the last of which consisted in killing a person with poison or weapon, adultery and rape and injury to life. He then provides that when offenders guilty of the first two kinds were punished by the king, they became fit for association with the people, but that one guilty of the *uttama-sāhasa*, though punished by the king, was not fit even to be talked to (Nārada, *sāhasa*, verse 11).

The king had jurisdiction<sup>182</sup> to punish sinners if they did not agree to undergo the *prāyaścitta* prescribed by the *pariśad* but it is extremely doubtful whether he exercised that jurisdiction in all cases. Society or the caste also had a weapon in its hand viz that of excommunication by *ghatasphota* if one guilty of a grave sin refused to perform the *prāyaścitta* prescribed (i.e. it was *śatidanda*). Vide Gaut 20.2-9, Manu XI 182-185 and Yāj III 294 and II, of Dh vol II p 388 and vol. III p. 1009-1010 for the rite of *ghatasphota* and re-admission to caste after *ghatasphota*. Many of the *prāyaścittas* prescribed for the grave sins were terrible (such as throwing oneself into fire, drinking boiling surā or water or cow's urine or milk or ghoo for drinking surā, Manu XI 73, 90-91, 103 &c) and were to be self-inflicted and were not to be prescribed by the *pariśad* as the words of Manu in XI, 73 'icchayātmanah' and 'prāsyed-ātmānam-agnau vā' clearly convey and as some of the digests expressly provide<sup>183</sup>. In order to enable a man to become fit for intercourse with his caste men he had to give a dinner to them or distribute sweetmeats even after undergoing *prāyaścitta*. So it follows that a man guilty of a crime was liable to three burdens, punishment by the king, penance prescribed by learned *brāhmanas* and giving dinner or sweetmeats to castemen. Vide H. of Dh vol. II p. 971.

182 दण्डं कुर्यान्नुपौ वृणा प्रायश्चित्तमकुर्वताम् । कामतोऽकामतो वापि प्रायश्चित्तं कृतं चरेत् ॥ अग्निपुराण 168.1 प्रायश्चित्ते शमं याति पापं कृतमसंशयम् । राजदण्डाच्छमं याति प्रायश्चित्तमकुर्वताम् । प्रायश्चित्तविहीना ये राजभिश्चाप्यदण्डिताः । नरकं प्रतिपद्यन्ते तिर्यग्योनिं तथैव च ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तरपुराण II 73 3-4 q. by परा मा II part 2 p 210, मा प्रकाश folio 102 a.

183 प्राणान्तिकप्रायश्चित्तं तु पर्यदा न देयम् । तत्त्वयमेव ज्ञात्वा कुर्यात् । प्राय सा. p. 41. एतच्च मरणान्तिक प्रायश्चित्तं पर्यदा नादेष्टव्यमपि तु धृतपक्षश्चेत्त्वयमेव ज्ञात्वा कुर्यात् । अप्रुत्यक्षश्चेत् प्रायश्चित्तस्वरूपं दिष्टेभ्यो ज्ञात्वा तद्वदज्ञानान्तरेण स्वयमेव कुर्यात् । मद् पा p. 817.



The literature on *prāyaścittas* is vast in extent, since in ancient times they loomed very large in the popular mind. Out of the 28 chapters of the Gautamadharmasūtra, ten (i. e. more than one-third of the whole) are devoted to penances. Out of the 30 chapters of the printed Vasistha-dharmasūtra, *prāyaścittas* cover nine (20-28) Manu devotes verses 44 to 265 (in all 222) of chapter eleven to penances and the Yājñavalkyasmṛiti containing 1009 verses deals with *prāyaścittas* in 122 verses (III. 205-327). Several printed smṛtis such as those of Angiras (168 verses), Atri (chapters 1-8), Devala (90 verses), Brhad-Yama (182 verses), Śātātāpasmṛiti (in 274 verses) from the Anandāśrama collection of smṛtis alone deal only with *prāyaścittas*. Many other smṛtis and several purāṇas, such as the Agni (chap 168-174), Garuda 52, Kūrma (Uttarārḍha 30-34), Varāha 131-136, Brahmanḍa (Upasamhārapāda chap. 9), Viṣṇudharmottara (II 73, III 234-237) contain hundreds of verses on *prāyaścittas*. Besides commentaries like the Mitaksarā, Aparārka, Par. M. and others and digests like Madanapārijāta (pp. 691-994), there are special digests dealing with *prāyaścittas* alone such as Hemādri on *Prāyaścitta* (which is of doubtful authenticity), the *Prāyaścittaprakaraṇa* of Bhavadeva, *Prāyaścittaviveka*, *Prāyaścittatattva*, *Smṛtimuktāphala* (*prāyaścitta* section), *Prāyaścittasāra* (part of Nṛsimhaprasāda), *Prāyaścittamayūkha*, *Prāyaścittaprakāśa* (ms. in the Anūp Sanskrit library, Bikaner, No. 2610), *Prāyaścittenduśekhara* of Nāgajibhatta, which have been utilised in this work. The most elaborate treatment is found in *Prāyaścittaviveka*, Par. M. II parts 1 and 2, and *Prāyaścittaprakāśa*.

The commentators discuss the question about the persons who have *adhikāra* (capacity) for having penances prescribed for them. Since Manu XI. 44 (*prāyaścittiyate narah*) and Yaj III. 219 (*narah patanam-rechati*) both employ the word 'man' without <sup>184</sup> any qualification, the commentators and digests say that penances are meant for men of all varṇas, for all persons born of unions in the reverse order (*pratilomajas*) and for even cāṇḍālas. Yaj. III. 262 states that a śūdra sinner

184 नरग्रहणं सर्ववर्णिकमदर्शनार्थम् । विश्वरूपेण वा. III. 210, नरग्रहणं प्रतिलोमजातानामपि प्रायश्चित्ताधिकारमाप्त्यर्थम् । वेदान्त्यहिंसादिसाधारणधर्मव्यतिक्रमसम्भवात् । मितं वा III 219, नर इत्यनेन ब्राह्मणादिचाण्डालान्तानां सर्वेषां पापं दर्शयति । अस्ति च चाण्डालादीनामपि विधिनिषेधश्च । यथा देवलः । स्वजातिशोचनं सर्वजनप्रणामस्ति-तिशो व्यवहारश्चाङ्गिरसपमान स्वभृत्ययोपगणं प्रधानकर्मपात्रिर्जनमिति चाण्डालधर्मः । मनु. । गवार्थे..बाह्यानां श्राद्धिकारणम् ॥ (10.62) अतो वेदार्थव्यवहारिणामेव प्रायश्चित्तीयता न चाण्डालादीनामिति प्रत्युक्तम् । प्राय वि. p 12.

though he has no *adhikāra* (for recitation of Vedic *mantras* and *homa*), yet becomes purified by undergoing the observances (except *japa* and *homa*) for the periods prescribed. *Āngīras* 185 provides that penance may be administered to a *śūdra* devoid of *japa* and *homa*. Even as to *japa* and *homa* there were works like the *Madanapārijāta* p. 749 and *Vy. M* (p. 112) that relying on a verse of *Parāśara* VI, 63-64 held that a *homa* could be performed for women and *śūdras* in the ordinary fire through a *brāhmana*<sup>186</sup>. The *Pr. V.* relies on *Manu* X. 62 and a prose passage of *Devala* for the proposition that even *Cāndālas* have to perform penances, if they act contrary to the rules and prohibitions laid down for them. Since the non-performance of what is prescribed and doing what is forbidden lead to sin, the person guilty of these or the person who has a desire to destroy his sins is a person entitled to perform *prāyaścitta*, as also one who repents of his guilt.

Before going into the subject of the several *prāyaścittas* prescribed for each grave or minor sin, some questions of a general character have to be disposed of.

Some *smṛtis* like *Brhad-yama* III. 1-2 and *Śāṅkha* state that a boy over five years of age and less than eleven years old, if guilty of some *pātakas* such as drinking *surā*, has not to undergo penance personally, but his brother, father or other

185. तस्माच्छूद्रं सनासाद्य सदा धर्मपथे स्थितम्। प्रायश्चित्तं प्रदातव्यं जपहोमविब-  
जितम्॥ अङ्गिरस् q. by the मित्र. on या III. 262, प्राय म p. 12, मा. सार p. 173.

186. श्रीशङ्खयोरपि ब्राह्मणद्वारा लौकिकाग्नी होमो भवत्येव। अत एव धर्मविद्वत्  
'उपवासो व्रतं होमस्तीर्थस्नान जपादिकम्। विप्रैः सम्पादित यस्य सम्पूर्णं तस्य तत्फलम्॥ इति।' *मद. पा* p. 749. This is *पराशर* VI. 63-64 (the printed edition in B. S. Series reads व्रतं चैव स्नान तीर्थ जपस्तपः). It is rather inexplicable how while *Nīlakantha* in his *Vyavahāramayūkha* holds, relying on *Parāśara*, that the *dattahoma* may be performed by a *śūdra* or a woman through a *brāhmana*, the *Prāyaścittamayūkha* of the same author propounds a different view in the words 'एतेन यन्महार्णवमदनरत्नयो. श्रीशङ्खादेविमद्वारा समन्त्रकौ जपहोमौ भवत इति तत्परास्तम्' (p. 13) Did the author change his views or is the text of one of the two *Mayūkhās* tampered with by his successors? The *या प्रकाश* (folio 30 b) explains *Parāśara* VI. 63-64 in a different way. It says that the verse does not lay down generally that a woman or any one else can in every case have a *homa* performed for her through a *brāhmana*, but that where in a rite *japa* and *homa* are obligatory and the person concerned is unable to perform *japa* and *homa* in person there alone he can appoint a *brāhmana* as *pratinidhi* अयं प्राप्तेषु जपहोमादिषु अहं कौ विप्ररूपप्रतिनिधिन-  
यममात्रार्थत्वात्। प्रायश्चित्ताङ्गजपहोमयोस्तु निषेधादेवामहनेस्तत्र तस्यामवृत्तिः। ..एतेन  
यन्महार्णवमदनरत्नयो. श्रीशङ्खादेविमद्वारा समन्त्रकौ जपहोमौ भवत इति तत्परास्तम्।  
*या प्रकाश* folio 30 b

relative or friend has to undergo it for him and that if a child is less than five then whatever act it may do it is not deemed a crime, nor is it a sin and it is not liable to any legal penalty nor to any<sup>187</sup> prāyaścitta. The Mit. (on Yaj. III. 243) comments that these verses are not meant to prescribe a total absence of prāyaścitta in the case of children of five or less but are meant to convey that they are not liable for the full prāyaścitta prescribed for a sin. Its argument is that the texts lay down generally without any reference to the stage of life that a brāhmana should not be killed or that a person belonging to the three higher castes should not drink *surā*.<sup>188</sup> Hence any one of whatever age who is guilty of having done such prohibited acts is liable and the words of Gaut. II 1 and of Kumāra are to be interpreted as not excusing altogether the drinking of *surā* by a child but as referring to minor lapses. Brhaspati expressly states that the dictum about a child being allowed to eat what it likes is confined to such matters as will not fall under grave sins.

It has already been stated above (n 180) that the prāyaścitta to be undergone depended upon many circumstances such as the time, the place, the age &c. And first as to age, several *smrtis*<sup>189</sup> provide that a man 80 years old or a boy less than

187. ऊनैकादशवर्षस्य पञ्चवर्षापरस्य च । प्रायश्चित्तं चरेद् भ्राता पिता वान्य सुहृज्जनः ॥  
अतो बालतरस्यास्य नापराधो न पातकम् । राजदण्डो न तस्यास्ति प्रायश्चित्तं न विद्यते ॥ इह  
quoted by the *mita* on या III 243, बृहस्पति III 1-2 (reads वान्योऽपि वान्यवः).  
These are quoted by हरदत्त on गौ II 6 (without name) and the first occurs  
in आपस्तम्बस्मृति III 7 as चरेद्भुक् सुहृद्वापि प्रायश्चित्तं विशेषणम्. The first  
verse is देवल 31 Both are ascribed to अङ्गिरस् by प्राय. वि. p. 29.

188. प्रायश्चनपनात् कामचार कामबाध कामभक्षः । गौ. II. 1, मयमृदपुरीषाणां भक्षणे  
नास्ति कश्चन । दोषस्ता पञ्चमाहर्षादूर्ध्वं पित्रो सुहृद्विरो ॥ कुमार q by *mita*. on या. III.  
253, by प्राय. प्रश्न. p. 50, स्यात्कामचारभक्षोक्तिर्न हत पातकादते । बृहस्पति q by प्रा.  
तत्त्व p. 551.

189. अशीतिर्यस्य वर्षाणि बालो बान्धूनपोदश । प्रायश्चित्तार्थमर्हन्ति स्त्रियो रोगिण एव  
च ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 54 33, लघुहारीत 33, देवल 30, आपस्तम्बस्मृति III 3, बृहस्पति III. 3  
(reads अशीत्यधिकवर्षाणि). This verse is ascribed to अङ्गिरस् by the *mita*. on या  
III 243 and to भार्गव by हरदत्त on अप. ध सू I. 9 26, 5. The सू पा. p. 796  
ascribes it to विष्णु, पराशर, बृहस्पति and अङ्गिरस् तथा बालहृद्वादीनां साक्षात्कृत्यैः  
उपधमेव । अशीति रोगिण एव चेत्यङ्गिरस् स्मरणात् । तथा । अर्वाक्तु इदंशाद्वर्षादशीतेरुध्वमेव  
वा । अर्धमेव भवेत्पुतां तुरीयं तत्र योषिताम् ॥ इति । तथाऽपनीतस्यापि बालकस्य पादमात्रमेव  
प्रायश्चित्तम् । स्त्रीणामर्थं प्रदातव्यं ब्रह्मणां रोगिणां तथा । पादो बलिषु दातव्यः सर्वपापेष्वर्थं  
विधिरिति विष्णुस्मरणात् । *mita* on या. III 243. The verses अर्वाक्तु and स्त्रीणामर्थं  
are ascribed to विष्णु, पराशर, बृहस्पति and अङ्गिरस् by सू पा p. 796 and the  
latter is ascribed to लघुविष्णु by प्राय. वि. p. 28 and to बृहद्विष्णु by प्राय. प्रकरण  
p. 17.

16 years of age, women and diseased persons should be liable only to half the *prāyaścitta* (prescribed for able-bodied men) The Mit on Yāj III 243 quotes a verse of Sumantu that for a male below twelve and above eighty years of age the penance is half (of that for ordinary men) and one fourth for women within the same limits and a verse of Viṣṇu that for women, old men and diseased persons half the penance should be prescribed and for boys (before *upanayana*) only one-fourth. Some say that for boys less than five the penance is one-fourth Cyavana (prose) prescribes half *prāyaścitta* for boys, old men and women and declares that a person is a *bāla* up to 16 years and a man is to be regarded as similar to a *bāla* after 70. Kātyāyana provided generally that the fines to be levied from females were to be half of those leviable from male offenders as regards all offences and when the punishment for a male would be death, a woman criminal was to be punished with the cutting of a limb (nose, ears &c.)<sup>190</sup>

The difference between a sin committed unintentionally (*akāmatāh*) and the same sin committed with full knowledge (*kāmatāh*) is this that for the latter the *prāyaścitta* is double of what is prescribed for the former as provided by Angiras,<sup>191</sup> Vyāsa and the Agnipurāṇa. As Yāj. III. 226 employs the word 'ajñāna' in the first half and the word 'kāmatāh' as its opposite in the second half instead of the word 'jñānatah' it follows that Yāj. makes no difference between the consequences of *jñāna* (knowledge) and *lūmanū* (desire).

The caste of the offender as well as of the victim made a difference in the *prāyaścitta* as well as in the legal punishment. Vide H. of Dh vol. III pp. 395-399 as to punishments for crimes dependent on caste. Viṣṇu<sup>192</sup> provides that the *prāyaścitta* for

190 चालवृद्धस्त्रीणामर्थं प्रायश्चित्तम् । आ पौत्रशाद्वाल । सप्तद्वर्षवृत्ता वृद्धा । च्यवन  
q by परा मा II part 1 p 122 and माय. वि p 28 सर्वेषु चापराधेषु पुंस्तौ योषधेन  
स्रुतम् ॥ तदर्थं योषितौ द्युवर्षे पुंसोऽङ्गकर्तनम् ॥ कात्या 487

191 स्थात्त्वकामकृते यन् द्विगुणं बुद्धिपूर्वके । अङ्गिरस् q b; माय वि fp 22 and  
24; विहितं यदकामाना कामान् द्विगुणं स्रुतम् । अग्निपुराण 173 9. q by the नित्त on  
या. III 226 (without name), and as that of अङ्गिरस् by माय प्रकरण p 12 and  
as of मध्यमाङ्गिरस् by या प्रकाश (folio 16b) गत्वेतदेव कुर्वीत स्रुतल्पमकामत  
कामतो द्विगुणं शोक प्रवेष्टुं च यदुच्यते ॥ व्यास q b; माय. वि p 21

192. विभे तु सकलं देयं पादोनं सत्रिये मतम् । वेदेषु पादशेषस्तु शूद्रजातिषु शरयते ॥  
विष्णु q by माय वि p 102 where it is stated that Nīlakan noted that this verse  
was not found in the विष्णुसंहिता It is ascribed to बृहद्विष्णु by माय प्रकरण  
p. 16 and to बृहद्विष्णु by नित्त on या III. 267.

a ksatriya, vaiśya and śūdra sinner should be respectively  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of what is prescribed for a brāhmana sinner. The Agni-purāṇa says<sup>193</sup> the same thing. The Par. M II. 1. p. 231 quotes the Caturvimsātimata<sup>194</sup> to the same effect. The Mit. on Yāj. III. 250 explains that the verse of Caturvimsātimata applies to all cases except where any one of the four sāhasas is committed by a man of a lower caste as against one of a higher caste. Brhad-Yama (IV. 13-14) in prescribing penance for the killing of a cow provides the same scale of 4, 3, 2, 1 for the four varnas Angiras (verse 3) prescribes the penances of Krocra and Candraṇa for a brāhmana partaking of the food of an *antyaja*, half of these for a ksatriya or vaiśya guilty of the same. Yāj. II. 206-207 provide that the punishments for defamation depend upon the higher or lower varna or caste of the offender as well as of the person defamed and that if a ksatriya or vaiśya defames a brāhmana the fines are respectively twice or thrice as high as the fine for a brāhmana defaming a brāhmana and conversely if a brāhmana defames a ksatriya or a vaiśya the fine is reduced by half in each successive caste. The Mit. quoting Angiras says that the rules about punishments apply to prāyaścittas for slaying a person i. e. if a brāhmana slays anybody and a certain penance is prescribed for him, then a ksatriya killing the person would have to perform double the penance prescribed for the brāhmana and a vaiśya offender three times as much<sup>195</sup> It may be pointed out here that though the smṛtis provided for different punishments according to the castes of the offender and of the person wronged and though some commentaries and digests went into all those details for the sake of presenting a

193 सर्वत्र शुद्धे पादः स्याद् द्वित्रयं वैश्यभूपयोः । अग्निपुराण - 168 13

194. प्रायश्चित्तं यदात्मनात् ब्राह्मणस्य महापैभिः । पादौन क्षत्रियः कुर्यादर्धं वैश्य-समाचरेत् । शुद्ध समाचरेत्पादमशेषेणपि पाप्मसु ॥ चतुर्विंशतिमत् q by the मितान् on या. III 250. देवल 28 is a verse of similar import यस्तु चतुर्विंशतिमत्तवचनं प्रायश्चित्तं ..पाप्मसु-इति प्रतिलोमाहप्रितचतुर्विंशतिमत्तवचनं विषयम् । तथा मूर्धावसिक्ता-दीनामप्युल्लोकोत्पन्नानां दण्डवत्यायश्चित्तमूहनीयम् । मितान्. The four साहस are 'मनुष्यमारणं स्तेयं परदारानिमर्शनम् । पापव्यसुभयं चेति साहसं स्याच्चतुर्विंशम्' .

195. यथाहाङ्गिराः । पर्यया ब्राह्मणानां तु सा राज्ञां द्विगुणा मता । वैश्यानां त्रिगुणा मोक्षा पर्यद्वचं व्रतं स्युत्तम् ॥ इति । ..अनयेव दिशा क्षत्रियवैश्यादावपि ह्यग्निनोत्कृष्टवधे दोषगौरवा-त्यायश्चित्तस्यापि द्वैगुण्यादि कल्पनीयम् । दोषगौरवं च दण्डगौरवादावगम्यते । मितान् on या III 250 Vide मितान् on या III 267 also This verse is q by परा मा II part 2 p 67 while the प्राय वि p 102 ascribes it to देवल; 'परिपद्या ..स्युता-इति देवल-वचनं ब्रह्मवध एव द्वैगुण्यादिकं बोधयति' The प्राय . प्रक p 16 reads the verse of अङ्गिरस् as 'वैश्यानां . मोक्षा शुद्धाणां तु चतुर्गुणा परिपद्वचं व्रतं मोक्षं शुद्धये पापकर्मणाम् । :

complete statement or digest of the *smṛti* material, such discriminatory punishments had mostly ceased to be enforced by the rulers from about the 12th century A. D. at least, as stated by the *Smṛticandrikā*, the *Madanaratna* (*vyavahāra*) and the *Sarasvativilāsa*. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III p 512 note 924 for the relevant quotations from the three works. Since, as stated above (n. 181), *prāyaścittas* were to be moulded on the lines of legal penalties, it appears that the discriminatory treatment about *prāyaścittas* depending upon the *varṇa* of the sinner must also have gradually fallen into disuetude with the disappearance of the more severe *prāyaścittas* and the substitution of cows and monetary equivalents in later digests. And some digests expressly state this to have been the case in relation to *prāyaścittas*. For example, the *Pr. Prakarana*, after quoting *Gaut.* 22. 14-16 about the *prāyaścitta* for killing a *ksatriya* or *vaiśya* or *śūdra* under certain circumstances, remarks that in its day those *prāyaścittas* were no longer part of the practices of the people.<sup>196</sup>

Whether an act made a man liable to undergo *prāyaścitta* depended in some cases on the country also. For example, marrying a maternal uncle's daughter was and is allowed in certain countries and among certain castes in the Deccan and Southern India on the ground of custom, but such a practice was severely condemned by *Manu* XI. 171-172 and *Baud Dh. S. I* 1 17-24 and other *smṛtis*. *Brhaspati* refers to this custom as prevalent among southerners and states that in these countries persons following it are not liable to undergo *prāyaścitta* or penalty (at the hand of the king). Vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 462 for *Brhaspati*'s verses.

Severity and extent of *prāyaścitta* depended also on the question whether a sinner had repeated the lapse or was a first offender. The *Āp. Dh. S. (II. 10. 27. 11-13)* prescribes that a *brāhmaṇa* who has once committed adultery with a married woman of equal class shall perform one-fourth of the penance prescribed for a *śūdra* having intercourse with a woman of the three upper castes, that for every repetition (of the crime) one

196 यच्च शौतेनेनोक्तं राजन्यवधे .गा दद्यात् (२२ १४-१५) एवमादीनि नानाहनिवचनानि नानाविधमायश्चित्कार्यमतिपादकानि तानि ब्राह्मणजातवृत्तस्थ-यागस्थ-पडङ्गवेदाध्ययनादिशुण्यकृत्तामाकामादिकृतक्षत्रियादिवधविषयाणि यथायोग्यं व्याख्येयानि । इदानीं तु तथाविधक्षत्रियाद्यभावेन व्यवहारानङ्गत्वात् न मत्पेकं विषयव्यवस्थया व्याख्यातानीति सर्वे वेद ब्राह्मणस्य क्षत्रियादिवधमायश्चित्तकम् । आय. प्रक. p. 22.

fourth of the penance must be added and if (he commits adultery) for the fourth time, the whole penance (of 12 years must be performed<sup>197</sup>). The Mit on Yaj. III. 293 remarks that for a sin that is committed knowingly the *prāyaścitta* is double of what is prescribed for the same sin if committed unintentionally and that if a sin is committed intentionally and is repeated then for the repeated lapse *prāyaścitta* is four times as much as that for the same deed done unintentionally. Similarly, the *āśrama* to which the sinner belonged made a difference in the *prāyaścitta* as stated by Angiras 'when persons in other *āśramas* are guilty of sins for which penance is prescribed if committed by householders, then the *prāyaścitta* is increased in the same proportion that is laid down for *śauca* (bodily purity<sup>198</sup>). Manu V. 137, Vas. VI. 19, Viṣṇu Dh. S 60 26, Śāṅkha 16. 23-24 provide that Vedic students, forest hermits and *sannyāsins* have respectively to perform twice, thrice and four times as much *śauca* as is prescribed for householders (e. g. by Manu V. 136 = Viṣṇu 60. 25).

One convenient and merciful rule laid down by the *smṛtis* was that if a man died in the midst of the period for which penance had to be performed (sometimes it extended to twelve years or more) he became free from the sin here and in the next world as stated by Hārīta, Vyāsa and Yama<sup>199</sup>.

Though the *smṛtis* have entered into very great details about the *prāyaścittas* for different individual lapses, still they cannot be supposed to have dealt with every lapse. Therefore,

197. सर्वार्थात्मन्यपूर्वार्था सकृत्संनिपाते पादः पततीत्युपादिशन्ति । एवमभ्यासे पादः पादः । चतुर्थे सर्वम् । आप घ छ II 10 27.11-13.

198. तथाश्रमिणामपि अङ्गिरसा विशेषो दर्शितः । गृहस्थोक्तानि पापानि कुर्वन्त्याश्रमिणो यदि । शौचवच्छेदधनं कुर्यात्सर्वब्रह्मनिर्दोषादिति । शौचवदिति - एतच्छौचं गृहस्थानां द्विगुणं ब्रह्मचारिणाम् । त्रिगुणं तु वनस्थानां यतीनां तु चतुर्गुणम् ॥ इति (मनु ५ १३७) वचना-द्यथा ब्रह्मचार्यादीनां शौचं द्वैगुणयादिक्रमेण वर्धते तथा शोधनं प्रायश्चित्तमपि भवतीत्यर्थः । ब्रह्मचारिणस्तु प्रायश्चित्तद्वैगुण्यं योऽज्ञवर्षादुच्यते ॥ निता on या. III 250 On ब्रह्म-निर्दोषनात् the प्राय. म p 3 says 'ब्रह्मनिर्दोषेन तच्च ज्ञानम् । ज्ञानोत्पत्त्यनन्तरं तत्पक्षपापं ज्ञानेनैव नाशयते । ज्ञानाग्निं सर्वकर्मणि भस्मसात्कुरुतेऽर्जुनेति भगवद्गीतोक्तेः । (गीता ३ ३७).

199. न च ब्रह्मदशवार्षिके चतुर्गुणे क्रियमाणे मध्ये विपत्तिशङ्कया समाप्यत्युपपत्ते-भयतिरेव नोत्पद्यत इति शङ्कनीयम् । यत् प्रक्रान्तप्रायश्चित्तस्य मध्ये विपत्तावपि पापक्षयो भवेत्येव । तथा हारीत । प्रायश्चित्ते व्यवसिते कर्ता यदि विपद्यते । पुनस्तद्दहरेकासाविह लोके परत्र च ॥ इति । व्यासोऽप्याह । धर्मार्थं यतमानस्तु न चेच्छन्नोति मानसः । प्राप्तो भवति तद्युगमत्र वै नास्ति संशयः ॥ इति ॥ निता. on या III 250 बृहद्यम II 7 is almost the same as हारीत प्राय वि p. 86 ascribes the verse प्रायश्चित्ते व्यवसिते to बृहस्पत्यः ; अपराके p. 1058 ascribes it to यम

Gaut. (19. 18-20) provides that these acts (viz Vedic recitation, *tapas*, fasting, gifts &c) may be optionally performed, when no (particular penance) has been prescribed, that for grave sins difficult penances and for trivial faults easy ones may be prescribed and that *Krechra*, *Atikrechra* and *Cāndrāyana* are penances for all sins<sup>200</sup> Manu XI 209 (= Visnu 54 34) provides that for the expiation of offences for which no particular atonement has been prescribed, let (the *pariṣad*) prescribe a penance after considering the (offender's) strength and the nature of the offence. *Parāśara* (XI, 55-56) provides that the recitation of the *Gayātri* ten thousand times is the best penance for all sins and that *Cāndrāyana*, *Yāvaka*, *Tulāpūrsa* and serving cows destroy all sins *Yāj.* III 265 provides that a man is purified from all sins by undergoing the penance for cow-killing or by *Cāndrāyana*, observance for a month of the milk *vrata* or by *Parāka*. Manu XI 117 provides for all *upapātakas* except the sin of sexual intercourse by one who is in the stage of Vedic student the penance prescribed for *goradha* or *cāndrāyana*.

One guilty of a sin, even though he may himself be a learned man, should approach an assembly of learned *brahmanas* and after making some present (a cow or the like) announcing the nature of his lapse seek their decision about the proper penance for his lapse (*Yāj.* 201 III 300 and *Parāśara* VIII 2) The *Mit*, *Par. M.*, *Pr. S* and other digests quote long passages in verse from *Āngiras*<sup>202</sup> who provides that the sinner should

200 एतान्येवानादेशे विकल्पेन क्रियेरन् ॥ एनंस्तु शुरुषु शुष्णिगि लघुषु लघूनि ॥ कृच्छ्रा-  
तिकृच्छ्रा चान्द्रायणमिति सर्वमायश्चित्तम् ॥ गो 19 18-20. Vide ब्रह्मपुराण 22 36 and  
विष्णुपुराण II 6 38 for very similar words 'पापे शुष्णिगि शुष्णिगि स्वल्पान्यल्पे च तद्विद ।  
प्रायश्चित्तानि विमेन्द्रा जगु स्वायंमुवाच ॥ Instead of विमेन्द्रा the विष्णुपुराण has  
नेत्रेय This very verse is quoted as बृहस्पति's in प्राय तत्त्व p 545 (with नेत्रेय  
for विमेन्द्रा:)

201. विख्यातदोषः कुर्वीत पर्पदोऽश्रुतं व्रतम् । यः III 300. This is ascribed  
to both बृहस्पति and या. by परा मा II part 2 p 153. Vide शङ्ख 17 62 also

202 A few of the verses of अङ्गिरस् are cited here. कृत्वा पापं न गृहेत गृह-  
मानस्य वर्धते ॥ सचैलं वाग्यत स्नात्वा क्लिप्तवासा समाहितः । क्षत्रियो वाध वैश्यो वा परि-  
षद्वृत्तिव्रति । उपस्थाय ततः शीघ्रमातिनान्धरणीं ब्रजेत् । गात्रैश्च शिरसा चैव न च  
किंचिद्गृहाहरेत् । ततस्ते प्रणिपातेन दृष्ट्वा तं सद्यपरिधतम् । वृद्धाः पृच्छन्ति किं  
कार्यमुपाविश्यायत स्थितम् । किं कार्यं का च ते पीडा किं वा मृगयसे हिज । एव ते समुद्रज्ञातं  
सर्वं मृगादशेषतः । तस्मिन्निवेदिते कार्ये निष्कारयो यस्तु कार्यवान् । सर्वेषां निश्चितं पत्न्यात्  
यच्च माणान् न घातयेत् । आहूय आवयेदेकः पर्पदा यो नियोजितः । शुण्डो भो ह्रदं विम चते  
आदिश्यते व्रतम् । वच एवमुदाहारी यथोक्त धर्मेकतुभिः । पश्चात्कार्यावृत्तसारेण शक्यता कुड्य-  
व्यवहृत् ॥ अङ्गिरस् p by परा मा II 1 p 206-207 and 235-236 प्राय सा pp 7.  
17-20, प्राय न pp 11-12, मा. प्रकाश (folio 27b and 28a).



not conceal his lapse and lose time; he should bathe with his garment on, and with the garment still wet approach the assembly and should prostrate himself on the ground. Thus the elders of the assembly ask the man prostrating himself before them 'what is your business, what is the trouble and what do you seek from us'. The assembly then asks him to go aside a little and debate among themselves what the penance should be, considering all the circumstances of time, place, nature of the lapse, age &c. Then one of them at the desire of the assembly should declare the assembly's decision as to the proper penance after citing the *smṛti* passages and reducing the penance in view of the weakness and other circumstances of the offender. It has already been stated that the *parisad* acted under the direction of the king in matters of *prāyaścitta* and that the king was not to interfere with the decision of the assembly. The principal stages in a penance were four viz. approaching the *parisad*, the declaration of the appropriate penance by the *parisad*, the actual performance of the penance declared and the announcing of the sinner's freedom from taint (Angiras q. by Fr. Prakāśa folio 27a 'upasthānam vrataśeṣaścaryā śuddhi-prakāśanam : prāyaścittam catuṣpādam vihitam dharmakartṛ-bhiḥ " ").

It is not necessary here to set out the details of the constitution of the *parisad*, of the qualifications of the *śiṣṭas* who were to be the members of the *parisad* and their privileges and duties. These points have already been discussed at length in H of Dh. vol. II, pp. 966-974. A few matters not stated there are mentioned here. Caste exclusiveness and pride had gone so far that Parāśara (VIII, 25) and the Caturvimsatīmata quoted by Par M. state that a *dvija* though he may be of bad character is to be honoured and not a *śūdra* who may have controlled his senses, that the advice of a *śūdra* even though learned and devoted to the knowledge of the *śāstras* should not be accepted like sacrificial food when licked by a dog<sup>203</sup>. Instead of the word '*parisad*' the word *parṣad* (which is an irre-

203 दुःशीलोपि द्विज पूज्यो न तु शुद्रो जितेन्द्रियः । कः परित्यज्य ना दुष्टं दुष्टेच्छीलवर्तौ खरीम् । पराशर VIII. 25 on which परा मा II 1. p 228 observes जातिशीलयोर्मध्ये जात्युत्कर्ष एव प्राधान्येनोपादेयः । शीलं तु यथासम्भवं । अत एव चतुर्विंशति-मते शुद्धेपदेशस्यानुपादेयत्वं प्रपञ्चयति । स्वचर्मणि यथा क्षीरमेवेयं ब्राह्मणादिभिः । तद्वच्छुद्ध-स्यादान्य न भोज्यं कथञ्चन ॥ पण्डितस्यापि शुद्धस्य शास्त्रज्ञानरतस्य च ॥ वचनं तस्य न, माद्यं शुनोच्छिष्टं हविरेष्य ॥

gular abbreviation) is employed in several smṛti passages<sup>203a</sup>. Parāśara (VI 55-57) provides that the assembly should take compassion on the weak, on boys and old men and should reduce the penance, but not otherwise and that if learned men through affection, greed, fear or ignorance reduce the penance that should be prescribed they themselves incur the sin<sup>203b</sup>. Devala says the same and adds<sup>204</sup> that the reduction in the penance should not be directed by one man alone or by a person ignorant of Dharmaśāstra and that it is only a number of brāhmanas who are proficient in Dharmaśāstra that are entitled to reduce the penance through compassion for the sinner. The decision of the assembly should be unanimous<sup>205</sup> as far as possible.

If the learned brāhmanas of the assembly knowing the proper prāyaścitta do not declare it in the case of those who are distressed by their own sin and seek direction, they incur sin similar to that of the seeker after proper penance<sup>206</sup>.

203a पर्षच्छब्दोऽत्र प्रयोदरादित्वात्साधु । प्राय. वि. p 26, on which गोविन्दानन्द says 'परिपीडन्यस्यामिति पर्षत् प्रयोदरादित्वादिकारलोपो विकल्पितः' पाणिनि provides प्रयोदरादीनि यथोपदिष्टम् । VI 3 109.

203 b दुर्बलेऽनुग्रहः मोक्षस्तथा वै बालवृद्धयोः । अतोऽन्यथा भवेद्दोषस्तस्माज्जानुग्रहः स्मृतः ॥ स्नेहाद्वा यदि वा लोभाज्ज्ञयादज्ञानतोऽपि वा । कुर्वन्त्यनुग्रहं ये तु तत्प्रायः तेषु गच्छति ॥ पराशर VI. 55-57.

204 प्रायश्चित्तं यथोद्विष्टमज्ञस्य दुर्बलादिभिः । हृष्यतेऽनुग्रहस्तेषां लोकसंग्रहकारणात् ॥ एको नार्हति तत्कर्तुमज्ञो वा नाप्यनुग्रहम् । धर्मज्ञा बहवो विभ्राः कर्तुमर्हन्त्यनुग्रहम् ॥ देवल q by परा सा II 1. pp. 130-131, प्राय. म p 12.

205 विचारस्तादृशः कार्यो यथा सर्वे सभासदः । एकवाक्यतया ह्यनुस्तथा श्रेयोपि गच्छति ॥ q by प्राय सा p 18

206. आर्तानां मार्गमाणानां प्रायश्चित्तानि ये द्विजाः । जानन्तो न प्रयच्छन्ति ते यान्ति समतां तु तैः ॥ आङ्गिरस् q. by मिता on या III 300, प्राय. तत्त्व. p. 512, परा. सा II part 1 p 234.

## CHAPTER IV

### PENANCES FOR PARTICULAR SINS

It is now proper to turn to the penances prescribed for individual sins of different types (grave sins, minor sins and the like). It may be noted that the *smṛtis* contain numerous *prāyaścittas* for the same sin and that it is often difficult to reconcile all the dicta. The commentaries and digests such as the *Mit* and the *Prāyaścitta-viveka* therefore try to assign to each penance an appropriate provision, looking to all the circumstances noted above (i.e. they are bent on 'visayavyavasthā').<sup>206a</sup> In this work, it is not necessary to set out in detail the numerous penances for numberless lapses that are prescribed in the several *smṛtis* and digests. In the *Śabdakalpadrūma* (part III) there is an analysis from the *Prāyaścitta-viveka* alone of the several lapses, the penances for them, the number of cows to be donated as substitutes, the monetary equivalents when even cows cannot be donated and the *dakṣiṇā* in each case, which occupy pages 321 to 364. Setting out all these lapses together with the penances for them would only be a matter of academic interest and of no practical value, as almost all the *prāyaścittas* have become antiquated and are hardly ever performed now except in the form of gifts of cows or money to brāhmanas, pilgrimages and recitation of Vedic mantras or *japa* of the names of some favourite deity such as Viṣṇu or Śiva. Therefore only a few typical sins alone will be taken for treatment here and later on a list of all penances with brief descriptions will be furnished.

First come the *Mahāpātakas*. Śāṅkha<sup>207</sup> (17. 1-3) prescribes the following penance for the four *mahāpātakas*: the sinner should bathe thrice every day, should erect in a forest a cottage thatched with leaves, should sleep on the ground, should subsist

206 a. एवमादीन्यन्यानि उत्कर्षापकर्षप्रतिपादकवचनानि ब्राह्मणादिजातत्वं—इत्तरस्था-  
इत्तरस्थत्वं—वेदान्त्यादियुक्तत्वायुक्तत्वं—कामाकामकृतत्वं—व्यवस्थया व्याख्येयानि। प्राय. वि.  
p. 220, vide also प्राय. वि. pp. 338-39 for a similar passage

207 नित्यं त्रिपवणस्यायी कृत्वा पर्णकुटीं वने । अथ शायी जटाधारी पर्णमूलफल-  
ज्ञः ॥ ग्रामे विशेषं भिक्षार्थं स्वकर्म परिकीर्तयन् । एककालं समन्वीयाहर्षं तु द्वादशे गते ॥  
हेमस्तेयी सुरापश्च ब्रह्महा शुचतल्पग । व्रतेनैतेन शुध्यन्ते महापातकिनस्त्रिवे ॥ शङ्ख 17 1-3  
q. by अपराके pp. 1053-54, परा मा II. part 1 p. 320-321, मा. प्रकाश folio 87b.

on leaves, roots and fruits, should enter a village for alms all the time declaring his misdeed, should eat only once a day. When the 12th year passes in this way, the thief of gold, the drinker of surā, the murderer of a brāhmana and one who is guilty of incest become free from sin. Visnu Dh S. 34.1 speaks of sexual intercourse with one's mother, daughter or daughter-in-law as *atpātala* and (34.2) provides that there is no penance except entering fire for this grave sin. The Bhavisyapurāna, Hārīta and Samvarta (q. by the Pr. V p 43) say the same. But other smrtis like Manu XI. 54 and Yāj III. 227 treat mātṛgamana as a mahāpātaka (gurutalpa-gamana) and intercourse with the daughter or daughter-in-law as equal to violating guru's bed (Manu XI. 58, Yāj. III. 233-234). Therefore we begin with the mahāpātakas the first of which is the murder of a brāhmana Gaut. 22 2-10, Āp Dh. S I. 9. 24 10-25 and I. 9 25 12-13, Vas 20. 25-28, Visnu Dharmasūtra 35.6 and 50. 1-6 and 15, Manu. XI. 72-82, Yāj III. 243-250, Agnipurāna 169. 1-4 and 173 7-8, Samvarta 110-115 and many others prescribe various penances for brāhmana-murder. As the treatment of Manu is tolerably long, an analysis of it alone will be given here. Manu as stated by the Bhavisyapurāna (quoted by Kullūka on Manu XI. 72-82, Aparārka p 1055 and Pr V. p 63) speaks of 13 separate penances for *brahmahatya*<sup>208</sup>. The general rule was that for a man of any class who is directly guilty of intentional murder of a brāhmana the penance was to end in death<sup>209</sup>. The thirteen penances as set out by Govindananda in his commentary (called Tattvārthakamudī) on Prāyascittaviveka (p 63) are as follows —

(1) The murderer of a brāhmana should construct a hut in a forest and dwell therein for twelve years, should subsist on alms and should carry a piece of the head-bones of the murdered man on a staff. This is a very ancient penance and other smrtis add some details. For example, Gaut 22 4 provides that the sinner should submit to observances meant for a Vedic student (such as not partaking of flesh, honey etc. stated in

208 तथापि ब्राह्मणवधे प्रायश्चित्तानि ह्युक्तं । मनुना कीर्तितानीत् त्रयोदश यथाक्रमम् ।  
भविष्यपुराण q. by अपराक्ते p 1055, प्राय वि p 63

209. तत्र कामत साक्षाद् ब्रह्मवधे विशेषाश्रवणात् सर्वेषामेव वर्णानां मरणान्तिक प्रायश्चित्तम् । यदाह याज्ञवल्क्य (3 247.) 'लोमस्य स्वाहित्ये' । तथा च मध्यमाङ्गिरा . प्राणान्तिकं तु यत्कोक्तं प्रायश्चित्तं मनीषिभिः । तच्च कामकृतं प्राप्य विशेषं नात्र संशयः । प्राय. प्रक pp 8-9 , परा मा II. part 2, p 72 and मा प्रकाश 94 a, quote the verse of मध्यमाङ्गिरसः

Gaut. 2. 19), should announce his sin and enter a village only for begging alms. Yaj. III. 243 prescribes that the sinner should have a piece of the head-bone in the hand (left) and another placed on a staff (in the right hand) and that he should eat a moderate quantity (i. e. only once a day). The carrying of the piece of the head-bone in one hand is not meant for begging alms therein but only as a symbol. There was some divergence of views on this point<sup>20a</sup>. Āp Dh. 8. I. 9. 24. 14 further provides that he should beg for alms at seven houses in only a broken reddish vessel (of clay or copper) and wear a piece of hempen cloth round his waist that will reach a little above his knees and that if he got no food at the seven houses he had to go without food that day and that he should protect cows and may for that purpose (for taking them out for grazing or bringing them back) enter the village again. The Mit. (on Yaj. III. 243) adds that the staff with head-bone on and the head-bone carried in the left hand are merely symbolic (in order to remind him and others of his being guilty of brāhmana murder), that he should on seeing an ārya avoid his path (Gaut. 22. 5), that he should keep standing by day and only sit down at night (Gaut. 22. 6) and bathe thrice in the day (Gaut. 22. 6). It is added by the Mit. that, if the murdered brāhmana's head-bone cannot be had, that of any other brāhmana would do. The Mit. adds that this *vṛata*<sup>21</sup> for twelve years propounded by Gautama, Manu, Yājñavalkya and others is one and not different for each *smṛti* and therefore all the details that are not opposed to each other should be included. Aparārka p. 1053 (on Yaj. III. 243) relies on the 'sarvasākhapratyayanyāya'<sup>22</sup> and states:

209 a. स्वग्यापादितविप्रत्येयं शिरो द्वेधा कृत्वा ध्वजदण्डाभ्यां स्थापयेद्वर्षं च हस्ते. शूनीयादिति . केचित् । अपरे तु द्वेधाकरणे प्रमाणाभावात् कृत्वा शवशिरोध्वजमिति. मन्वाङ्ग्ये. अखण्डितशिरोऽप्रतीतेश्चान्याशिरःकपालं हस्ते ग्राह्यं स्वग्यापादितविप्रत्येयस्तु दण्डाभ्यां स्थापयेद्वर्षं. इत्येव विज्ञानेश्वरशूलपाण्यादयः । नये तु स्वग्यापादितशिरोःकपालं हस्ते ग्राह्यं अन्यदीयगिरसा तु ध्वजः कार्यः । भा. पकाश folio 88a.

210. इयं च मनुयाज्ञवल्क्यगौतमादिमतिपादिता हावृषावर्षिकव्रतवर्षा एकैव न इनामिना । परस्परसापेक्षतादविरोधाच्च । तथाहि—मिक्षाशी कर्म वेद्यम्—(या. 3. 243) इत्येकं किं भिक्षापात्रं केषां वा ग्रहेषु कतिपु जेत्याकारंक्षा जायेतेव । तत्र लोहितकेन खण्डमारा वेण (आप. ध. सू. 1. 9 24. 14.)—इत्यायस्तम्बचनैः परिपूर्णमविरुद्धम् । अतः सर्वैकः कल्पोपदेशालौकिकं मनुयौतमाद्युक्तिकर्तव्यतायाः परस्परसापेक्षत्वेऽपि विकल्प इति तत्पक्षेऽप्येवोक्तमिति । निता. on या III. 243.

211. अत्र च सर्वेशास्त्रमप्यनेकं कर्मेति न्यायेन स्थूल्यन्तरोक्ता अविवक्षा यमाः सख्येन कर्तव्याः । विप्रह्नास्तु विकल्पेन । अपराकं p. 1053. Vide H of Dh. vol. III. p. 870 for explanation of this Nyāya (maxim) which is based on जै II. 4. 19 and Śābara's bhāṣya thereon.

that there would be an option where the details of several smrtis are in conflict. It was Viśvarūpa<sup>212</sup> on Yaj. III. 237 who held that the procedure prescribed by each smṛti was separate and that all details taken from different smrtis were not to be mixed up. According to the Mit. and Kullūka (on Manu XI. 72) this vrata for 12 years is appropriate in the case where a brāhmana is murdered unintentionally and Kullūka quoting Angiras provides that for intentional brāhmana murder the penance will be double (i. e. 24 years). The Mit (on Yaj. III. 243) states that this observance for twelve years applies only to one who was himself directly the murderer of a brāhmana and that the *anugrahaka* has to undergo only 9 years' vrata, the *prayojaka* only six years, the *anumantā* only 4½ years and the *manuttin* only three years. It is further provided by the Mit. (on Yaj. III. 243) following a verse ascribed to Manu (not found in the printed text) and Devala<sup>213</sup> that if a man commits several murders of brāhmanas one after another, and performs penance at one time for them, for two murders he has to undergo the penance for 24 years and for three murders 36 years and when he commits the 4th murder there is no penance (but only death is the penance). The Pr. T. (p. 468) on the other hand,<sup>214</sup> following the Bhavisya-purāna holds that one performance of the 12 years' penance is enough penance for the murder of several brāhmanas, on the analogy of the *Ksāmavati* ṛsti (Jai. VI. 4. 17-20) which is performed when both the purodāśas and the house are totally burnt up by accident before the oblations are offered. The Pr. Prakāśa (folio 19 a) also says the same and adds that Devala's verse is to be interpreted as laying down that repetition of the same sinful act is more blamable. If the murderer of a brāhmana

212. न चैकमेवैतत् सर्वस्मृतिसिद्धं द्वादशवार्षिकं व्रतमित्याशङ्कनीयं प्रतिस्मृतिप्रयोग-  
भेदस्य-वकारो धर्मशास्त्राणामित्यत्र श्लोके (या. १.४) अभिहितत्वात्। विस्मरूप ०० या III.  
237 (शिर कपालवान् )

213. यच्च मनुर्वेषलाभ्यामुक्तं विधेः माधनिकादस्माद् द्वितीये द्विगुणं भवेत्। तृतीये  
त्रिगुणं चोक्तं चतुर्थे चास्ति निष्कृतिः ॥ तच्च प्रतिनिमित्तं नैमित्तिकशास्त्रमावर्तते इति न्यायेन।  
मिता. on या III 243. प्राय वि. pp 25 and 77, प्राय प्रकाश (19a) ascribes the verse  
to वेदल alone, while परा मा. II part 2 p. 60 ascribes to both and स्मृतिसु. (प्राय)  
p. 872 attributes it to मनु and गालव (if the ms was properly read by the  
editor). हरदत्त on गौ. 22 6 ascribes it to मनु alone

214. तथा नानान्नाष्टपथसर्वे सर्वोद्देशेन सकृत्प्रायश्चित्ते कृते सर्वान्नाष्टपथजन्यपापनाशः।  
यथा बधनाशुद्धौ भविष्ये। ब्राह्मणस्य ब्राह्मणयोर्ब्राह्मणानां च शुक्रः। प्रायश्चित्तस्य चैकत्वं  
आतिमाभित्य लक्ष्यते। क्षामवत्यादिना यद्वत् कर्मणा व्रतनापते। वैवदोषादकरणे जाते-  
द्वोषकदम्बके। होमनैकेन दोषाणां सर्वेषां क्षयमाविशेत्। मा. तस्य p 468.

was a ksatriya or a vaiśya or a śūdra he had to perform the penance above described respectively for 24, 36 or 48 years. (Smṛtyarthasāra p. 105). Instead of staying in a hut for twelve years he may stay at the end of a village or a cowpen and should tonsure his head and the hair on the lips or he may stay in an hermitage or at the foot of a tree and should devote himself to doing good to brāhmanas and cows and should observe celibacy (Manu XI. 78 and 81). At the end of 12 years he destroys the sin of brāhmana-murder.

(2) According to Ap. Dh. S. I. 9.25.12, Gaut. 22. 3, Manu XI. 72, Yāj. III. 248, if a ksatriya intentionally killed a brāhmana he may at his will enter a fight and if he were killed by his opponents who knew that he was a brāhmana murderer, or even if he was wounded and left unconscious on the field but subsequently recovered he should be free from the sin of brāhmana-murder.

(3) According to Āp. Dh. S. I. 9.25.13, Vas. 20. 25-26, Gaut. 22.2, Manu XI. 74, Yāj. III. 247, he may cut off with an axe his hair, skin, blood, flesh, muscles, fat, bones and marrow and offer them into an ordinary fire kindled by him for the purpose and offer these eight offerings into it for Death (Mṛtyu) as the deity and then throw himself into fire (thrice with head downwards, according to Manu XI. 73). This penance is for intentional murder of a brāhmana by a ksatriya according to the Madanapārijāta and Bhaviśyapurāṇa q. by Pr. Prakāśa folio 95 a.

(4)—(8) The murderer of a brāhmana may perform the Āśvamedha sacrifice or Gosava or Abhijit or Viśvajit or the threefold Agnistut (Manu XI. 74). The Āśvamedha could be performed only by a king or an emperor (samraj). The others could be performed by any one belonging to the three higher classes. This applies only where the murder was unintentional as stated by Kullūka following the Bhaviśyapurāṇa.<sup>215</sup> Viṣṇu

215. अग्नौ सक्तिर्ब्रह्मन्निस्त्रिविधातरस्य । यौ 22 2; अपि वा लोमानि त्वन् मासमिति क्षयित्वानि प्रविशेत् । आप. घ 1. 9 25.13: ब्रूयद्वाग्निष्टुपसमाधाय जुहुयादेता । लोमानि सृष्योर्जुहोमि लोमभिर्मुक्षु वासच इति प्रथमाश्च । मज्जानं सृष्योर्जुहोमि मज्जाभिर्मुक्षु वासच इत्यष्टमीश्च । वसिष्ठ 20 25-26 When Yāj. III. 247 prescribes that he should utter लोमयः स्वाहा, the देवता is सृष्यु and लोम, त्वक्षु and all others are the आहुतिसः.

216. तदुक्तं भविष्यपुराणे-स्वर्जितादेश्च यद्वीर कर्मणा पुत्रनपते । अश्वदानं द्विजातीनां नये ह्यनतिपूर्वकं । कुल्लूक on मनु XI.74. For the Āśvamedha, vide H. of Dh.

dharmaśāstra (chap. 35 last verse) states that all persons guilty of any of the 'mahāpātakas' are purified by the performance of *Āśvamedha* or by going to all the *tīrthas* on the earth.

(9) Manu XI. 75 provides that for the removal of the sin of *brahmahatyā*, the sinner may walk one hundred *yojanas*, subsisting on limited food, controlling his senses and reciting one of the four Vedas. Kullūka says that this applies only where the killing is unintentional and the victim is a mere brāhmana by caste (i. e. has not studied the Veda &c.). For *yojana*, vide H. of Dh. vol. III. p. 145 note 185.<sup>217</sup>

(10) Manu XI. 76 provides that the murderer of a brāhmana may make a gift of all his wealth to a brāhmana who has studied the Veda.

(11) Manu XI. 76 and Yāj. III. 250 provide that the murderer may donate to a worthy brāhmana (who has studied the Veda and whose character is good) as much wealth as would suffice to maintain the latter throughout his life and a house with all paraphernalia. This is the view of Govindānanda. But the Mit. on Yāj. III. 250 appears to hold that Nos 10 and 11 are not separate penances. It combines the two into one, viz. that if the murderer has no offspring then he was to donate all his wealth or if he had offspring he was to donate a house with paraphernalia. This explanation is certainly preferable. The *Smṛtyarthasāra* (p 105) states that if the murderer is devoid of qualities but is well-off he may give a house and lands sufficient for the maintenance of a worthy brāhmana or he may donate a house with appurtenances or if he be childless all his wealth.

(12) Manu XI. 77<sup>218</sup> and Yāj. III. 249 provide that the murderer subsisting on sacrificial food (such as *nivāra*, milk or

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vol II 1228-1237. The *Viśvajit* and *Abhyjit* are *ekāhas* and the first and last rites of the *Astarātra* and *Abhyjit* follow the procedure of *soma* sacrifice. Vide Jai. VI. 7. 14 and VIII. 1. 16 and *Āśv. Śr.* VIII. 5. 13. In the *Viśvajit* one has to make a gift of all his wealth. vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 1212 n. 2644. For *Gosava* and *Agnistut* vide note 153 above.

२१७. स्याच्च भविष्यपुराणेऽयमेव श्लोकः पठितं व्याख्यातश्च-जातिमात्रं यदा विदं हन्यादमतिपूर्वकम् । वेदविज्ञासिद्धौ च तदा तस्य भवेद्विदम् ॥ कुल्लूक on मनु XI. 75.

२१८. हविष्यमुन्वाहसरेत्यतिश्रोत सरस्वतीम् । मनु XI. 77, मेधातिथि comments 'हविष्यं शुभ्यर्कं नीवारादि ग्राम्यमपि पयोधृतादि । प्रतिश्रोत श्रोत श्रोत. प्रति यावन्ति

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ghee) should follow the course of the (holy) river Sarasvatī in all its branches. This, acc. to the Bhavisyapurāṇa and Kullūka, applies where a mere brāhmaṇa by caste (without Vedic learning) is killed intentionally by a man who is himself rich but has no vedic learning. The words 'pratisrotah sarasvatīm' have been variously explained. Medhātithi explains as above. Apararka, Sarvajñanārāyaṇa and Raghavānanda explain that the murderer should follow the course of the Sarasvatī in the opposite direction from the sea to its origin. This appears to be a better explanation, since it brings out the force of 'pratisrotah' more clearly.

(13) It is provided by Manu XI. 77 and Yāj. III. 249 that the murderer should recite in a forest thrice the *samhitā* text of the Veda, while subsisting on limited food. The express mention of *samhitā* text precludes the *pada* text or *krama*. The Bhavisyapurāṇa and Kullūka hold that this penance is proper where a mere brāhmaṇa by birth (without Vedic learning) is killed unintentionally.

Manu XI. 79, Yāj. III. 244 and 246, Vas. 20. 27-28 and Gaut. 22. 7-8 and 11 mention three more penances, but they are not independent ones (as is made clear by Śankha). If a murderer, while undergoing the 12 years' penance, fights him who attacks a brāhmaṇa and saves him (or fights for the king, acc. to Vas.) or dies in the attempt, he becomes at once free from the sin and if he lives after the fight he had not to continue the penance for the whole period. The same applies to the saving of 12 cows by the murderer by putting his own life in danger<sup>219</sup>. Similarly, if a murderer fights a marauder depriving a brāhmaṇa of all his wealth and restores the wealth to a brāhmaṇa or dies in the attempt or is severely wounded (thrice acc. to Yāj, Vas and Gaut.) and is unable to restore the wealth to the brāhmaṇa he becomes free from the grave sin of brāhmaṇa murder.

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सरस्वत्यां श्रोतंसि तावन्त्यहसरेत् ।' अपराक p 1060 says 'सरस्वतीं प्रति श्रोतोऽन्तादार-  
ग्योद्धर्मं यावदपि गत्वा छुह्यति'; सर्वज्ञानारायण explains प्रतिश्रोत प्रभासमारभ्य हस्तप्र-  
णान्तं यत्र यत्र सरस्वतीं तत्र तत्र श्रोतो लक्ष्यकृत्य तीरेण गमनम् ।' The मित्ता. on या. III  
249 explains हस्तार्त्तं अस्त्रणादारभ्य पश्चिमोदधेः प्रतिश्रोत श्रोतं प्रति सरस्वतीं इत्या गत्वा.  
For the sacredness of the Sarasvatī, vide H. of Dh vol II, pp 13-15 and  
later on under *tīrthas*

219. अन्तराले वा आह्वानं नोचयित्वा यत्र वा द्वादशानां परित्राणात् । इति । शङ्ख  
य. by हृदयत्त on जो 22 14 and मित्ता. on या. III 244.

Manu XI 82, Yāj III 244, Śaṅkha and Gaut 22.9 lay down that if the murderer of a brāhmana announces his sin when the king and priests have met together for the ceremonial bath after the Āsvamedha sacrifice and being permitted by them bathes along with them, he becomes free from the sin.<sup>220</sup> According to Haradatta this is an independent penance, while according to the Mit on Yāj III 244, Aparārka p. 1057 and others it is not so but is to be performed while undergoing the 12 years' penance.

Yāj. III. 245 provides that if the murderer treats and cures a brāhmana or a cow (or cows) lying helpless on the public road suffering from a long-standing and serious ailment he becomes free from the sin.

Parāśara (XII. 65-67) prescribes for *brāhmaṇatyā* the penance of going to the sea and Rāma's bridge, begging and declaring on the way one's sin, walking without an umbrella or shoes and residing in cowpens, forests, *tirthas* and river streams; on seeing the *setu* he was to bathe in the ocean and on return to feed brāhmanas at a dinner and to donate 100 cows to learned brāhmapas.

There are other penances for *brāhmaṇatyā* mentioned by Jamadagni, Atri, Kaśyapa and others quoted by Aparārka (pp. 1064-1065) and others which are passed over here for want of space.

If a brāhmana killed his own father, mother, full brother, his teacher of the Veda, a brāhmana who has studied the Veda or has consecrated sacred Vedic fires, he had to undergo penance till his last breath (acc. to Pr. Prakaraṇa p. 13 quoting Bhaviṣya-purāṇa, Pr. V. pp. 70-71, Smṛtimuktāphala Pr. p. 873 quoting Dakṣa III. 27-28 and Āp. Dh. S I.9 24). If a man killed a priest that was engaged at a *soma* sacrifice the penance was double (Yāj III 252). The Pr. Prakaraṇa (p 13) says that this means that the murderer should perform 12 years' penance and then donate cows<sup>221</sup> in proportion to the difference between his

220. अश्वमेधावधुर्धृत्वा तत्रालङ्घ्य स्नात्वा सद्यः पुनो भवति । शङ्ख १ ८१ निता on या III 244. अपरार्क p 1057 (on या III 244) and ग्रय. सा p. 33 combine the two sūtras of Śaṅkha into one.

221. तथा च भविष्यपुराणम् । मातरं पितरं हत्वा सोदर्यं भ्रातरं तथा । पुत्रं हत्वा भोजित्र्यं च आदिताम्रिण्यापि वा ॥ आ उत्तनादुच्छ्वासं ब्रतं स्वीकरो विमुच्यते । अत्र ऐकं सङ्कलनाया जीवनकालस्यानियतत्वाद् विशुद्धचरं शतं परमादरेण आह्वयम् । तेन ह्यदशवार्षिकं कृत्वा वषट्काराद्ब्रह्मं विशिष्यधिकशतस्य पापद्वयसिद्धं तावत्परिमाणं ह्यदशवार्षिकव्रतारूपं धेनवः दत्तव्याः । ग्रय. प्रक p 13.

age at the time of finishing twelve years and 120 years (which is regarded as the highest limit of life). If a person strikes a brāhmana intending to kill him but only injures him he should perform the *vrata* for *brahma-hatyā* (acc. to Yāj. III. 252, Gaut. 22.11'). The Mit. explains that this is an extension (*atideśa*) of the rules about *brahma-hatyā* and so the penance is a little less than the full one (i. e. 9 years). Where certain sins are said to be equal (*sama*) to *brahma-hatyā* or *surāpāna*, the penance for them is half of what is prescribed for the latter. If a person intending to commit suicide by entering water or fire or by hanging himself or by taking poison or by falling from a precipice or the dome of a temple or by cutting his belly with a weapon or by fasting, does not die, but luckily lives, he has to undergo a *prāyaścitta* for three years (acc. to Pr. Prakaraṇa p. 15). Vas. 23.18-19 and Parāśara XII.5-8 prescribe other *prāyaścittas* for such persons (who are styled '*pratyavasita*'). Pr. Prakaraṇa (p. 15) and Pr. V. (p. 75) quote two verses of Yama<sup>221a</sup> for nine kinds of *pratyavasita* and prescribe Cāndrāyana or two Taptakrechas for them.

If a *ksatriya*, *vaiśya* or *śūdra* intentionally and directly killed a brāhmana, the expiation was death, but otherwise each had respectively to undergo twice, thrice or four times as much *prāyaścitta* as a brāhmana sinner would have had to undergo for killing a brāhmana.<sup>222</sup> Conversely, if a brāhmana killed a *ksatriya* or *vaiśya* or a *śūdra* the sin was only an *upapātaka* (acc. to Yāj. III. 236 and Manu XI. 66), unless the *ksatriya* or *vaiśya* victim was engaged in performing a soma sacrifice (*Sāmavidhāna* Br. I. 7. 5, Yāj. III. 251, Vas. 20. 34) when the penance was heavy. Yāj. III. 266-267, Manu XI. 126-130 and Āp. Dh. S. I.9.24. 1-4 prescribe other penances for killing a *ksatriya*, a *vaiśya* or a *śūdra*. The penance for a *ksatriya*

221. a जलाग्न्युद्धनभ्रष्टाः प्रजयानाशकच्युताः । विषमपतनमायशस्त्रघातहताश्च ये ॥ नवैते मृत्यवसिताः सर्वलोकवहिष्कृताः । चान्द्रायणेन छुध्यन्ति तप्तकृच्छ्रद्वयेन वा ॥ यम, verses 22-23, बृहद्यम 3-4, नारदपुराण. These include those who give up *sannyāsa* and those who sit down at the door of another for killing themselves (माय).

222 माय प्रक. p. 16 says: तत्र क्षत्रियादीनां साक्षाद्ब्रह्मघ्ने विशेषाश्रवणात् प्राणान्तिकमेव । इतरत्र तु यद् ब्राह्मणस्य ब्रह्मघ्ने प्राप्यश्चित्तं तत् क्षत्रियवैश्यशूद्राणां यथाक्रमं द्विगुणं त्रिगुणं चतुर्गुणमिति नोद्धृतम् ।...तथा च ब्रह्मवधप्रकरणेऽङ्किराः । परिवर्था 0 (vide note 195 for the quotation). vide the माय वि p. 75 (which quotes भविष्यपुराण that quotes the verses of अङ्किरस्य, स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 105, स्मृतिः. (मा.) p. 873. परा. मा. II part 2 p. 74 and मा. प्रकाश (folio 94 a) quote a verse of प्रजापति 'द्विगुणं त्रिगुणं चैव चतुर्गुणमथापि वा । क्षत्रविद्भूशूद्रजातीनां ब्राह्मणस्य वधे व्रतम् ॥ .'

killing a ksatriya is a little less (i. e. by  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) than the penance for a brāhmana killing a ksatriya. Vide the verse 'vipra tu sakalam deyam' quoted above (note 192).

Women victims were placed on the same footing as ksatriya, vaiśya and śūdra males (Yāj. III. 236 and Manu XI 66), except the cases where the woman was an Ātreya or pregnant or in her monthly illness (Gaut 22 17, Āp Dh. S. I. 9. 24. 5 and 9, Baud. Dh. S. II. 1.10, 12-13, Vas 20 34, Visnu Dh. S. 50 7-9) or the wife of a twice-born performing a soma sacrifice, when the penance was heavy (like the one for *brahmahatyā*). The period of soma-yāga was reckoned from the *Diksanīyā* isti to the *Udavasānīyā* (acc to the Mit) or up to the end of *avabhṛtha* bath (acc. to Aparārka). For killing women guilty of adultery the penances were higher and varied according to the caste of the paramour and of the woman (vide Gaut 22, 26-27, Manu XI. 138, Yāj III. 268-269).

Manu (XI. 208=Visnu Dh. S. 54 30) and Yāj III. 293 prescribe that for threatening to beat or strike a brāhmana the penance is *kṛcchra*, for striking him it is *Ati-kṛcchra*, for shedding his blood a *Kṛcchra* and *Atikṛcchra*. The *Samavidhāna Br.* I. 7. 4 prescribes other penances (i. e. recitation of certain *sāman* texts) for these.

Gaut. 23.1, <sup>223</sup> Āp Dh. S. I 9 25.3, Baud. Dh. S. II. 1. 21., Vas. 20.22, Manu XI. 90-91, Yāj. III. 253 and Brhaspati prescribe that if a brāhmana drinks intentionally spirituous liquor prepared from flour even once he has to undergo a penance that ends in death, viz. he has to drink that liquor boiling hot or to drink boiling hot cow's urine, milk, ghee, water or liquid cow-dung, and when his body has been completely scalded thereby and he dies he becomes free from that sin. Some like Haradatta on Gaut. 23 1 hold that this horrible penance is meant for one who knowingly and repeatedly drinks *surā* (manufactured from rice flour). Manu XI 92 and Yāj. III. 254 prescribe another penance in place of the one ending in death viz. that the sinner should eat during one year (during three

223. सुरापोऽग्निस्पर्शा सुरा पिबेत् । आप. घ. सू. 1 9 25 3 ; सुरापस्य ब्राह्मणस्योष्णमासिज्जेषु सुरामारये मृत. छुभ्येत् । गो 23.1, सुरापाने कामकृते ज्वलन्ती तां विनिसिपेत् । सुखे तया विनिर्दग्धे मृतः छुद्धिमवाप्नुयात् ॥ बृहस्पति प. by मित्त. on वा III 253, अपराकं प. 1071, माय एक प 43, प्रायेण धर्मशास्त्रेषु सर्वेभ्यः नराधिप । मत्स्यपुराणे सुरापाने प्राणविकलं कदाचित् ॥ पैडीपाने तु ऋषिनिर्देशरस्यां कदाचन । भविष्यपुराण प by द्वीपकलिका on वा. III. 253.

years, acc. to Yāj.) once (a day) at night the (boiled) small grains of rice, or oilcake, should wear clothes made of cow's hair, should have matted hair on his head and carry a flagstaff (with a wine cup thereon). The same rules apply to a ksatriya or vaiśya drinking *surā* (manufactured from rice flour). Only they have as stated above (in note 192) to undergo three-fourths and one-half respectively of the penance for a brāhmaṇa sinner. This penance was to be undertaken after vomiting the contents of the stomach. According to the Madanaparijata (p. 818), Pr. V. p. 104, Pr. Prakaraṇa p. 43, Mit. (on Yaj III. 24) and other works the twelve years' penance is meant for one who drinks *surā* (made from flour) through ignorance or force. According to Gaut. 23, 2-3, Yāj. III. 255, Manu. XI. 146, Atri 75, for drinking intoxicants or human semen, ordure or urine through ignorance a person of the three first classes had first to undergo the penance called Taptakrechra and then his *upanayana* was again performed. Vasiṣṭha 20.19 prescribes for drinking any intoxicant unintentionally the penances of Kṛcchra and Atikrechra, the drinking of ghee and the performing of *upanayana* again. There is great divergence of views about Manu XI. 146 and Yaj III. 255 which is passed over here. Brhaspati <sup>224</sup> quoted by the Mit., Aparārka and others prescribes that a brāhmaṇa who drinks *surā* prepared from raw sugar, flour and honey (or madhūka flowers) should respectively undergo Taptakrechra, Parāka and Cāndrāyana. This light penance is restricted acc. to the Mit. and others to cases where *surā* is drunk for curing a malady which no other medicine could cure. If a brāhmaṇa drank *surā* (not manufactured from flour) or any other intoxicant, various easy penances were prescribed for him (such as undergoing Cāndrāyana on a river falling into the sea, feeding brāhmaṇas and donating a cow and a bull to the brāhmaṇas, Parāśara XII 75-76). Vide Yaj. III. 255 and the Mit. thereon. Ksatriyas and vaiśyas incurred no sin by drinking intoxicants other than *surā* (made from flour) and the śūdra incurred no sin even by drinking *surā* of the

224. गौडी पैरी तथा सार्वी पीत्वा मित्रः समाचरेत् । तप्तकृच्छ्रं पराकां च चान्द्रायण-  
मुक्कमात् ॥ इत्युच्यते q. by मितः on या III. 254, अपराकां p. 1073, परा. मा II part 2 p.  
84, मद्. पा p. 821, प्राय. सा. p. 42 The मितः comments यत्तु बौधायनीयं वैसासिक-  
मन्त्र्या सुरापाने कृच्छ्रान्दपादं चरित्वा पुनश्चपनयनमिति, यच्च चाम्भं 'सुरां पीत्वा द्विजं हत्वा  
कर्मं हृता द्विजमनः । स योगे पतिते गत्वा द्विजश्चान्द्रायणं चरेत् ॥' इति, यदपि चाहंस्पत्यं  
'गौडी...कमात् ॥' इति तत्रितयमप्यन्यौषधसाध्यस्याधुपशमार्थे पाने वेदितव्यं प्रायश्चित्तरथा-  
व्यत्नात् ।

paisti variety. The Mit (on Yāj III. 243) holds that since Manu XI. 93 generally forbids the drinking of *surā* on the part of brāhmanas, ksatriyas and vaiśyas the prohibition applies even to boys who have not undergone the rite of *upanayana* and girls who are not yet married and adds that for drinking *surā* the child has to undergo only one-fourth penance (for 3 years) if the offence was unintentional and double of that (6 years) if it was intentional (vide also Pr. prakarana p. 48). The Kalpataru, it appears, held, relying on Gaut. II. 1 ('before *upanayana* a child may do as it pleases as regards behaviour, speech and eating'), that no sin (*dosa*) was incurred by a child before *upanayana* and by a girl before marriage for drinking *surā*. The Pr. V (p. 104) and Pr. Prakāsa criticize the Kalpataru for this view.<sup>225</sup> As Brhaspati states (vide n. 188 above) the license allowed by Gautama is limited by the Mit and other digests to the partaking of sour or stale drinks and the like and is not extended to drinking *surā* which is a mahāpātaka. Jātūkarnya<sup>226</sup> (q. by the Par. M.) provides that if a boy whose *upanayana* has not been performed drinks an intoxicant (*madya*) through foolishness, his father, mother or brother should perform three kṛcchras as an expiation for him. Angiras (Jiv. p. 557), Āpastamba-smṛti III. 7, Laghu-Hārīta 34-35, Brhad-yama III. 1-2 also provide that a *patimdhī* (brother, father, friend) may undergo an expiation for a boy who is himself unable to do so or is less than eleven and above five years of age.

The Āśv. gr. (I 22.22-26)<sup>227</sup> prescribes what is to be done and what is to be omitted in *punar-upanayana*. It provides that the rites of the cutting of the hair and the production of intelligence are optional, there are no express rules about giving the person in charge (of the deities) and as to the time, and the verse to be recited as the Savitri is Rgveda V. 82.1 instead of the usual Gayatri (tatsaviturvarenyam, Rg. III. 62.10)

225. अत्रावपनीतब्राह्मणकुमाराद्वृद्धब्राह्मणकुमारिकयोः सुरापाने दोषाभावः सुरा पीत्वा द्विजो मोहादित्यादि प्रायश्चित्ते द्विजग्रहणादिति कल्पतस्मिन् तस्माद् ब्राह्मणराजस्यो इति मद्यवचनात् सुरापाननिषेधोऽयं जात्याश्रय इति स्थितिः । न पिबेद् ब्राह्मणो मद्यं निषिद्धमपि चारम् ॥ इति कुमारवचनाच्च द्विजग्रहणस्य जात्युपलक्षणार्थत्वात् । प्रायश्चित्ते pp. 104-105.

226. अनुपेतस्तु यो बालो मद्यं मोहादपिबेद्यदि । तस्य कृच्छ्रत्रयं कुर्यान्माता आता तथा-पिता ॥ जादृक्प्रायश्चित्ते q. by परा मा. II part 2 p. 80.

227. अथोपेतपूर्वस्य । छुत्ताकृतं केशवपनं मेघाजननं च । अनिरक्तं परिदानम् । कालञ्च । तत्सविहृष्टं गीमदे इति सावित्रीम् । आश्व. गृ. I. 22. 22-26, q. by तद्. पा. p. 821.

Vasistha 20.18 quotes Mānu XI. 151 on this point<sup>228</sup> and Visnu (Dh. S. 51.4-5) in prose is to the same effect. Visnu (Dh S' 51. 2-3) provides Cāndrāyana for drinking any of the (twelve) unclean excretions of the body (Manu V. 134) or any of the several kinds of intoxicating drinks and for eating garlic or onion or red garlic or any plant having a similar flavour or the flesh of village pigs, of tame cocks, of apes and of cows and then adds (in sūtra 4) that they (the sinners) must undergo fresh *upanayana* also. The smrtis provide different *prāyaścittas* for various lapses about drinking and eating such as drinking water from a pot which had already been used for holding *surā*, for drinking water from the water vessel of a *cāndāla* or of a washerman or from a *sūdra*'s house or for drinking milk which should not be drunk (Gaut 17.22-26, Yāj I. 170, Manu V. 8-10), for eating forbidden food, which must be passed over here, because<sup>229</sup> they are too many and too various and depend on circumstances for their application as observed by the Pr. V and because they are now of academic interest alone. Some reference, however, may be made to show how some of these lapses were treated. Śankha states that there are many articles that are allowed or forbidden to men, particularly to *brāhmanas* and in cases of transgressions the decision rests with the *śiṣṭas* (the *pariśad* of respectable people). Brhaspati<sup>230</sup> (quoted by Aparārka) prescribes that in the case of the partaking of things that should not be licked or drunk or eaten or in case of taking in human semen, urine or ordure, the penance of a *cāndrāyana* is the purification. Some of the sages such as Samvarta, Śankha-likhita took a lenient view, prescribed Cāndrāyana even for eating cow's flesh and human flesh<sup>231</sup>

228. मानवं चात्र श्लोकमुदाहरन्ति । अपनं जेखला दृष्टो भैक्षचर्यां व्रतानि च । एतानि तु निर्वर्तन्ते पुनःसंस्कारकर्मणि ॥ इति । वसिष्ठ 20. 18 The verse is मनु XI 151.

229. यानि चान्यानि ह्यन्यस्तरोक्तानि अभक्ष्यभक्षणे अपेयपाने शुचलघुप्रायश्चित्तानि तानि कानाकामकुतसकुदृग्भासपेक्षया योज्यानि द्रव्याणामानन्त्यात्यतिस्पृक्षिषु अभक्ष्यत्वमभि-  
पादुमक्षयमिति तत्स्पृश्यस्तद्विवाद्यन्तव्यम् । शिष्टवाक्याच्च । यथा शङ्खः । भक्ष्याभक्ष्याण्यने-  
कानि ब्राह्मणस्य विक्षेपतः । तत्र क्षिप्वा यथा ब्रूयस्तथा कार्यो विनिश्चयः ॥ q by माय. वि. p.

339. The verse is quoted by परा. मा II. part I p. 462.

230. अलेखानामपेयानामभक्ष्याणां च भक्षणे । रेतोमूत्रपुरीषाणां शुद्धिश्चाग्नायणं रतुतम् ॥  
बृह q by अपराक p. 1164, परा मा II part I p 367.

231. गोमांसं मासुषं चैव सुनिहस्तात्ममाहृतम् । अभक्ष्यं तज्ज्वेत्सर्वं भुक्त्वा चान्द्रायणं  
चरेत् ॥ संवत् 197 q by अपराक p. 1165, परा. मा II part I p 367; शृगालकुक्कुट-  
वन्ति-कृत्वात्-वानर-खरोह-गजबाले-विद्वराह-गोमासुषमांसभक्षणे चान्द्रायणम् ॥ शङ्ख-  
लिखित q by अपराक p. 1166, परा मा II part I p 368, vide गौ 23. 4-5, वसिष्ठ  
23 30, मनु XI. 156, विष्णु 51 3-4 for similar provisions

The general rule stated by the Sāma Br. I 5 13, Manu XI, 160 and others is that one desirous of inner purity should not eat forbidden food, that if he eats it through ignorance he should make efforts to vomit it and if that is impossible he should quickly take some *prāyaścitta* (which is slight in the case of ignorance). It may be mentioned that even from very ancient times exceptions were recognised to the prohibitions against the partaking of forbidden food. The Chāndogya Upaniṣad (I, 10)<sup>227</sup> narrates the story of Usastī Cākṛāyana, who when the country of the Kurus had been devastated by hailstones (or by locusts), begged (along with his very young wife) of a chief eating beans and took from the latter the beans that had been put away for the chief (and so were *ucchista*), but when asked to take water for drinking meant for the chief replied that if he drank of it he would be drinking what was unclean, since he could get water whenever he liked. This Vedic passage indicates that even unclean things may be eaten when there is distress (*āpad*) or danger to life, but that when there is no distress or danger even one who has knowledge of *brahmandyā* should not violate the injunctions of śāstra about eating. The Vedāntasūtra (III.4 28) has an aphorism on this incident. Manu X.104 provides that he who, when in danger of losing his life, accepts food from any person whatsoever is not tainted by sin as the sky is not tainted by mud. Manu then refers (X 105-108) to the stories of Ajigarta who, when famished, approached for slaying his own son, of the sage Vāmadeva who when tormented by hunger desired to eat the flesh of a dog in order to save his life and did not sully himself, of Bharadvāja who when distressed by hunger along with his son in a lonely forest accepted many cows from the carpenter Vrdhu (Brbu?) or of Viśvāmītra who, well knowing what was right or wrong, proceeded, when tormented by hunger, to eat the haunch of a dog, receiving it from the hands of a Cāṇḍāla<sup>232a</sup>

232 स हेमं कुल्मापास्त्रादन्त निमिक्षे त होवाच नेतोऽपे विद्यन्ते यन्न येन ह्यप उपनिहिता इति । एतेषा मे देहीति होवाच तानस्मै भद्रौ वृक्षाभुपानमिच्छिष्ट वै मे पितृभ्यादिति होवाच । न त्विदमेष्टुच्छिष्टा इति न वा अजीविष्यमिमात्र खादक्षिति होवाच कामो न जडपानमिति । छा. उप 1. 10 2-4, सर्वोकाहुमतिश्च प्राणात्यये तदङ्गीनात् । वेदान्तसूत्र 111 4 28, on this शाङ्करभाष्य observes तदेतदुच्छिष्टाच्छिष्टपुष्टितमक्षण दर्शयन्त्याशुतेराशयातिशयो लक्ष्यते प्राणात्ययमसङ्गे प्राणसन्धारणायामभ्युपनि भक्षयितव्यमिति । स्वस्थावस्थाया नु तत्र कर्तव्यं विद्यावतापीत्यभुपानमत्यारूपानाङ्गमप्येति ।

232a For the legend of Ajigarta, vide Aitareya Br. VII.13-16 (or 33 1 ff) and H. of Dh vol III pp 563-64, 660, 663. In Rg. VI 45 31-33 Brbu is described as the carpenter of the Panis and his liberality is highly praised. For Viśvāmītra trying to steal from a hamlet of cāṇḍālas a dog's leg, when famished, vide Śāntiparva 141.26-96



For eating the flesh of various birds Visnu Dh. S. 51. 29 and 31 and others prescribe fasting for three days or one day and also for eating several varieties of fish (Visnu 51.21).

We may now revert to the penances for the other Mahāpātakas. It has already been seen how the thief that had stolen a brāhmana's gold of a certain weight was to approach the king with a club (p. 73 above). Even Ap. Dh. S. I 9.25.4 refers to this and prescribes as an option (Āp Dh. S. I 9 25.6-7) entering into fire as an expiation for theft or starving oneself by reducing the intake of food. Therefore, the penance for the theft of brāhmana's gold of the weight of 80 *raktikās* or more (Manu VIII.134 and Yāj I 363) was death for the offenders of all varnas, except a brāhmana offender, who clad in rags (or bark garment) was to undergo a penance in a forest for twelve years of the same kind as for brāhmana murder (Manu XI.101) or for the drinking of *sauā* prepared from flour (Yāj III 258). The offender may also give as much gold (if he is rich) as his own weight or as much wealth as would be required for the maintenance of a brāhmana's family for the latter's lifetime (Yāj. III 258 and Mit. thereon) The Āp Dh. S. I. 9 25 8 provides the observance of the penance of Krochra for one year (as defined in Āp Dh. S I 9 27 7-8) and quotes a verse "those who have committed a theft (of gold), drunk spirituous liquor, or had connection with a *guru's* wife, but not those who have slain a brāhmana, shall eat every fourth meal-time a little food, bathe thrice a day, pass the day standing and the night sitting; after the lapse of three years they cast off their sins."<sup>232b</sup> The digests contain numerous and varying expiations for theft depending upon the weight of gold stolen, upon the qualities of the man robbed and of the thief, upon the caste of both, upon whether it is a first offence or a repeated one, on the price and nature of the thing stolen and on the time and place and so on Vide Pr V. pp. 117-127, Pr. Sāra p 49, Madanapārijāta pp 828-834, Smṛtyarthasāra pp. 108-109, Smṛtimuktāphala pp 883-885. These have to be passed over here for reasons of space.

If the gold stolen (even from a brāhmana) was less than 80 *raktikās* or if gold of any weight was stolen from a ksatriya

232 b कृच्छ्रसंवत्सरं वा चरेत् । अथाप्युदाहरन्ति । स्तेयं कृत्वा सूरं पीत्वा शुद्धारं च गत्वा ब्रह्महत्यामकृत्वा चतुर्थकाला मितभोजना स्युरपीम्यवेष्टुः सवनाञ्जकल्पद् । स्थानासनाभ्या विहरन्त एते त्रिभिर्वर्षेण पापं शुद्धन्ते । आप. ध. सू I 9. 25. 8-10.

or any other non-brāhmaṇa, the expiation would be as one for an upapātaka. Manu (XI 162-168 = Matsyapurāṇa 227, 41-47) and Viṣṇu 52, 5-13 prescribe various penances such as krochra for a year for the theft of corn or cooked food or wealth; cāndrāyana for abducting men and women (slaves) or for appropriating a field or house and the water of wells and cisterns; śāntapana for thefts of objects of small value; pañcagavya for stealing eatables of various kinds or a vehicle or a bed or a seat or flowers or roots and fruits; fasting for three days and nights in the case of theft of grass, wood, trees, dry food, molasses, clothes, leather (or armour) and flesh, subsisting for twelve days on small grains of rice for stealing gems, pearls, coral, copper, silver, iron, bell-metal or stones, subsisting on milk alone for the theft of cotton, silk, wool, animals with cloven hoofs (cows &c.) or uncloven hoofs (horses &c.), birds, perfumes, medicinal herbs or a rope (used for drawing water). It must be remembered as stated above (p. 74) that the thief had to restore to the owner the thing stolen and then undergo a penance (Manu XI 164 and Viṣṇu Dh S 52.14) and Medhātithi (on Manu XI 164) adds that if he is unable to restore the thing (or its price) the penance is to be double. Besides, in certain cases of theft if corporal punishment or death was not inflicted by the king, the thief was fined eleven times the price of the thing stolen (Manu VIII 321, 323, Viṣṇu Dh S. 5.82) 233

*Steja* (theft) is of two kinds, by force (such as robbery and dacoity and called *sāhasa*) and by clandestine means. In the former case the penance goes on increasing (twice, thrice) according as the offender is a ksatriya or vaiśya (*parasadyā brāhmaṇūm*, quoted above, Par. M. II part 1 p. 231). In the case of theft by clandestine means if the owner whose gold or wealth is stolen is a brāhmaṇa and the thief a ksatriya or vaiśya, then also the penance must be higher than for a brāhmaṇa thief (since, as, Nārada says in his chapter on *sāhasa* verse 16, the wealth belonging to idols, brāhmaṇas and kings is the best). But conversely, if the owner of stolen property is of lower class than the thief then the verse of Brhad-Viṣṇu (‘vipre tu sakalam dayam,’ quoted above in note 192) will apply.

233. द्वित्रादिमापात्मकहेमहरणं तु क्षत्रियादिहेमहरणवदुपपातकमेवेति युक्तम् । किं च सुवर्णाभ्युन्नयपरिमाणहेमहरणे प्रायश्चित्तान्तरोपदेशात्तत्परिमाणस्यैव हेमनो हरणे सरणान्तिकादि प्रायश्चित्तमिति युक्तम् । तथा चोक्तं षड्विंशन्मते । मित्ता on या III 257.

The penance for incest with the *guru's* wife was prescribed from very ancient times as follows: Gaut. <sup>234</sup> 23. 8-11, Āp. Dh. S. I. 9, 25. 1-2, Baud. Dh. S. II. 1. 14-16 (almost in the same words as in Gaut), Vas. 20. 13-14, Manu XI. 103-104 prescribe that the offender shall confess his guilt and then extend himself on a red-hot iron bed or embrace the red-hot iron image of a woman or having himself cut off his organ and testicles and having taken them in his joined hands may walk straight towards the south or south-west until he falls down dead and that he becomes purified by death. According to the Mit. on Yāj. III. 259 the three are not distinct penances, but that two of them, viz. embracing the red-hot iron image of a woman and sleeping on a bed of red hot iron form one penance. The words of Yāj. no doubt convey that the two together are one penance (viz. sleeping on red hot bed and clinging to a red hot image). Others like the Madanapārijāta (p. 837), Medhatithi <sup>235</sup> on Manu XI. 103 do not accept this interpretation. The latter moreover relies on Gautama who employs the word 'vā' (or) in the two latter of his three sūtras on this point. The Pr. V. (p. 138) points out this difference between Gaut. and Yāj. Manu XI. 58 and 170-71, Yāj. III. 231, Sainvarta 159 regard sexual intercourse with a friend's wife or a maiden of a higher caste and the wives of one's son or of sagotras and women born of the same womb (sister &c.) or with an *anyaja* woman as equal to *gurutalpagamana* and the penance is only a little less than for the latter. Manu XI. 105 and Yāj. III. 260 prescribe a penance (other than one ending in death), viz. that the sinner should dwell in a tenantless forest, allow his beard to grow, should wear tattered garments and practise Prājāpatya Kṛcchra for one year (three years acc. to Yāj.). The commentators say that this was meant where the sin was committed by mistake. Manu XI. 106 and Yāj. III. 260 provide another penance viz. Cāndrāyana for three months, Manu prescribing that the sinner should subsist on sacrificial food (fruits, roots or *nivāra* grain) or on barley gruel and Yāj. adding that he should recite for the three months the Vedasamhita. The commentators say that this applies in cases where the *guru's* wife is of a lower varna or of the śūdra class.

234. तस्मै लोदशयने सुवृत्तल्पगः शरीत । स्त्री वा विप्रयेज्जलन्तीम् । लिङ्गं वा सङ्घयणमुत्कृष्टाञ्जलावाधाय दक्षिणपतीर्त्वा व्रजेदजिह्वाया शरीरपातात् । शौ 23 8-10.

235 आचार्याणीं गतेषु प्रायश्चित्तमपरा मतेन । समानजातीयव्यसने ह्यमानि त्रीणि प्रायश्चित्तानि कल्पन्ते । मेधातिथि ०७ मनु XI. 103.

Parāśara (X 10-11) provides three different *prāyaścittas*, viz. excision of the organ, three *kṛcchras* or three *cāṇḍālyanas* if a man commits incest with his mother, sister, or daughter and in X. 12-14 prescribes other penances for adultery with other near female relatives. The Mit on Yāj. III 259 quotes Śaṅkha for twelve years' penance for all four kinds of Mahāpātakas, which applies acc to it to intercourse with guru's wife of the same class. It is not necessary to quote further *smṛti* passages which vary greatly as to the extent of the penance. Manu XI 178 (= Viṣṇu Dh S 53. 9 = Agnipurāṇa 169 41), Śānti 165 29 state that the sin which a twice-born man commits by sexual intercourse for one night with a *vr̥śālī*<sup>236</sup> (a *cāṇḍāla* woman) is removed by him by the penance of subsisting on alms for three years and reciting mantras (like the *Gāyatrī*). Āp. Dh S. I 9 27. 11 has a somewhat similar verse about a brāhmana's intercourse with a *śūdra* woman<sup>237</sup>. Yāj. III. 233 prescribes for women death as a legal penalty and the same *prāyaścitta* as for a male if a man has sexual intercourse with his paternal or maternal aunt, or daughter-in-law, maternal uncle's wife and others (enumerated above) with their consent. Manu XI 175 (= Laghu-Śātātapa 155 = Agnipurāṇa 169 38) holds that a brāhmana, who has sexual intercourse with a *cāṇḍāla* woman or *mleccha* woman or dines with *cāṇḍālas* or *mlecchas* or accepts gifts from them, has to perform penance as if he were *patita* if he unknowingly did these things, and becomes like them by committing these sins knowingly. Compare Vasistha 23 41, Viṣṇu Dh. S 53 5-6.

If a woman be guilty of a Mahāpātaka the general rule stated by Manu XI 176 (latter half), Kātyāyana and Brhaspati<sup>238</sup> was that whatever penance was prescribed for a male in cases of adultery with other's wives the same was to be administered to women in case of adultery with males. In this parti-

236 वृषली in मनु XI 177 is explained as चण्डाली by कुल्लुक and मित्त on या. III 260, which quotes a *smṛti* verse 'चण्डाली बन्धकी वेद्या राजस्था या च कण्यका । उवा या च सगोत्रा स्याद्वृषलयः पञ्च कीर्तिता ॥' शुलपार्णि understands वृषली as वृषली, vide Pr. Prakāśa folio 111 b for this difference.

237 यदेकरत्रेण करोति पापं कृष्णं वर्णं ब्राह्मण, सेवमानश्चतुर्थकाल उदकाग्न्यापी त्रिभिर्वर्षैस्तद्वपुस्ति पापम् ॥ आप ध. सू. I. 9 27 11. शास्त्रिपर्व 165.29 reads 'निकुलवर्ण' and 'स्थानासनान्या विहरन् व्रती स त्रिभिर्वर्षे क्षमयेद्वात्मपापम् ॥'

238. यस्तुतः परदारेषु समानेषु व्रतं चरेत् । स्यमिचाराद् भर्तुं स्त्री तद्वशे समाचरेत् । वृद्धं वा अपरार्कं p 1124, माय वि. p 371 ; एवं दोषश्च क्षुद्धिश्च पतितानाहदाहता । क्षीणामपि प्रसक्तानामेव एव विधिः स्तुतः । कात्या. p by मित्त. on या. III. 260.

cular case the rule about half penance being prescribed for women did not hold good when a woman with full knowledge committed adultery and half penance was to be prescribed only where the adultery was through mistake. A similar rule was laid down by Angiras<sup>238a</sup>. If a woman became *patita* and did not undergo *prāyaścitta* she could be excommunicated by the process called *ghatasphoṭa* (described in 'H. of Dh. vol. III pp. 615-616 and 1009). But there was a difference between a male and a woman in this respect. A woman, however, was not to be altogether abandoned on the street and left to fare for herself, though she be *patita*, but she was to be lodged in a cottage thatched with grass near the house and was to be guarded against further lapses and given bare maintenance (enough to keep body and soul together) and (dirty) clothes (Yāj. III. 296, Manu XI. 176). There were certain acts, however, which were specially condemned in women (Yāj. III. 297) viz. sexual intercourse with a man of a lower class, causing abortion and killing the husband. Vas. 21. 10 provides<sup>239</sup> that four classes of women may be altogether abandoned (and not given even starving maintenance &c) viz. a woman who has sexual intercourse with (her husband's) pupil or with his *guru* or one who kills her husband or one who sexually approaches a man of a lower degraded class. Women, however *patita* they may be, were to be dealt with as stated in Yāj. III. 296 even if they did not perform any penance. Vas. 21.12 states that women of the *brāhmana*, *ksatriya* and *vaiśya* classes, if guilty of sexual intercourse with a *śūdra*, can be purified by penance if they do not give birth to a child, but not those others (who give birth to a child born of the condemned connection). Vide H. of Dh. vol. III pp. 946-949 for penance and other matters in relation to adultery by men and women.

It is now necessary to turn to the penance for association with those that are guilty of grave sins (*mahāpātakas*). Manu XI. 181, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 54 1, Yāj. III. 261 provide that whoever associates with (for a year, acc. to Yāj.) a person guilty of one

238a अतः यच्चोदितं इति पतितस्त्रीनियेदनात् । तच्चापि कारयेन्मूढां पतितसेवनात् क्षिप्यम्॥ अङ्गिरसु q. by माय. वि. p. 372.

239. चतसस्तु परित्याज्याः क्षिप्यमा शुश्रूषा च वा । पतिह्री च विशेषेण छुद्वितोपगता च वा॥ वसिष्ठ 21 10 q by the मिता on या III. 297 and अपराक्ष p. 1208 on या. I. 72. The मिता attributes the verse to व्यास and explains छुद्वित as 'प्रतिलोमजन्मकारादि'. The दीपकालिका explains as 'क्षुत्सित'. 'प्रतिलोमज' The माय. वि. p. 374 attributes it to अङ्गिरसु and explains 'छुद्वितः क्षुत्सितो हीनवर्णः'.

of the four mahāpātakas has to undergo the *vata* (the observances) prescribed for that grave sinner in order to free himself from the sin of association. Kullūka, the Pr. sara (p. 61) and others state that the penance here referred to is the one for twelve years and not death since it is the word *vata* that is employed by Manu and *vata* does not ordinarily convey the idea of death.<sup>240</sup> If the association was due to ignorance the penance was half. Vyāsa prescribed <sup>241</sup> for the knowing associator  $\frac{1}{4}$ ths of the penance provided for the sinner himself. According to the Pr. V (p 171) there was no difference in the extent of the penance for association with a sinner in the case of a brāhmana <sup>242</sup> and a śūdra, though in other cases penance was reduced by one quarter for each varṇa. If the association was for less than one year, then the penance was proportionately reduced. Not only was the *patita* condemned but even his son born after he became *patita* and he was excluded from inheritance. But the daughter of a *patita* was treated differently and she could be married without any stigma being attached to the husband. Vide Vas. 13 51-53, Yāj. III. 261, Baud. Dh. S II 1. 73-74, Hārta q by Pr V. p 174 and Pr prakaraṇa p 110 and H of Dh vol III. pp. 614-616.

Viṣṇu Dh S (chap 36) speaks of certain sins as *anupātakas* which are declared by Manu (XI 55-58) and Yāj (III 228-233) to be equal to or like one or other of the mahāpātakas and provides that those guilty of them become pure by Āśvamedha sacrifice or by resorting to pilgrimages. It has also been seen that such sins are removed by the penances that are slightly less (i. e. by  $\frac{1}{4}$ th) than those for the mahāpātakas themselves.

The penances for *upapātakas* must now be briefly dealt with. The number of upapātakas is very large and it is of no practical importance to deal with each of them separately. First of all, some general rules about them will be stated and

240 अत्र च ब्रह्महादिषु यद्यपि कामतो मरणान्तिकमुपदिष्टं तथापि संसर्गिणस्तत्कालि-  
दिश्यते। स तस्यैव त्वं कुर्यादिति त्वत्स्यैवातिदेशात्। मरणस्य च त्वत्तद्वद्वत्त्वाभावात्।  
अतोऽत्र कामकृतेऽपि संसर्गे द्वादशवार्षिकमकामतस्तु तदर्थम्। मिता. on या III. 261, *vide*  
also मद्. पा p. 853

241. यो येन संवत्सेद्वर्षं सोऽपि तत्समतामियात्। पादहीन चरेत्सोऽपि तरप तरप ब्र-  
ह्म ॥ व्यास q. by the मिता on या III 261, कुट्टक on मनु XI 181

242 अतः संसर्गिणि ब्राह्मणे शूद्रे च न प्रायश्चित्ते विशेषः। तथा निम्नस्त्वत्सर्वसं-  
यत् प्रायश्चित्तमुक्तं तरप च संवत्सरान्पूर्वो भागश्च कार्यः। तथा च बृहस्पतिः। प्रायश्चित्ते  
तु संयोगे याजनाध्यापनादिना। एकत्रासनशय्याभिः प्रायश्चित्तार्थनाचरेत्। मद्.  
pp. 171-172.

a few of them that are of some importance will be dealt with individually. The Sāmavidhāna <sup>243</sup> Br. (I 5.14) states that on committing several upapātakas a man becomes pure by reciting thrice the whole of the veda while fasting. Manu XI. 117, Yaj. III. 265, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 37 35 prescribe that purification from all classes of upapātakas (except the sin of the *avalīrṇin*) is effected by the same penances that are prescribed for *govadha* or by *cāndrāyana* or by subsisting on milk alone for a month or by *Parāka* or *Gosava*. The digests prescribe that *Parāka* is meant for him who is strong enough to undertake it, *Cāndrāyana* for him who is weak, *Gosava* for him who repeatedly commits the same upapātaka or is guilty of several at the same time (vide Pr. Prakāśa, folio 122 a).

*Govadha* stands at the head of upapātakas in Manu, Yāj., the Agnipurāṇa (168 29-37). Several smrtis provide different penances for the sin of killing a cow. Gaut. 22. 18 prescribes<sup>244</sup> the same penance for *govadha* as for killing a vaiśya (Gaut. 22. 15) viz. staying for three years in a forest, subsisting on alms, observing celibacy and donating one hundred cows together with a bull. In Āp. Dh. S. I. 9. 26. 1 for killing a milch cow or a full grown ox the penance is said to be the same as for killing a śūdra Vas. 21. 18 provides that if a man kills a cow he should cover himself with the raw hide of the cow (that is killed) and should observe Kṛcchra or Atikṛcchra for six months. Manu<sup>245</sup> XI. 108-116, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 50. 16-24, Samvarta 130-135, Parāśara VIII. 31-41 (q. in Smṛtimuktāphala p. 875, prāyaścitta section) prescribe elaborate observances as penances for *govadha* Yāj. (III. 263-264) provides four separate prāyaścittas, viz (1) the killer of a cow should control his senses for a month, should subsist on *pañcagavya* (cow's urine, cow-dung, milk, curds and ghee), should sleep in a cowpen, should follow the cows so penned (by day) and at the end of a month donate a cow; (2) or he should perform Kṛcchra penance while sleeping in a cow-pen and following cows by day; (3) or should perform an *ahikṛcchra* in the same way; (4) or should fast for three days and donate ten cows together with

<sup>243</sup> बह्व्युपपत्तीयानि कृत्वा त्रिभिरनश्नन्यारायणैः पुनो भवति । सामविधानम् ।  
I 5. 14.

<sup>244</sup> गां च वैश्यवत् । नौ 22 18; धेनवन्हुतोश्चाकारणात् । आप. ध. सू. I 9. 26 1

<sup>245</sup> अत्रिपुराण 169, 5-7 are the same as मनु XI. 108-110; संवर्त 130-134 are quoted (with slight variations) by विश्वरूप on वा. III. 262.

one bull. Śankha provides<sup>216</sup> that the killer of a cow should fast for 25 days and nights subsisting on pañcagavya, should tonsure his head together with the top-knot, should wear as an upper garment cow-hide and should follow cows, lie down in a cow-pen and donate a cow. Some of the smrtis and digests declare that the penance differed according as the cow that was killed belonged to a learned brāhmana or to a mere brāhmana by caste, to a ksatriya or vaiśya or śūdra. For example, Devala (q. by Pr. V. p 202) states that if a cow belonging to a brāhmana were killed, then the sinner should wear as upper garment that cow's hide for six months, should bring fodder for cows, should imitate cows, should subsist on barley gruel, should move among cows and then he becomes free from the sin. Śātātapa (q. by Pr. V. p 203) states that one killing the cow of a vaiśya should subsist on pañcagavya for a month, should recite the Gomati-vidyā<sup>217</sup> and stay in a cowpen for a month. Viśvāmitra (Pr. V. p 203) says about the killer of a cow belonging to a śūdra that he should undergo four krochras if he kills intentionally and two if unintentionally. The Gomati-vidyā as quoted by Aparārka (p. 1102), the Madana-pūrijāta (p. 862) and Pr. T. p 522 (which takes it from the Prāyaścitta section of the Kalpataru that takes it from Yama) is a laudation of cows: 'cows always emit fragrance, they have the smell of guggulu (bdellium), they are the support of beings, they are a great blessing, cows are (yield in their milk) the best food and the best offerings for gods; they are purifiers of all beings and offerings ooze from them; they please the gods in heaven by the offerings (of milk and ghee) that are rendered pure by the mantras recited over them; in the agnihotra (keeping up the sacred fire) of sages cows help

246 मोघनः पञ्चगव्याहार पञ्चविंशतिरात्रमुपवसेत् सखिस्व वपनं कृत्वा गोचर्मणा माहृतो गाश्चाष्टगच्छन् गोष्ठेशयो गा च दद्यात् । शङ्ख १ by विश्वरूप on या III. 262, मित्ता. on या III 264, हरदत्त on गौ 22 18, अपराकी p. 1094. The मित्ता and हरदत्त ascribe the passage to both शङ्ख and प्रचेतस

247 गोमतीविद्यामाह मायश्चित्तकाण्डकल्पतरौ यम । गोमतीं कीर्तयिष्यामि सर्वपापप्रणाशिनीम् । तां ह मे गदतो विभ्रा हृष्टुष्वं सुसमाहिता ॥ गावः सुरभयो नित्य गावो शुश्रूषं गन्धिका । गावः प्रतिष्ठा भूताना गावः स्वस्त्ययनं महत् । अन्नमेव पर गावो देवाना हविरुत्तमम् । पावनं सर्वभूतानां क्षरन्ति च हवींषि च ॥ हविषा मन्त्रपूतेन तर्पयन्त्यमराग्निं । क्षयीणामग्निहोत्रेषु गावो होमप्रयोजिका ॥ पावनं सर्वभूताना गावः शरणस्तुतमम् । गावः पवित्रं परम गावो मङ्गलस्तुतमम् । गावः स्वर्गस्य सौपानं गावो धन्याः सनातना । नमो योग्य श्रीमतीभ्यः सौरभेयीभ्य एव च । नमो ब्रह्मसुताभ्यश्च पवित्राभ्यो नमो नम । ब्राह्मणाश्चैव गावश्च कुलमेकं द्विधा कृतम् । एकत्र मन्त्रास्तिष्ठन्ति हविरन्यत्र तिष्ठति ॥ प्राय तत्र pp. 522-523, अपराकी and या प्रकाश folio 1166 with some variations such as 'सर्वभूताना रक्षन्ति च वहन्ति च । अपराकी p. 1102 quotes the verses from गावः सुरभयो to पवित्राभ्यो नमो नमः ।



to bring about *homa*; cows are the holy and eminent protection for all beings; cows are extremely holy and most auspicious; cows are blessed; salutation to cows that abound in wealth and are called *saurabheyī*! salutation to the cows that are holy and the daughters of Brahṁā. Brāhmanas and cows are (really) one family divided into two parts, in one (brāhmanas) reside the (vedic) *mantras* and in the other reside offerings (to Gods of ghee &c).” The Pr. prakaraṇa <sup>218</sup> (p 33) says that Kātyāyana, Gautama, Samvarta, Parāśara and other sages prescribe differing penances for *govadha*, which are to be explained away by reference to the killing being intentional or unintentional or to the fact of the cow being owned by a brāhmana engaged in a *soma* sacrifice or by a brāhmana who has studied the Veda with the six auxiliary śāstras, or by the fact that the cow was useful for the *homa* of a brāhmana possessed of good qualities or was a pregnant cow or of the *lapilā* (brown or tawny) variety. It adds the important statement that in its days such cows being not found in ordinary life it is not necessary to expressly assign to each of those texts its appropriate subject matter.

Yāj. III. 284, <sup>219</sup> Samvarta 137, Agnipurāṇa 169.14 provide that if a cow or bull dies while being treated with medicine or while an attempt is being made to help the cow in delivery, or being branded (as a treatment) there is no sin. This applies as an exception in all cases of injury or death of brāhmanas, cows or other animals. Parāśara (IX. 4 ff) and Angiras (q by Pr. T. pp 526-527) prescribe  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the *prāyaścitta* for killing out-right a cow, if the death is due to putting an obstacle in the cow's or bull's free movement or to tying it up or to yoking it with thongs. Before undergoing a penance for *govadha*, the sinner had to make good the price of the animal to the owner, according to the Brahmapurāṇa and Parāśara. <sup>220</sup>

228. यत्तु काल्पायनेन... पराशरादिभिरपि न्यूनाधिकयथोक्तास्तानि तानि कामाकामकृत-सवनस्थ-श्रोत्रिय-ब्रह्मवेदाध्यायि-ब्राह्मणसम्बन्धिषुण्वद्धोमधेनु-गर्भिणी-कपिलादिवधनिषयाणि यथायोग्यं व्याख्येयानीति । इदानीं तु तथाविधगवाभवेन व्यवहारानङ्ग-लाञ्छ भव्येकं विषयव्यवस्थया व्याख्यातानीति । माय प्रक p. 33.

249. क्रियमाणोपकारे तु सूते विधे न पातकम् । विपत्तिं गोव्याघातौ तु भेदजाग्रद्विषासु च ॥ या. III. 284, यन्मरणे गोचिकित्सार्थं यद्धवर्मादिमोचने । यदि तत्र विपत्तिः स्यात् स पापेन लिप्यते ॥ संवत् 137 q. by the नित्ता on या. III. 284, माय प्रकरण p 33.

250. गोवधे तु स्वामिने गोमूल्यं दत्त्वा व्रतं करणीयम् । आदौ गोपतये दत्त्वा गोमूल्यं साधुकाल्पितम् । इति ब्रह्मपुराणम् । न चैतद्ग्रहणे दोषः । ...तथा च पराशर । प्रमाणे गोपधृतां मवधात् मत्तिरूपकम् । तस्याल्लक्षणं मूल्यं वा दद्यादित्यब्रवीन्मनुः । माय तत्र p. 513. The verse प्रमाणे is quoted as काल्पायनस्य (792) by the परा मा III. p. 425 and जि. १ p 284.

The Sāmavidhāna Br (I 7.8) prescribes that on killing any animal (except a cow or bull) the guilty person should fast for one night and recite the sāmaveda verse 'Agnis-tigmena' (I 1 3 2) Āp. Dh S (I 9.25.14) provides for killing a crow, a chameleon, a peacock, a *chakravāka*, *hamsa*, *bhāsa*, a frog, ichneumon, musk-rat, a dog the same penance as for killing a śūdra. Gāut 22 19-22, 24-25, Manu XI. 133-137, Yāj III 269-274, Visnu Dh. S 50.25-32, Parāśara VI 1-15 prescribe several penances for killing an elephant, a horse, a tiger, a monkey, a cat, a serpent and numerous other animals, which are passed over here. Some smrtis such as Samvarta 10 and Paithinasi make a difference between *grāmya* and *ārya* (forest) animals, in each class seven being specified by Paithinasi.<sup>251</sup> The great concern of the sages for anything possessed of the principle of life or growth went so far as to prescribe the penance of reciting one hundred *rk* verses if a man cut off big trees (like mango or jack-fruit tree) or shrubs and creepers, except for purposes of sacrifices or agriculture.<sup>252</sup> (Manu XI. 142, Yāj III 276, Vas 19. 11-12) These provisions tended against wanton destruction of trees, shrubs and forests that are so beneficent to humanity and lend a charm to the landscape.

It is remarkable that in case a man was bitten by a harlot or a monkey or an ass or by a dog or jackal or a camel or a crow he had to perform (in addition to the pain of the bite) *prāṇāyāma* while standing in water and to drink ghee for purification (Manu XI 199, Yāj. III 277, Vas 23. 31) Parāśara V 1-9 prescribe elaborate rules of purification for bites by wolves, dogs and jackals (such as a bath and *japa* of Gāyatri &c).

**PĀRADĀRYA** (adultery with another's wife)—is a minor sin (acc to Yāj III 235, Manu XI. 59). This excludes intercourse with *guru's* wife and other intercourse declared to be like *gurutalpāgama* or with *cāndāla* women (Manu XI 170-172, 175, 178, Yāj III 231-233, Vas XX. 15-17 and XXIII 41) Āp. Dh S. I 10 28 19 is very severe on a male adulterer who transgresses his vow of loyalty to his wife; one who proves false to his wife shall put on the skin of an ass with the hair turned

251. ग्रामारण्यपशुविके पैठीनसि । ग्राम्यारण्याश्चतुर्विंश । गौरविरजोऽश्वोऽश्वतो गर्दभो मनुष्यश्चेते सप्त ग्राम्या पञ्चशः । महिषवानरकक्षसरीसृपकुरुपूषतद्व्याश्चेति सप्तारण्या पञ्चशः । प्राय वि प 233. Even the तै स VII. 2 2. 1 says 'सप्त ग्राम्या पञ्चशः सप्तारण्याः'.

252. पुष्पफलोपगान्पावपाक हिंस्यात् । कर्पणकारणार्थं चोपहन्त्यात् । वसिष्ठ 19 11-12.

outside and beg at seven houses saying 'give alms to him who played false to his wife'. This should be his livelihood for six months". Conversely, Āp. (I. 10.28.20) provides that if a wife plays false to her husband she should perform for as many months (i. e. six months) the twelve night *kṛcchra* penance. In another place Āp. Dh. S. (II 10. 27. 11) states that if a *brāhmana* commits adultery once with a married woman of equal class he shall perform one-fourth of the penance prescribed for an outcast. Gaut. (22 29-30, 34) provides penances for two years generally and three years if the woman be the wife of a learned *brāhmana*. The Mit. on Yāj. III. 265 quotes numerous texts dealing with the penance for adultery that does not amount to a *mahāpātaka* and tries to evolve order by assigning to each its proper province. This is passed over here. A woman guilty of adultery with a male of the same or higher caste than herself had to undergo the same penance as a male adulterer (Manu XI 176 and *Brhaspati*), but if she committed adultery with a male of lower caste, then the penances differed as stated above (vide Vas. 21. 1-5 and *Saṁvarta* 167-172). *Brhadyama* IV. 48 states that adultery in the inverse order of classes is a grave sin, but adultery in the *anuloma* order of classes entails different penances for purification from it.<sup>253</sup>

*Vṛātyatā* (failure to have upanayana performed at the right time)—A person whose upanayana is not performed at the proper time is called *vṛātya* or *patitasāvatrika*. Vide Āśv. gr. I. 19. 5-7, Āp. Dh. S. I. 1. 1. 22-26, Baud. gr. III. 13. 5-6, Vas. XI 71-75, Manu II. 38-39, Yāj. I. 37-38. The penances also such as the performance of *Vṛātyastoma* and *Uddālakavṛata* (Vas. XI. 76-79, Gaut. 19 8) are prescribed by some of these works, while Manu XI. 191 (=Visnu Dh. S. 54. 26-27=*Agni-purāṇa* 170. 8-9) prescribes a milder penance of three *kṛcchras* and then *Upanayana* is to be performed again. Vas. XI. 77 describes *Uddālakavṛata* as follows: 'for two months he should subsist on barley gruel, for a month on milk, for half a month on *amīksā*, for eight days on ghee, for six days on food obtained without begging or asking for it, for three days on water and he should observe a complete fast for one day.' Āp. Dh. S. (I. 1. 1. 24-27) prescribes another penance for *vṛātyatā*. For *vṛātya* or *patitasāvatrika*, vide H. of Dh. vol II. pp. 96, 376-379. Haradatta as

253. संवर्त 167-168 are q. by माय. वि p 358 and परा मा. II part 1 p. 330; संवर्त 169 is q. by विश्वरूप on या. III. 254 p 132, बृहद्यन IV. 48 is यातिलोम्ने महत्याप भवन्ति मनीषिणः। मायश्चित्तं चातुलोम्नेन भवत्येव चान्यथा॥.

quoted in H. of Dh. vol. II, p 379 appears to hold that even if generations before the great-grand-father of a man had been without *upanayana*, still proper penance should be prescribed and the man taken in the fold of Hinduism. But there were others who stuck literally to the words of Āp. and Parāśara and hold that if all the generations from the father of the great-grand-father of a man were without *upanayana* then nothing could be done for that man <sup>253a</sup>

*Vratalopa* (non-observance of the vow of celibacy on the part of a brahmachārin). A Vedic student who has sexual intercourse with a woman is technically called *avakīrṇin*. The Tai. Ā. II. 18 contains the penances for *avakīrṇin* first promulgated by Sudeva Kāśyapa <sup>251</sup>. Āp. Dh. S. (I 9. 26. 8-9) provides <sup>255</sup> that such a student shall offer to Nirrti (goddess of Hell or death) an ass according to the manner of *Pākayajñas* and that a śūdra shall eat the remainder of the offering. Jaimini (VI 8 22) provides that the offering is to be made in the ordinary fire (*laukikāgni*) and not in the consecrated Vedic fire. <sup>256</sup> Vas. (23 1-3) prescribes 'if a Vedic student approaches a woman, then he should offer an ass to the goblins (*rakṣas*) in a forest where four roads meet, kindling an ordinary fire or he may offer an oblation of boiled rice to Nirrti and throw into the fire four oblations of that food saying 'To lust, *svāhā*; to him

253a. इदं व्याख्यात हरदत्तेन भाष्यकृता । यस्य प्रपितामहस्य पितृरप्य नानुस्मर्यत उपनयनं तस्य प्रायश्चित्तं नोक्तमिति । तथा च सत्कार्यस्य त्रिदशयोर्धमपि व्याख्येयं कथमपि संस्कार्यस्य उपनयनं न भवतीति कलितम् । प्राय. मुक्तावली folio 80 a

254. यो ब्रह्मचार्यवकिरेदमावास्याया राज्यामाग्निं प्रणीयोपसमाधाय द्विराज्यरूपोपातं जुहोति कामावकीर्णोऽस्म्यवकीर्णोऽस्मि कामकामाय स्वाहा कामाभिमुखोऽस्मिभिमुखोऽस्मि कामकामाय स्वाहेत्यष्टतं पा आज्यममृतमेवात्मन्धत्ते । तै. आ. II. 18.

255. गर्दभेनावकीर्णी निर्वर्तते पाकयज्ञेन यजेत । तस्य शुद्धं प्राश्नीयात् । आप. ध. सू. I 9 26 8-9, ब्रह्मचारी चत्स्त्रिपक्षपेयादरण्ये चतुष्पथे लौकिकेऽग्नौ रक्षोदेवतं गर्दभं पशुमालभेत् । नैर्वर्तत वा चरुं निर्वपेत् । तस्य जुहुयात्कामाय स्वाहा कामकामाय स्वाहा । नैर्ऋत्ये स्वाहा रक्षोदेवताय स्वाहेति । वसिष्ठ 23.1-2 अवकीर्णत्वं is explained by क्षीरस्वामी as 'अमरकोश as 'अव अन्तरे कीर्णं स्तोत्रस्यावकीर्णी' The वैखानसस्मृतौ सूत्र VI 8 employs the word in a wider sense 'सप्तरात्रौ हीने नित्य-कर्मणि अवकीर्णी भवति' For पाकयज्ञः which are ordinarily said to be seven, vide H. of Dh. vol II p 194. The Āśv. gr. I 1.2-3 speaks of three and quotes Rg VIII 19.5 in support. The commentator explains 'पाकयज्ञाः अल्पयज्ञा यज्ञस्तयज्ञा वा' and quotes Rg VII 104 8 in support for the latter meaning. The स्वादिरस्य I. 1 20 defines 'पाकयज्ञ इत्याख्या य कश्चैकाग्नौ' शुद्धगौ. VIII p. 557 speaks of five पाकयज्ञः.

256. अवकीर्णपशुश्च तद्वधाधानस्यामसकालत्वात् । जै. VI 8.22, on which Har says 'अस्त्यवकीर्णपशुः, ब्रह्मचार्यवकीर्णी नैर्वर्तत पशुमालभतेति । तस्माद्विदमपि कर्त्तुं लौकिकेऽग्नौ ।'

who follows his lust, svāhā; to Nirrti svāhā; to the deities called *Raksas*, svāhā'. Gaut 23. 17-19, Manu XI, 118-123, Baud Dh. S II. 1. 35-43; Yāj. III. 280, Agnipurāṇa 169. 15-18, Pār gr. III. 12 contain similar provisions, Gautama adding that he shall beg for a year at seven houses with a red vessel (earthen) in his hand and proclaim his misdeed. The Baud. Dh S. and Pār gr furnish elaborate details. The former states that the Paśupurodāśa may be offered to Raksas or to Yama or he may offer on the Amāvāsyā at night two offerings of clarified butter in fire after performing the preparatory rites of a *darvahoma* and that he may then invoke fire with the verse (Tai. Ā. II 18) 'Sam mā ciñcantu maruṭah &c.' (may the Maruts grant me long life and strength).

If an ascetic reverted to the life of a householder, Samvarta (171-172) prescribes the penance of *kr̥cchra* for six months<sup>257</sup>. Such a man is called *pratyavasita*. The *pratyavasitas* are said to be of nine kinds<sup>258</sup> by Yama (22-23), Bṛhad-Yama (3-4) and others viz. those who turn back from water, fire, halter (by means of which they wanted to kill themselves), those who revert back from the stage of *sannyāsa* or from a fast (unto death), or from poison, precipice or sitting *dharmā* and those who (desiring to commit suicide) strike themselves with a weapon (but are not killed), these nine are called *pratyavasita* and are beyond commerce with people, become pure by the penance of *Cāndī āyana* or two *Taptakṛcchras*. Vṛddha-Parāśara quoted by Par. M. and Prāyaścitta-muktāvali provides that *sannyāsins*, who revert to the life of the householder, are to be treated as *cāndālas* even after undergoing penance and their children born after they fall from the ascetic stage are to be made to dwell among *cāndālas*. This explains the harsh treatment alleged to have been meted to the great saint Jñāneśvara and his brothers at Paithan in the 13th century. A person who after becoming a *sannyāsin* reverts to another *āśrama* or acts contrary to the

257 सन्यस्य दुर्मति कश्चिदपत्यार्थं स्त्रियं व्रजेत् । कुर्यात्कृच्छ्रं समानं तत्पन्मासां-  
स्तदनन्तरम् ॥ सर्वत्र 171-172, quoted in परा मा. II part 2 p 129 (reads प्रत्यापत्तिं  
व्रजेद्यदि । स कुर्यात्कृच्छ्रमश्रान्तं पन्मासांस्तदनन्तरम्) and माय सा p 123 (reads  
प्रत्यापत्तिं विकीर्णति) 'सत्यपि प्रायश्चित्ते क्षुत्तर्माः परिव्राजका गृहिता इत्याह बृहस्पराशर ।  
क्षुत्तर्मास्तु चाण्डालाः परिव्राजकतापसाः । तेभ्यो जातान्यपत्यानि चाण्डालैः सह वासयेत् ॥  
इति । माय. मुक्तावली folio 73 b, परा मा II part 2 p 11

258 अज्ञान्युद्बन्धनञ्चष्टा प्रत्ययानाशकश्च्युताः । विषप्रपतनप्रायश्चित्तव्रतहताश्च ये ॥  
यैते प्रत्यवसिताः सर्वलोकप्रहिण्कृताः । चाण्डार्यणेन क्षुध्यन्ति तत्कृच्छ्रद्वयेन वा ॥ यम 22-23  
q. b) माय सा p 126

rules of his āśrama is called *ārūḍhapāṭita* also (vide Par. M. II, part I p 373 quoting Hārīta).

Elaborate purifications are prescribed for removing the taint of touching certain men, unclean objects like bones (Manu V. 87), women in their monthly illness or within certain days after delivery and animals (like dogs, village pigs, cocks, crows). They have to be passed over here for reasons of space. But a few passages may be cited by way of sample. Gautama<sup>259</sup> (14, 28) provides that on touching *patita*, *cāṇḍāla*, a woman freshly delivered, a woman in her monthly illness, a corpse, or on touching any one who has touched any one of these or any one who is the third in contact, the purification is brought about by a bath with the clothes on. Manu V. 84 and Yāj III. 30 contain similar provisions. The Pr. V. (pp. 495-499) discusses the question whether *spaśa*<sup>260</sup> (touch) means direct touch or includes even indirect touch and ultimately arrives at the conclusion that indirect touch also is included and cites Āpastamba-smṛiti in support that if a brāhmana and a *cāṇḍāla* or the like are both seated on the same branch (without actually touching each other) the brāhmana can become purified only by a bath. A verse quoted as Yājñavalkya's by Pr. Prakaraṇa<sup>261</sup> p. 110 (not found in the printed text) states: 'on touching a *cāṇḍāla*, *pukkasa*, *mleccha*, *bhilla*, a *pūrasika* (one coming from Persia) and the like and persons guilty of grave sins one should bathe with the clothes on.' The Sat-triṃśan-mata<sup>262</sup> provides 'on touching

259 पतितचण्डालस्तिकोदकपाशवस्पृष्टितत्स्पृष्टचुपस्पृशने सचैलोदकपर्शनाच्छुपयेत् ।  
श्लो 14 28 The *mita* on ya III. 30 reads it as सचैल्लुदकोः and एतद्  
observes that the latter is the better reading.

260 उपस्पृशो यद्यपि न स्पर्शशब्दस्यार्थं तथाप्यत्र वचनादेकावयविद्वता परम्परा-  
स्पृशोऽपि ग्राह्य । तथा चापस्तम्बः । एकशस्त्रां समारुद्धाण्डादिर्यदा भवेत् । ब्राह्मणस्तत्र  
निवसन् स्नानेन शुचितामियात् ॥ आदिशब्दाद्बुदक्यादीनां ग्रहणम् । शास्त्राग्रहणेनैकावयव-  
पलक्षणार्थं तेनैकपाशागादेरपि ग्रहणम् । माय. वि. p 496. The verse is आपस्तम्बस्मृति  
VII 14 (reads somewhat differently) It is quoted in *pr* p 111 also

261. तत्र याज्ञवल्क्यः । चाण्डालशुक्लसन्लेच्छभिष्टपासिकादिकान् । मरणातिक्रम्य  
स्पृष्ट्वा स्नायात्सचेलकः ॥ *pr* p 110 This verse is quoted as पृष्ट्वाज्ञात्तरनः  
by अपरार्क p 923

262 पदत्रिंशन्मतम् । षोडश्याशुपताश्चैव लोकायतिकनास्तिकान् । विस्मरन्तश्च  
द्विजान् स्पृष्ट्वा सचेलो जलमाविशेत् ॥ चैत्यवृक्षस्थितिरूपश्चाण्डालः सोमयिकपी । एतद्  
ब्राह्मण स्पृष्ट्वा सचेलो जलमाविशेत् ॥ *pr* p 110, and स्मृतिच I p. 118 (which  
reads पाशुपतान् जैनान् लोकायतिकपापिलान्) The first verse is quoted as from  
the Brahmandā-purāṇa by the *mita*, on ya. III. 30 and by स्मृतिच I : 118  
(reads जैवान् पाशुपतान् स्पृष्ट्वा and शूद्रान् for स्पृष्ट्वा) and the 2nd is ascribed to  
परशर by अपरार्क p 923.

Bauddhas, Pāsupatas, Laukayatikas, atheists and those who follow forbidden actions, one should plunge in water together with the clothes on. On touching a *cantya* tree (such as a fig tree round which a platform is built), a funeral pile (or brick altar prepared in the śrauta rite called Agnicayana), a sacrificial post, a cāṇḍāla, one who sells the soma plant, a brāhmana should enter water with the clothes on.' Samvarta<sup>263</sup> requires a *dvija* to sip water on touching a shoemaker, a washerman, a *vena* (Manu X 19, 49, one who beats drum &c.), a fisherman, a dancer (*nata*) and Śātātapa<sup>264</sup> provides that if any limb of a *dvija* (except the head) is touched by one who colours clothes, a shoemaker, a hunter, a fisherman, a washerman, a butcher, a *ṭhaka* (*Thug*), an actor, one who allows sexual intercourse in the mouth, a dog, a prostitute allowing men of all varnas to visit her, an oil-grinder, the keeper of a tavern, an executioner, a village pig or cock, he should wash the limb with water and perform *ācamana*. If the head is touched by any one of these, then he should bathe. In this connection it may be noted that Hemādri quotes (on p. 38) the Garuḍapurāṇa and (on p. 316) Parāśara for the 16 castes in a village that were treated as cāṇḍālas in the matter of touch, speech or sight. Devala (q. by Hemādri on *prāyaścitta* p. 312) says that Cāṇḍāla and Turuska (Turk) are equally low. The chapter on untouchables in the 2nd vol. of the H. of Dh pp. 165-179 may be consulted in this connection. On pp. 175-176 of the same work references are given to verses of Atri, Śātātapa, Brhaspati and others stating that no purification is required on the ground of untouchability in the case of religious festivals and marriage processions, in battle, in the case of fire or invasion and similar calamities. By no stretch of imagination can these verses be restricted to the untouchability arising from death or birth as some propose

263 चर्मरं रजकं वेणं धीवरं नमस्व च । एताव सृष्टा द्विजो मोहादाच्चामेत् प्रयतोऽपि सत् ॥ सर्वतः q. by प्राय वि pp 472-473.

264. रजकश्चर्मकृच्चैव व्याधजालोपजीविनौ । निर्णेजकः सौमिकश्च ठकः शैलूपकस्तथा ॥ सुलेभगतथा था च वनितः सर्ववर्णा । चकी ध्वजी वधयती धाम्यशूकरकुक्षुदौ । एमिर्यदङ्गं ससृष्ट सितोर्वजं द्विजातिषु । तोयेन क्षालनं कृत्वा आचान्त क्षुचित्तमियात् ॥ ज्ञातानप q. by प्राय वि p 473 and सृष्टिच I p 119. The word ठक explained by प्राय वि as धूतं may be noted as the original word for the modern word 'Thug'. The सृष्टिच reads सह for ठक and explains as जातिविशेष रजकश्चर्मकारश्च सटो बुरख एव च । कैवलमेदृग्भिष्टाश्च स्वर्णकारश्च सौमिक (सौविदः ?) ॥ कापको लोहकारश्च गिलाभेदी तु नापि । तक्षकस्तिलयन्त्री च सुलक्ष्मी तथा ध्वजी । एते दोषशया भोक्ताश्चाण्डाला ग्रामवासिनः । गसृष्टयप q by हेमाद्रे (on प्राय p 38 and also पराशर on p 316)

to do. The words are too sweeping for this explanation and there being no untouchability on birth for any one except the mother and persons in mourning not being likely to join religious festivals and marriage processions those verses cannot be so construed.

The śūnīs were very keen on keeping a high ideal before brāhmanas as regards receiving gifts. The Sāma Br. (I. 7. 1-2) proscribes that if a brāhmana receives a gift from a ksatriya when not in distress (or difficulty) he should eat only one meal by day for a month and recite the Sāma verse 'mahat tat some mahisānśakāra' (Sāmaveda I 6. 1. 5. 10, No 542) for one month, while standing in water and if he accepts a gift from any one else from whom he should not accept it, he should undergo *kṛcchra* penance and recite the sāmā verse 'trikadrūkesu' (Sāmaveda I. 5. 2. 3. 1, No 457) Yāj. I. 140 provides that a brāhmana should not accept a gift from a king who is parsimonious (or greedy) and acts against the dictates of śāstra and Manu XI. 194 (= Visnu Dh. S 54.24) provides that a brāhmana becomes free from the sin of the acceptance of a thing which should not be accepted or of the acceptance of a gift from a condemned donor by reciting the Gāyatri three thousand times (in a month) or subsisting on milk alone or staying in a cowpen for a month. It may be noted that Manu X. 102-103 and Yāj. III. 41 allow a brāhmana when in distress to accept a gift from anybody or to take food from anyone whatever or to maintain himself by teaching any one whatever and state that he is not tainted by sin in so doing, since he is like fire and water (like that of the Ganges) and since it is unreasonable (or impossible) to assert that what is pure can be sullied. Manu X. 109, however, regards acceptance of a gift from an unworthy (or low) person as worse than teaching an improper person or officiating for him. A brāhmana was not to sell things declared to be unfit to be sold by him such <sup>264 a</sup> as sesame, oil of sesame, curds, bees' wax (ksaudra), salt, grapes, wine, cooked food, female or

264 a अथाविक्रयविक्रयप्रायश्चित्तानि । शङ्खलिखितौ । न विक्रीयदविक्रयेण । तिलतेलदधिकौद्रलवणद्राक्षामद्यमासकृताक्षणीषुषट्स्थयश्चतुषगन्धरससौमकुण्डलाजिनसोमोदकनीलीविक्रयात् सद्यः पतति ब्राह्मणस्तत्र प्रायश्चित्तमकामावासौ कानकृतेष्वेके पतितौ शात्मानश्चद्वरेत् । सवत्सर तप्तकृच्छ्रमाचरेत् । कृतवापनं क्षुचिरपोष्येयात् त्रिरकाद्रासां काष्ठमौनी वीरसंनमासीत राज्ञो दिवा निष्ठेयकोमि । कार्यपरं (विकार्यपरं ?) सावित्रीं सवनाङ्गां जपेत्सप्त्य व्रतमशुपगम्य कुशचीरवासा मौलीं मेखलीं दण्डीं पवित्रपाणिर्हविष्यं वा अर्पयेच्च भैक्षमद्रुष्टं वा यात्रिकमवनीयात् द्वादशरात्रं चोपवासो ब्राह्मणतर्पणं यवाह्निकमित्येव व्यवहार्यः यथा पतितः शिष्टैरसमाभ्यः शुद्ध्यति । या. प्रकाश folio 127b.



male slaves, elephants, horses, bulls, fragrant substances, liquids, silken cloth (kṣauma), black antelope hide, soma plant, water, indigo; by selling these he at once incurs sin. As penance he should practise *Tapta-kṛcchra* for a year after tonsuring his head, he should enter water thrice, wear only one wet piece of cloth, should observe silence, should practise the *Virāsana*, should sit up at night and stand by day, should recite the *Gāyatrī*.

One important matter dealt with by a few of the *smṛtis* and some of the digests is the re-admission into the Hindu fold of those who were converted by force by the invading *mlecchas*. About the meaning of the word *mleccha*, there is some divergence of views. From the *Sat. Br.* (III. 21. 23-24) it appears that the *mlecchas* spoke a degraded and corrupt speech (such as saying 'helavaḥ' for 'heṣṛayaḥ'). *Parāśara* (IX. 36) refers to the *mlecchas* as the eaters of cow's flesh. The *Pr. T.* (p. 549) quotes a *smṛti*<sup>265</sup> text to the effect that a *mleccha* is an eater of cow's flesh and talks much that is contradictory, and cites a passage from the *Harivaṃśa* for the manner of the dress and of the trimming of hair in the case of *Śakas*, *Yavanas*, *Kāmbojas*, *Pāradas*, *Pahlavas* &c. Vide for *mleccha* and for the return to the Hindu fold of those that were forcibly carried away as slaves by *mlecchas* and robbers or made to kill cows or to eat the flesh of asses, camels, village pigs, H. of Dh. vol. II p. 92, 383-385, 389-392 (where verses of *Devala* ascribed by some like the *Mit.* to *Āpastamba-smṛti* are set out), 973-974. A few matters not dealt with there may be added here. The *Viṣṇudharmottara*<sup>266</sup> *purāṇa* (II. 73. 203-206) provides that when persons are kidnapped by *mlecchas* or raiders or persons passing through forests are so treated and return to their own country, the penances for purifying them from the sin of eating forbidden food are to be prescribed after considering their class (*varṇa*), viz. that a

265. गोमंसखादको यश्च विरुद्धं बहु भाषते । सर्वाचारविहीनश्च स्लेच्छ इत्यभिधीयते ॥ बोधायन q. by प्रा तत्त्व p. 549, रायसकुद as q by प्राय सुक्तावली (folio 104 b) reads गो ...भक्षको यस्तु अपशब्दं च भाषते । सदाचारविहीनश्च ; सगर. रत्नां प्रतिज्ञा च शुरोर्वाक्यं निश्चयं च । धर्मं जघान तेषां वै देवान्यस्त्वं चकार ह ॥ अर्थे शकानां शिरसो मुखं कृत्वा व्यसर्जयत् । यवनानां शिरः सर्वे काम्बोजानां तथैव च ॥ पारदा सुक्तेःशाश्व पल्लवाः शमश्रुधारिणः । निःस्वाध्यायवपुःकाराः कृतास्तेन महात्मना ॥ शका यवनकाम्बोजा. पारदाश्च विज्ञापते । कोलिसर्पा समहिषा दाद्यांश्चोला सकेरलाः ॥ सर्वे ते क्षत्रियास्तात धर्मस्तेषां निराकृत । हरिवंश, हरिवंशपर्व 14. 15-19 q by प्राय तत्त्व p. 549.

266. स्लेच्छेद्देवानां चौरैर्वा कान्तारे वा प्रवासिनाम् । भक्ष्याभक्ष्यविशुद्धयर्थं तेषां षड्यानि निष्कृतिम् ॥ पुन प्राप्य स्वदेशं च वर्णानामनुपूर्वशः । कृच्छ्रस्थार्थे ब्राह्मणस्तु पुनः संस्कारमर्हति ॥ पादोनान्ते क्षत्रियस्तु अर्धार्थे वैश्य एव च । पार्दं कृत्वा तथा शूद्रो दानं दत्त्वा विशुध्यति ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर II. 73. 203-206.

brāhmaṇa should undergo half kṛcchra penance and should have the Upanayana performed again, a ksatriya should undergo three-fourths of Kṛcchra (and also upanayana), a vaiśya one-fourth Kṛcchra and a śūdra becomes pure by undergoing only  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a kṛcchra and by making a gift. In view of the fact that Manu VIII 169, Viṣṇu Dh. S. VII 6-7, Yāj II 89 declare that what is given by force, what is enjoyed by force and what is caused to be written by force and all transactions whatever that are brought about by force are void, and the burning desire of many people forcibly converted in times of disturbances to return to the Hindu fold and to the religion of their forefathers, the movement now called *śuddhi* should be encouraged by all interested in the well-being and stability of Hindu society. It is better to call this return by the name of 'parāvartana'. A model but brief rite for the *parāvartana* of those who were forcibly converted or for those who voluntarily left the Hindu fold but want to return to it is given in the Appendix. The same *prayoga* with suitable changes may be employed for taking into the Hindu fold any one who was not born a Hindu. In ancient times such people appear to have been taken into the Hindu fold by the performance of *Vṛtyastoma*. For this latter, vide H. of Dh. vol II pp. 385-387 and for the spread of Hinduism in Java, Bali, Sumatra, Siam and other countries of South-East Asia, vide H. of Dh vol. III, pp 934-935. Recently, through the kindness of Dr. J. M. Unvala, I had an opportunity of reading several inscriptions of the 18th and 19th centuries at the fire temple called Jvālāji at Suruhani near Baku, the capital of Russian Azerbaijan, situated on the northern shore of the Caspian sea, which were inscribed by Hindu pilgrims or visitors, that begin with obeisance to Gaṇeśa and in one of which occurs the verse quoted below.<sup>267</sup>

Manu XI 124 (= Viṣṇu Dh S. 387) prescribes the penance of Sāntapana for committing with full knowledge any of the deeds described above as *jātubhramśakara* and the penance of Prājāpatya for doing it unintentionally. For doing any of the deeds called *saṅkarīkarana* or *apātīkarana* described above, Manu XI 125 prescribes the penance of cāndrāyana for a month and for doing any of the deeds called *malāvaha* prescribes that the perpetrator should scald himself with barley gruel for three

267. श्लोक । देवयज्ञे व्रते तीर्थे सत्यान्नब्रह्मभोजने । पित्र्यश्राद्धे जदीहस्ते धनं  
व्रजति धर्मताम् ॥

days Those two verses of Manu occur in Agnipurāṇa (170. 23-25). Visnu Dh. S. (39.2, 40.2, 41.5) prescribes somewhat different penances for sankarīkarana, apātrīkarana or malīnikarāṇiya deeds Vide also the Mit on Yāj III. 290 for the penances prescribed for these deeds by Yama and Brhaspati. About miscellaneous *pūṭakas* the rule laid down by Manu XI. 209, Visnu Dh S 42.2, Yāj. III. 294 and others is that the penance should be prescribed by the brāhmanas after taking into account the nature of the deed, the ability of the perpetrator and other circumstances of time and place &c.

Some of the digests prescribe certain times for the performance of penance. The first rule is laid down by Hārīta that having done something sinful or improper through trustfulness, affection, greed, fear or heedlessness one should resort to purification at once Dakṣa<sup>268</sup> II. 73 also states that all *naṁtthika* and *kāmya* matters must be performed as they fall due and no delay should be caused. If more than a year is allowed to pass after the sin is incurred the penance would have to be double of what it otherwise would have been, according to Devala and Manu.<sup>268a</sup> The Pr. T. (pp 474, 512) quotes a verse from the Vyavahāra-cintāmaṇi<sup>269</sup> and an astrological work to the effect that a penance or ordeal should not be administered on the 8th or 14th *tithi* of a month, nor should an ordeal or marriage take place on a Saturday or Tuesday. The Prāyaścittendusekhara (p 15) says that according to respectable people (*śiṣtas*) the *sankalpa* (declaration of undergoing a penance) should be made on the 14th *tithi* and the actual rite should be performed on the *amāvāsya*. If the guilty person is in mourning he may perform penance after the period of mourning is over.

The procedure for undergoing penances for sins and lapses prescribed by the assembly of learned men has varied in details from time to time. The Gaut. Dh S. 26.6-17 prescribes

268 नैमित्तिकानि काम्यानि निपतन्ति यथा यथा । तथा तथा हि कार्याणि न कालं तु विदुश्चरेत् ॥ दक्ष II 73 q by मा तत्त्व p 512.

268 a. यथा स्मृतिसंगरे देवलः । कालातिरेके द्वियुग्ं प्रायश्चित्तं समाचरेत् । द्वियुग्ं राजदण्डं च दत्त्वा छुद्भिर्बामुयात् ॥ कालातिरेके संवत्सरातिरेके । संवत्सराभिज्ञस्तस्य दुष्टस्य द्वियुगो दमः । इति मनुवचने० । मा. तत्त्व p 474 This is मनु VIII 374.

269. 'तस्माद्विश्मभात् स्नेहात् लोभाद्भयान्मादाद्वा अशुभं कृत्वा सद्यः शौचमारभेत्- इति हारीतेन सद्यःकरण्यकम् । अत्रापि ष्यवहारचिन्तामणौ विशेषः । नाष्टम्या न चतुर्दश्या प्रायश्चित्तपरीक्षणे । न परीक्षा विवाहश्च शनिमौमदिने तथा ॥ मा. तत्त्व p 474. The words 'तस्मात्... चरेत्' (for आरभेत्) are quoted from हारीत by मनु. पा. 703-704.

the method of performing Krecchra penance It is briefly as follows: The sinner desiring to be free of sin quickly should stand by day and sit up by night (i e. should take sleep in a sitting position and not lie down), he should speak the truth and should not hold conversation with *anāryas* (sūdras &c.), should bathe thrice in the day, should perform *mārjana* (splashing or sprinkling water on the head and other limbs by means of *kuśas* dipped in water after repeating sacred mantras) with the three verses 'āpo hi sthā' (Rg. X.9.1-3), with the verses called Pavitravati and with the eight verses beginning with 'hiraṇyavarṇāḥ suvayāḥ pāvakaḥ' (Tai. S V. 6.1.1-3) Then he should perform the *tarpaṇa* <sup>270</sup> (satiating with water) with thirteen mantras beginning with *namaḥ* and ending with *namaḥ* (each respectively containing 6, 4, 4, 13, 2, 2, 2, 6, 5, 2, 2, 6, 2 names of deities) This constitutes for him the worship of Āditya (the Sun) and he offers oblations of clarified butter with these thirteen *mantras* and, after he passes twelve days in this way, on the 13th he offers nine oblations of boiled rice to Agni, Soma, Agni and Soma, Indra and Agni, Indra, the *Five Devas*, Brahman, Prajāpati, Agni Svistakṛt Then he serves dinner to brāhmanas The Āp. Dh. S II, 6.15.9 states <sup>271</sup> the general rule that in all religious observances one should give dinner to brāhmanas that are pure (in conduct) and that have studied the Veda. The Baudh Dh S. (II. I. 95-99) prescribes that in a krecchra penance one has to bathe thrice in the day, to lie down on the ground (not on a cot &c), to wear only one piece of cloth, to shave one's hair on the head, the moustache and the body and to pare one's nails, and that the same mode is prescribed also for women (sinners) except the tonsure of the head Manu (XI. 222-225) prescribes that in all penances there is *homa* with the mahāvīryārtis every day, the sinner has to practise *ahimsā* (non-injury to all sentient beings), truthfulness, absence of anger and straight-forwardness, has to bathe thrice by day and thrice by night together with the clothes on, he should not talk with women, sūdras and *patitas*, he should stand by day and sit down at night or if unable to do so he should sleep on the ground (raised platform called *sthandila*), should observe celibacy and the rules of a student, such as wearing girdle of *muñja* grass and carrying a staff (of *palāśa* &c), should honour gods, brāhmanas and his elders, should always recite the Gāyatri and sacred texts.

270 For the usual tarpans, vide H. of Dh vol II. pp 689-695

271. शुचीन्मन्त्रवत सर्वकृत्येषु भोजयेत्। आप ध सू II 6.15 9.

Vas. 24.5 (a long prose passage) contains similar provisions. Yāj III 312-13 are very important. They prescribe the practice of certain virtues and rules of conduct called *yamas* (such as *brahmacarya*, kindness, forbearance, truthfulness, *ahimsā* &c.) and *niyamas* (such as bath, silence, fasting, purity of body &c.) as necessary adjuncts in all penances. The *Laugākṣigīhya* (V. 3-11) prescribes the procedure for all penances. Yāj. III. 325 holds that one should, while performing the penance of *crochra* or *cāndrāyana*, bathe thrice daily, recite holy mantras (as stated in Vas 28.11-15) and should eat balls of rice over which the *Gāyatrī* has been recited. Śāṅkha<sup>272</sup> (18.12-14) also summarises the different items that have to be gone through in undergoing a penance. The *Madanaparijata* (pp 781-784), Pr. V. (pp 503-506), Pr. Sāra (pp 21, 22 and 200-203), Pr. T. pp. 497-510, 523-524, Pr. Mayūkha pp. 18-21, Pr. Prakāśa (folios 38b to 43b), *Prāyaścittenduśekhara* (pp. 15 and 88) and other works provide elaborate rules about the procedure of undergoing *prāyaścittas*. It is not possible nor necessary to set out these in detail here. Briefly put, on the day previous to the actual day of commencing penance the sinner should pare his nails, shave his head, bathe with clay, cow-dung, holy water &c, drink clarified butter, make a declaration of performing the penance indicated by the assembly of learned men. On the next day he should bathe, perform *śrāddha*, drink *pañcagavya*, should perform *homa*, give *dakṣiṇā* (gold, cows &c.) to the *brāhmanas* and feed them. Parāśara (XI.3) says that at the end of the rite of penance *pañcagavya* should be taken and one, two, three or four cows should be donated respectively by a *brāhmana*, a *ksatriya*, a *vaiśya* and a *sūdra*. Yama (verse 63) says that *brāhmanas* should be fed on the performance of a penance and a *dakṣiṇā* of one golden *māsa* should be given to each *brāhmana*. Jābali says that at the beginning and close of all penances the sinner should offer in the *smārta* fire oblations of clarified butter to the accompaniment of the *Vyāhrtis*, perform *śrāddha* and offer *dakṣiṇā* consisting of a cow or gold. Vide *Aparārka* (p. 1230) and Par. M II part 2 p. 195 for Jābali's verses. The Pr *Prakāśa* (folio 30a) adds that according to the *Mahāvāsa* the number of *vyāhrti-homas* should be 28 or 108.

272. सुष्ठुविषयवर्णनानी अथ शापी जितेन्द्रियः। स्त्रीशुद्धपातितानां च वर्जयेत्परि-  
भाषणम्॥ पवित्राणि जपेच्छक्या जुहुयाच्चैव शक्तिः। अयं विधिः स विज्ञेय सर्वकृच्छ्रेषु  
सर्वदा। शङ्ख 18 12-14, which are almost the same as the last two verses of  
विशुद्धनसूत्र 46.

A few words may be said about the tonsure of the head (*vapana* or *mundana*). The Tai Br (I 5 6.1-2) states<sup>273</sup> 'The Asuras first shaved the hair on the head, then the moustache and then the armpits, therefore they went down (or with face downwards) and were defeated, while the gods first shaved the armpits, then the moustache and then the hair on the head'. The Pr Prakāśa quotes this passage in a mutilated form and then states that *vapana* is of three kinds, *daiva* (of the gods), *āsura* (of the *asuras*) and *mānusa* (of men), that the *āsura* method is condemned, that in consecrating the Vedic fires, in the *istis* and *soma* sacrifices the *daiva* method is ordained, while in *prāyaścittas*, there being no special *vidhi*, there is an option. Tonsure of the head is enjoined on several occasions e.g. the Visnupurāṇa provides<sup>274</sup> 'Tonsure should be carried out at Prayāga when on a pilgrimage, and on the death of one's father or mother, one should not in vain (lightly) tonsure the head'. To these occasions may be added penances. The idea seems to have been entertained that whatever sin a man commits it becomes centered in the hair, as a verse quoted by the Madanapārijāta and Pr M. states<sup>275</sup> Gaut. (273), Vas.<sup>276</sup> (245), Baud. Dh. S. (II.1.98-99) and others provide for the tonsure of the hair on the head and lips (except those on the eye-brows, the hair on the trunk and the top knot). Exceptions were introduced to the rule about tonsure Daksā<sup>277</sup> forbade tonsure, the offering of *pinḍas* and the carrying of a corpse and 'all funeral rites to

273 तेऽसुरा ऊर्ध्वं पृष्ठेभ्यो नापश्यन् । ते केशानग्रेऽवपन्त अथ इमंश्चुणि अघोषपक्षौ । ततस्तेऽस्वाञ्च आपन् पराभवन् । यस्मैव वपन्ति अवाहेति । अथ देवा ऊर्ध्वं पृष्ठेभ्योऽपश्यन् । ते उपपक्षौ अग्रेऽवपन्त अथ इमंश्चुण्य केशान् । सुवर्गं लोकमायन् । ते वा I. 5 6. 1-2 (about the *vapana* of a *Cāturmāsya-jāṇin*). वपन त्रिविधं दैवमासुर मानुष चेति । आसुर निन्दितं मानुषदैवयोर्विकल्पः । आधानेदिसोमेषु दैवरय विहितत्वात् । श्रायश्चित्तेषु तु विशेष-विध्यभावाद् विकल्प एव । मा प्रकाश folio 31 b.

274. प्रयागे तर्धयात्राया पितृमातृवियोगतः । कच्चाना वपनं कार्यं न हृया विकचो भवेत् ॥ विष्णुपुराण q by माय तत्त्व p 489

275. यानि कानि च पापानि ब्रह्महत्यासमानि च । केशानाश्रित्य तिष्ठन्ति तस्माकेशा-न्वपास्यहम् ॥ इति मन्त्रमुक्त्वा कक्षोपस्थशिक्षावर्जं क्रमेण इमंश्चुपक्षकेशावदक्षस्तृणान् वापयेत् । यतिविधवादीनां सशिक्ष वपनम् । ब्रह्महत्यादिभ्यः सशिक्ष सर्वोद्ग्लोभना च । माय. स p. 19.

276. कृच्छ्राणां घतरूपाणि इमंश्चुकेशाः । अपयेद्भुवोक्षितोमाशिक्षावर्जः । वसिष्ठ 24 4-5, कृच्छ्रे त्रिषण्णखदकोपस्पर्शनम् । अधः शयनम् । एकवस्त्रता । केशादमंश्चुलोमनखवापनम् । एतदेव श्रिया केशवपनवर्जम् । यो ध सू II. 1. 95-99 The *mita* on ya III 325 reads वसिष्ठ as इमंश्चुकेशादि वापयेत् कुक्षिरोमशिक्षावर्जम् ।, should it not be अक्षिरोमः ?

277. सुण्डन पिण्डदानं च मृतकर्म च सर्वज्ञ । न जीवन्पितृकः क्षुर्याद् शुर्विणीपतिरेव चेति दक्षीयनिषेधस्य रागमासविषयत्वाद् विधिस्युष्टे निदिधानवकाशात् । मा प्रकाश folio 32a.

one whose father was alive and to a man whose wife was pregnant. But this prohibition did not apply to penances. The Baud. Dh S already referred to prohibits the tonsure of women in penances Angiras 163, Apastamba-smṛti I. 33-34, Brhad-Yama IV.16, Vṛddha-Harita IX 386, Parāśara IX. 54-55, Yama 54-55 provide <sup>278</sup> that in the case of married women whose husbands are alive and in the case of maidens all their hair should be held together and only two finger-breadths of hair should be cut off. In the case of widows and ascetics the entire head was to be shaved. It was further provided by Parāśara (IX 52-54), Śāṅkha (q. by Par. M. II. part I, pp. 290-291) that in the case of a king or prince or a learned brāhmana tonsure of the head should not be insisted upon, but that they should have to undergo double the usual penance and the *daśmā* would have to be double. <sup>279</sup> The Mit. on Yāj. III. 325 quotes a verse of Manu <sup>280</sup> (not found in the printed text) 'tonsure of the head is not desired in the case of learned brāhmanas and kings except in the case of those guilty of mahāpātakas, of cow-killing or of being an *avalūṛṇin*'. The Mit. (on Yāj. III 264) further quotes *Samvarta* <sup>281</sup> to the effect that when the penance prescribed is only a quarter then only the hair on the body below the throat is to be shaved, when half is prescribed then in addition the hair on the lips is to be cut, when three-fourths then all the hair on the body except the knot is to be cut and in the case of the full penance all hair including the *śikhā* (the top-knot) also are to be cut off. The Par. M (II part I, p 300) while describing cāndrāyana penance requires the cutting of the hair on all parts

278. सर्वान्केशान् ससृद्धृत्य छेदयेदङ्गुलिद्वयम्। एवं नारीकुमारीणां शिरसोऽसृष्टनं रमुतम्। न स्त्रिया केशवपनं न दूरे शयनाशनम्॥ पराशर IX. 54-55.

279 केशाना रक्षणार्थं द्विगुणं व्रतमाचरेत्। द्विगुणे व्रत आदिदे द्विगुणा दाक्षिणा भवेत्। राजा वा राजपुत्रो वा ब्राह्मणो वा बहुश्रुतः। अङ्गुला वपन तस्य प्रायश्चित्तं विनिर्दिशेत्। पराशर IX 52-54, नारदपुराण, पूर्वोक्तं 14 52-54, for the half केशानां, vide बृहद्हारीत IX 387. The Mitā on ya III 325, प्राय. शि. p. 503, प्राय. सा p. 22, नद. पा. p 782 quote these verses as हारीत's in a different order and प्राय. तत्त्व p 519 ascribes almost similar verses to लघुहारीत

280. विद्वद्विग्रहपत्नीणां नेष्टते केशवापनम्। कस्ते महापातकिनो गोहन्तृश्चावकीर्णिनः॥ सप्त q by मिता. on ya. III 325, प्राय. सा pp 22-23 (as महर्षि). The प्राय. तत्त्व p 516 expressly refers to this text as cited by the मिता

281 पादेऽङ्गुलीमवपनं द्विपादेऽङ्गुलीऽपि च। त्रिपादे तु शिखावर्जं सशिखं तु निपातने॥ सर्वे q. by मिता. on ya III 264, प्राय. म p 14, या प्रकाश folio 31a, which remarks 'शिखावर्जमिति शिखावतमेव तेन यतिविधवादीनां सर्ववपनमेव। यतिः स्रद्धा शिखा सशिख वपनं चरेदिति वचनाच्च।'

of the body (including private parts).<sup>282</sup> The tonsure is to be performed by a barber and yet the *śaṅkhalpa* is 'vapanam karisyē' and not 'vapanam kārayisyē'. From Gaut 27.3 (vapanam vratam caret) prescribing tonsure in cāndrāyana Haradatta and others infer that *vapana* is unnecessary in kṛcchra penance.

Baths that are subsidiary to prāyaścitta are performed with ashes, cowdung, clay, water, pañcagavya and water in which *kūśa* grass has been dipped. *Mantras* that are to be recited at the time of bath are laid down in the *Linga-purāṇa*, the *Bhaviṣyapurāṇa* and elsewhere.

There are certain virtues to be cultivated as being common to all prāyaścittas whether secretly or openly undergone. They are called *yamas* and *niyamas* and have been set out above (p 121) from Yāj III 312-313. Atri (verses 48-49) sets them out somewhat differently. Manu IV. 204 (= Atri verse 47) refers to *yamas* and *niyamas* which Medhātithi explains as follows. viz *yamas* are in the nature of prohibitions (e. g. a brāhmaṇa should not be killed), while *niyamas* consist of what is to be done (such as one should always recite the Veda, as in Manu IV. 147).

While undergoing prāyaścittas certain rules about food and other matters were to be observed. For example, *Harita*<sup>283</sup> prescribes that the person undergoing penance should omit on all days *māsa* and *masūḥ* a pulse, honey, taking food at the house of or belonging to others and sexual intercourse, should not speak at an improper time, should perform *ācamana* if he speaks with women or *sūdras* or those who are *ucchīṣṭa*. Yama ordains that one who is undergoing a penance should omit massaging the body or head with oil, the chewing of *tāmbūla*, applying unguents and every thing else that causes one to feel strength or sexual passion.

According to the Pr<sup>284</sup> *Prakāśa* when undertaking a penance one should begin with the mantra 'Agne vratapate

282. पौर्णमास्यास्तुपेतस्तु ब्राह्मणः सुसमाहितः। केशश्मश्रुणि लोमानि कक्षोपस्थ च वापयेत् ॥ q by परा. मा II. part 1 p 300

283. माषमसूरमधुपराक्षमैथुनानि प्रत्यहं वर्जयेत्। व्रतोपेतो नाकाले वाचं विद्वजेत्। स्त्रीशूद्रोच्छिष्टाभिमाषण आचामेत्। हारीत q. by अपरार्क p 1230, गात्रग्न्यङ्ग शिरोग्न्यङ्ग ताम्बूलमञ्जुलेपनम्। व्रतस्थो वर्जयेत्सर्वं यज्ञान्यङ्गचलरागकृत् ॥ यम q by परा. मा II part 2 p. 196

284. व्रतनिषेदनविमोचनमन्त्रौ तैत्तिरीयशाखाया अग्रे व्रतपते व्रतं चरिष्यामि तच्छ-  
केय तन्मे राध्यताम्, अग्रे व्रतपते व्रतमचारिष त्वृशकं तन्मे राधि इति तु व्रतसमाप्ते ॥ मा प्रकाश  
folio 37 b, अग्रे...राध्यताम् is तै सं I 5 10.3 = वाज सं I 5 and अग्रे व्रतपते व्रतसचारिष  
is तै. सं I 6 6.3 = वाज. सं II 28.



vrataṃ carisyāmi' (O! Fire, lord of vrataṃ! I shall perform a vrata) and when finishing a penance one should repeat the mantra 'agne vrata-pate vrataṃ-acārisam tad-aśakam tan-me rādhi' (O! Fire, lord of vrataṃ; I have performed the vrata, I had the strength to do it, may it be propitious for me &c.).

Prāyaścittas are of two kinds, *prakāśa* (undergone openly) and *rahasya* (undergone secretly). A few words must be said about the latter. Gaut. (24 1-11), Vas. (25 1-3), Manu XI. 248-265, Yaj. III. 301-305, Visnu Dh. S. 55 and other smrtis lay down rules about secret prāyaścittas. Where a man's <sup>285</sup> sin is not known to anyone except himself he may perform secret expiation. In the case of adultery and in the case of association with one guilty of a grave sin, one may still perform a secret penance, even though the adultery is known to the adulteress and even though the man guilty of a mahāpātaka is aware of the association. Vas. <sup>286</sup> 25 2 states the general rule that secret penances are meant for those who have consecrated the Vedic fires, who are disciplined, old or learned and that the openly undergone penances are meant for others. If such a man is himself aware of the proper penance, he should perform it without going to an assembly (*parṣad*), but if he is not so aware he may consult some knowing person privately, asking him in a general way what the penance for a particular sin may be. Vas. 25.3 provides that those who are always intent on prānāyāmas, holy texts, gifts, *homas* and *japa* are released from sin. Manu XI.226 states that those whose sins have not become public may be purified by *homas* and *mantras*. Even women and sūdras can perform penance in secret, since, though they cannot perform *homa* and repeat Vedic *mantras*, they can, as the Mit on Yaj. III.300 says, perform expiation by means of gifts and *prānāyāmas*. Gaut. 26 2 and Manu XI. 253 prescribe that one who desires to receive a gift which he should not accept or who receives such a gift should recite in water (navel-deep according to some) the hymn of four verses beginning with 'tarat

285. हारीतेऽप्यह। अथ ब्राह्मणस्य श्रुतधर्मशास्त्रस्य रहस्यमनुकामिन्यामः। रहस्ये रहस्यं प्रकाशे प्रकाशमिति। प्राय. सा. p. 161, परा सा. II part 2 p. 153, vide प्रा. सार p. 161 and प्राय. वि. p. 500 for रहस्ये...प्रकाशमिति as from यम.

286. आहिताग्नेर्विनीतस्य ब्रह्मस्य विदुषोऽपि वा। रहस्योक्तं प्रायश्चित्तं पूर्वोक्तमितरे जनाः॥ प्राणायामैः पवित्रैश्च दानैर्होमैर्जपैस्तथा। नित्यशुक्लाः प्रहस्यन्ते पातकेभ्यो न संशयः॥ बसिष्ठ 25. 2-3; the first verse is q. by अपरार्क p. 1212 as from चतुर्विंशतिमत (reads इतरस्य तु).

sa mandī' (Rg X.58 1-4). For one who is guilty of brāhmana murder Gaut. (24 6) prescribes that for the first ten days he should subsist on milk alone, on clarified butter for a further ten days, on water for another period of ten days, that he should partake of the articles specified only once in the morning, should wear wet clothes and should offer every day eight symbolic *homās* with clarified butter, of his hair on the body, nails, skin, flesh, blood, muscles, bones and marrow with the words 'I offer in the mouth of Death' added at the end.<sup>287</sup> Yāj III.301 prescribes that the murderer of a brāhmana should fast for ten days, should recite the Aghamarsana hymn (Rg X.190) while submerged in water, donate a cow yielding milk, while Viṣṇu prescribes that he should bathe for a month in a flowing stream or river, should perform every day 16 prāṇāyāmas, should eat only once a day sacrificial food and may then become purified. Viṣṇu provides that the drinker of *surā* becomes pure by observing the *vata* (as stated) for brāhmana murder and reciting Aghamarsana; while the thief of brāhmana's gold becomes pure by fasting for three days and reciting the sacred Gāyatrī ten thousand times and one guilty of incest by the repeated recital of the hymn beginning with 'sahasraśrīṣṭa' (Rg X. 90).

The sages observed that some of the penances mentioned in old smṛtis were terrible and involved loss of life. Therefore, gradually more humane and easier penances came to be prescribed. For example, Hārīta<sup>288</sup> states 'brāhmanas who have studied dharmaśāstra should prescribe a penance appropriate to the age, the time and the strength of the brāhmana (sinner), the penance being such that he may not lose his life and yet may be purified; one should not prescribe an observance that will cause great distress (to the sinner) Āṅgīras also says that the *pariśad* should indicate the penance resolved upon by all the members which would not cause loss of life Śaṅkha

287. हरदत्त on गी 24 6 explains that he will have to say लोमानि आत्मनो मुखे वृत्त्योरास्त्ये जुहोनि स्वाहा नखान्यात्मनो मुखे वृत्त्योरास्त्ये जुहोनि स्वाहित्येवंप्रकारं होमाः.

288. यथावयो यथाकालं यथामाणं च ब्राह्मणे । प्रायश्चित्तं प्रदातव्यं ब्राह्मणैर्धर्मपाठकैः ॥ येन जुद्धिमवाप्नोति न च माणौर्वियुज्यते । आर्तिं वा महर्तिं याति न चैतद् ब्रतमादिशेत् ॥ हारितः पृ. by परा मा II. part 1 p 235, पर्यत्सर्वित्य तत्सर्वं प्रायश्चित्तं विनिर्दिशेत् ॥ सर्वेदां निश्चितं यत्स्याद्यत्र प्राणाच्च न घातयेत् ॥ अङ्गिरसः पृ. by परा मा II part 1 p 236, नद पा. p. 779.

declares:<sup>289</sup> 'a brāhmaṇa should never practise the performance of a penance in a forest full of thieves, ferocious beasts, elephants and other animals through fear of injury to life. The body that is the all in all (i e. the only source) of (the observance of) dharma must be protected with efforts; just as water oozes down from the mountain, so dharma springs from the body'.

As times changed easier substitutes (called *pratyāmnūyas*) were found and prescribed. The word *pratyāmnūya* was used in this sense in the Āp. Śr. S. V. 20.18 (*yadyanādhyo-gñin-ādadhita kāmam-evaikām gām dadyāt sā gavām pratyāmnūyo bhavatiti viñāyate*), 6 30 9 and Śān. Śr. S. 14 51.6 and other sūtras. Samvarta<sup>290</sup> states that if a sinner is unable to undergo the Prājāpatya penance, he may donate instead a cow yielding milk and if he cannot donate such a cow he may donate the full price of such a cow. Parāśara<sup>291</sup> (XII 63-64) provides four substitutes for a Prājāpatya penance viz the recital of the famous Gāyatri mantra (Rg. III. 62 10) ten thousand times or 200 *prāṇāyāmas*, or bathing twelve times in a sacred watery place after drying the head on each bath, or taking to a journey of two *yojanas* towards a holy place. From the words of Gaut. 19 16 and 18 (quoted above in note 120) it follows that gold is a substitute for a cow by way of penance. The Brahmapurāṇa<sup>292</sup> provides that in the absence of a cow a *niska* or half *niska*

289 तस्करस्वपदाकीर्णे बहुग्यालद्युगे वने । न व्रत ब्राह्मण. कुर्यात्प्राणवाधभयात्सदा । शरीरं धर्मसर्वस्वं रक्षणीयं प्रयत्नत । शरीरात्प्रवृत्ते धर्मं पर्वतात्सलिलं यथा । शङ्ख 17. 63 and 65 q. by मद्. पा 728, अपराकं p. 1231 (which inserts one more verse between the two (सर्वतो जीवितं रक्षोजीवन्वापं व्यपोहति । व्रतैः कुच्छैस्तथा दार्ढ्येतिहाह भगवान्यमः ॥). This is शङ्ख. 17 64.

290. प्राजापत्यव्रतज्ञातौ धेष्ठं दद्यात्पयसिनीम् । धेनोरभावे दातव्यं तुल्यं मूल्यं न संशय ॥ सवर्त q by परा मा. II. part 2 p. 197, मा सार p. 203, माय. तत्त्व pp. 517 and 541. The मिता on पा. III. 326 quotes this verse as स्मृत्यन्तर and adds another half as 'मूल्यार्थमपि निष्कं वा तदर्थं शक्त्यपेक्षया' The verse is q from मार्कण्डेयपुराण by अपराकं p 1248.

:91 प्राजापत्यकुष्ठस्य चतुर मत्याम्नायानाह कुच्छं देव्ययुतं चैव प्राणायामज्ञातद्वयम् । शृण्वतीर्थेऽनादंशिरःस्नानं द्वादशसंख्यया ॥ द्वियोजने तीर्थयात्रा कुच्छमेकं प्रकल्पितम् ॥ परासार XII. 63-64 and परा मा II part 2 p. 47.

292. मूल्यं च यथाशक्ति देयम् । अत एव ब्रह्मपुराणे गवामभावे निष्कं स्यात्तदर्थं पादमेव वा । परा मा. II part 2 p 197, मा. सार p 203. The मिता. on पा III 326 quotes it without name,

or a quarter niska may be given. The *Caturvimsātimata* <sup>293</sup> provides several *pratyāmnāyas* for *Prājāpatya* viz recital of *Gāyatri* ten thousand times, standing in water, gift of a cow to a *brāhmana*—these four (including *Prājāpatya*) are equal, as also a thousand *homas* with sesame, recitation of the whole *samhitā* of the *veda*, feeding twelve *brāhmanas*, *Pāvakeśi* are equal. The *Caturvimsātimata* <sup>294</sup> stated that one should substitute the gift of one cow for *Prājāpatya* penance, of two cows for *Sāntāpana*, of three cows for *Parāka*, *Tapta-krechra* and *Ati-krechra* and eight for *Cāndrayana*. The result was that from medieval times at least even in the case of *mahāpātakas* there was a sliding scale of penances ultimately ending in feeding *brāhmanas* or making monetary or other presents to them. For example, the *Mit* (on *Yaj. III* 326) says that in the case <sup>295</sup> of the twelve years' penance, optionally 360 *prājāpatyas* could be performed, each *prājāpatya* extending over twelve days, that if a man was unable to undergo this he should donate as many (i.e. 360) milch cows, if that was impossible he may donate their price or 360 *niskas* or even half or quarter thereof &c. *Yaj. III* 309 provides (a lakh of) *homas* with sesame to the accompaniment of the *Gāyatri* or making *brāhmanas* recite the *Veda* by the gift of sesame. *Vas* 28 18-19 (= *Atri VI*, 7-8) and *Visnu Dh* S 90 10 state that by feeding seven or five *brāhmanas* on the Full moon of *Vaiśākha* with sesame and honey a man becomes free of all sins. These provi-

293 कृच्छ्रोऽयुतं च गायत्र्या उद्वासस्तथैव च । धेनुपदानं विप्राय समेतश्चतुष्टयम् ।  
तिलहोमसद्वर्धं तु वेदस्याध्यायमेव च । विप्रं द्वादश वा भोज्याः पावकेष्टिस्तथैव च । अन्यानि  
वा पवित्राणि समान्याहुर्मनीषिणः । चतुर्विंशतिमत q. by परा मा II part 2 p 47 and  
also p 196 (with some variations). मा मयूख p 26 The *mita* on या III, 326,  
मा सार p 204 ascribe the first verse to पराशर and the latter reads उपवास for  
उद्वास . There are similar verses in the *षड्विंशन्मत* also (vide मा सार p. 204).

294 प्राजापत्ये तु गमेकां दद्यात्सान्त्वयने द्वयम् । पराकृतघातिकृद्रे तिस्रस्तिस्रश्च  
शास्तया ॥ अष्टौ चान्द्रायणे देयाः प्रत्याम्नायविधौ सदा । यथा विभवसारेण दानं दद्याद्वि-  
शुद्धये । चतुर्विंशतिमत q. by परा मा II part 2 p 200, अपरार्क p 1248, मा सार  
p 204 (first verse)

295. न च महापातकमनुकृतिनिष्कृतिक सम्भवति कस्मादुक्तानिष्कृतिकेभ्यो प्राजापत्यादयो  
'योजनीयाः' । तत्र द्वादशवार्षिकव्रते द्वादश द्विंश विनाश्यां प्राजापत्यं परिकल्प्य गण्यमाने  
प्राजापत्यानां षड्वधिकशतत्रयं द्वादशवार्षिके वैकल्पिकमनुष्ठेयं भवति । तदशक्तौ तत्रायौ वा  
धेनवौ दातव्याः । तदसम्भवे निष्काणां षड्वधिकशतत्रयं दातव्यम् । तथा शृङ्गयन्त्रस्य । प्राजापत्य  
...मूल्याधर्ममपि निष्कं वा तदर्थं शक्त्यपेक्षया । गवामभावे निष्कं स्यात्तदर्थं पाद एव वा इति  
स्मरणात् । *mita*. on या III 326. The मा प्रकाश says 'सुवर्णचतुष्टयसमतोलितं रूपं  
निष्क इत्यर्थः' (folio 62 b). This is the view of the *Prāyaścitta-muktāvalī* (folio  
17 a) which remarks, 'तथा च धरण-धुराण-कार्वाणपणराज्ञा अन्योन्यं पर्याया मासन्ते'.

sions are maintained in almost all medieval works such as the *Smṛtyarthasāra* pp. 149, 155, *Prāyaścittasāra* p. 203, *Pr. T.* pp. 517, 541, *Pr. Mayūkha* p. 18 &c. The same method is followed in penances for lesser periods. It is due to this provision in the *smṛtis* that in modern times men, when on death-bed, perform *prāyaścittas* for all their sins by donating a cow or more or by monetary presents to priests.<sup>295a</sup>

Some interesting sidelights are thrown on the prices of milch cows, cows and bulls by the medieval writers. The *Pr. V.* (p. 199) states that the price of a milch cow (*payasvini*) was 3 *purāṇas*, that of an ordinary cow (*go*) one *purāṇa* and that of a bull was five *purāṇas*. The *Pr. T.* (pp. 517-18) quotes *Kātyāyana* to the effect that the price of a cow (*go*) is 32 *panas* and that of a male calf one *purāṇa*, that a *pana* is copper weighing 80 *raktikās* or equal to 80 *varātakas* (cowries), that 16 *panas* were equal to one *purāṇa* (following *Bhavisya* and *Matsya purāṇas*), that by *niska* is not meant the one indicated by *Manu* (VIII. 137) but a *dināraṇiska* i. e. gold weighing 32 *raktikās*. The *Prāyaścittendusekhara* p. 7 follows *Yājñ* 1365 and holds that *niska* is silver equal (in weight) to four *suvarṇas* or a *pala*. A *raktikā* weighs on an average 1.8 grains; so a copper *pana* of 80 *raktikās* would weigh about 144 grains. Therefore a *dhenu* was equal to 32 *panas* (or two *purāṇas*) i. e. about 26 *tolas* of copper (one *tola* being taken as equal to 180 grains). Vide H of Dh. vol. III pp. 120-121 notes 161 and 162 for information about ancient coins and their weights. There appears to be owing to lapse of centuries some difference in the views of several writers. According to *Vijñāneśvara* four *suvarṇas* are equal to a silver *niska*. According to the *Lilāvati* 20 *varātakas* are equal to a *kāṇini*, 4 *kāṇinis* are equal to a *pana* and a *niṣka* is equal to 256 *panas*.

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<sup>295a</sup> There was a parallel to this method of *pratyāmnāya* in Europe as remarked by Gibbon 'A year of penance was appreciated at 26 *solidi* of silver, about four pounds sterling, for the rich, at 3 *solidi* or nine shillings for the indigent; and these alms were soon appropriated to the Church which derived from the redemption of sins an inexhaustible source of opulence and dominion' *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, vol. VII, p. 187 (Smith's ed. of 1862).

## CHAPTER V

### NAMES OF ALL PRĀYAŚCITTAS

Now all the prāyaścittas mentioned in the smrtis and digests will be arranged in alphabetical order (Sanskrit, transliterated into English), excepting mere hymns, fasts, &c. and brief explanations and references will be added to each.

#### AGHAMARŚANA—(The hymn Rg. X 190 1-3)

This is prescribed as a penance for all sins by even the most ancient Dharmaśāstra works such as Gaut 24.11, Baud. Dh S IV. 2 19-20, Vas 26 8, Manu XI 259-260, Yāj III 301, Viṣṇu Dh S. 55 7, Śāṅkha 18 1-2 and others. They prescribe that if a man recites (for three days, according to Haradatta) the Aghamarsana hymn thrice in the day while immersed in water for a bath, he is freed from all sins and that this penance is equal in sanctification to the bath at the end of the Āśvamedha sacrifice The Pr. Sāra p 199 speaks of the Aghamarsana-vrata He has to fast for three days and stand up by day and sit up by night and donate a milch cow at the end. Śāṅkha 18 1-2 and Viṣṇu Dh. S. 46.1-9 prescribe the details.

**ATIKRCCHRA**—Vide under Krcchra Manu XI 213 prescribes that this penance is constituted by eating only one morsel of food for three days in the morning only, for three days in the evening only, for three days eating one morsel got without asking for it and observing a complete fast for the next three days Yāj III 319, on the other hand, prescribes the eating of just as much food as would fill the hand (and not merely one morsel) The Mit, Pr Sāra (p 176) and others state that the rule of Manu applies to those who are able to undergo it, while that of Yāj is meant for those who are unable (*aśakta*) The Sāmavidhāna Br. 1.2 6-7, Gaut 26.18-19, Viṣṇu Dh S 54 30, Laugākṣigṛhya V.12-13, Parāśara XI.54-55, Vas 24 1-2, Baud Dh S IV 5 8 also speak of this Manu XI 208 (= Viṣṇu 54 30) prescribes this penance for striking a brāhmana with a weapon or a cudgel Gaut 26 22 states that this penance purifies a man of all sins except the *mahāpātaka*s

**ATISĀNTAPANA**—See under Mahā-sāntapana This is variously defined According to the Agnipurāṇa 171 10 and Viṣṇu Dh S. 46 21 it lasts for 18 days (3 times of the Mahā-sāntapana in which for six days one has to subsist on cow's urine and five

other things). The Mit on Yāj. III 315 quotes a verse of Yama according to which this penance lasts for 12 days.<sup>296</sup> The Pr. M. (p. 23) speaks of it as lasting for 15 days.

**ARDHAKRCCHRA**—See under Krcchra. According to the Āpastamba-smṛti 9 43-44, this is constituted by taking food only once in the day for one day, only once in the evening for one day, taking food for two days without asking for it and completely fasting for two days<sup>297</sup> (in all six days). The Mit. quotes another variety of it, viz. subsisting for three days on food obtained without asking for it and thereafter observing a complete fast for three days.

**ĀŚVAMEDHAVABHARTHASNĀNA**—the ceremonial bath in the sea or a holy river at the end of an Āśvamedha sacrifice. Visnu Dh. S. 36 (last verse) prescribes for those guilty of mahāpātakas and anupātakas the Āśvamedha sacrifice. It is only an emperor or a crowned king who is entitled to perform an Āśvamedha, at the end of which comes a ceremonial bath. Vide H of Dh. vol. II, pp. 1228-1236 for a description of the Āśvamedha. According to Pr. V. p. 65 only a ksatriya could perform Āśvamedha and so this bath was a penance for him alone. But according to Kullūka (on Manu XI 92) and Pr. T. (both quoting a verse from Bhaviṣya-purāṇa) even a brāhmana could participate in the bath at the end of the Āśvamedha and become free from the sin of brāhmana murder if committed unintentionally.<sup>298</sup>

**AGNEYA KRCCHRA**—According to the Agnipurāṇa and Viṣṇudharmottara if a man subsists for twelve days on sesame alone that is *agneya* Krcchra.<sup>299</sup> Vide also Pr. Pr. (folio 48 b.)

296 यदा तु षण्णां सान्तपनद्व्याणामेकैकस्य द्व्यहृत्प्रयोगस्तदाऽतिसान्तपनम् । यथाह यमः । एतान्येव तथा पेयान्येकैकं तु द्व्यहं द्व्यहम् । अतिसान्तपनं नाम श्रृपाकमपि शोधयेत् ॥ इति । मिता. on या III 315, प्राय. सा p. 191, अपरार्क p. 1234 (reads द्व्यहं त्र्यहम्)

297. सार्धमातस्तथैवैकं दिनद्वयमयाचितम् । दिनद्वयं च नादनीयात्कृच्छ्रार्थं तद्विधीयते ॥ आपस्तम्बस्मृति 9 43-44 q. by मिता. on या III, 318, प्रा. वि p. 509, परा मा II part 2 p. 173, प्राय. सा. p. 172.

298. अश्वमेधमायाध्विर्त्तु राज्ञ एव तत्र तस्यैवाधिकारात् । ...अश्वमेधावभ्युत्थनान् विप्रस्याप्यधिकारः । तथा च कल्पतरुधृतं भविष्यपुराणम् । यदा तु शुणवान् विप्रो द्व्याह्निर्यं तु नियुज्यन् । अकामतस्तदा गच्छेत्स्नानं चैवाश्वमेधिकम् । ततश्चावभ्युत्थनं क्षत्रियविषयमिति भायध्विस्तविवेकीर्त्तं हेयम् । प्राय. तत्त्व p. 544. Vide प्राय वि. p. 65 for the opinion referred to.

299. तिलैर्द्वादशरात्रेण कृच्छ्रमाग्नेयमर्तिष्ठत् । अग्निपुराण 171. 14, विष्णुधर्मोत्तर p. 10 मा. प्रकाश folio 48b (reads • श्रेयमुच्यते)

**KSICANDRAYANA**—According to Brhad-Visnu quoted by Pr. Prakarana p. 132 this penance requires that one should take only three mouthfuls of sacrificial food every day for a month <sup>300</sup>

**EKABHAKTA**—According to Pr. Pr. (folio 48a) if one takes for a month only one meal a day it is ekabhaktaka. <sup>301</sup>

**KRCCHRA**—This is the general word for several penances. The Sama. Br (I 2 1) starts <sup>302</sup> by saying 'we shall now expound three krcchras' and adds that one should eat sacrificial food for three days only by day and eat nothing at night, then for three days more one should eat at night only, then for three more days one should not beg or ask for food from others and should then observe a complete fast for three days. If he is in a hurry to purify himself he should pass the day standing and the night in a sitting posture. Gaut. (26.2-16) describes the procedure of the first Krcchra (called Prājāpatya by later writers), then Atākrcchra (26 18-19), and then Krcchratikrcchra (26 20). Baud. Dh. S (II.1.91) speaks of Parāka as Krcchra. Āp. Dh S (19.27.7) describes the Krcchra penance of twelve days. The Krcchra penance described by Gaut. 26 2-16 is one for twelve days and is called Prājāpatya by Manu (XI 211), Śankha (18 3), Yāj III 319 and others. Laugaksi Gr. (5 3-11) describes Krcchra. According to the Par <sup>303</sup> M. (II part 1 p. 30) and Pr. Pr. (folio 64a) the word Krcchra without any qualifying epithet (*upapada*) means Prājāpatya. The Pr. T. (p 481) states that the Krcchra described by Gaut. (26 1-5) is given the name of Prājāpatya by Manu (XI 211). Besides the rules about the intake of food, Gaut. prescribes certain other observances viz speaking the truth, not holding conversation with

300. तथा बृहदिष्टु । त्रींस्त्रीन् पिण्डान् समश्नीयान्नियतामा दृढव्रत । हविष्यान्नस्य वै मासमृषिचारद्वयार्णं चरन् । प्राय. प्रक p 132. This verse is quoted as Yama's by Pr. V. p 520, Pr. T p 544, प्राय. सा p 196 (reads ब्राह्मन् for पिण्डान्.)

301. एकभक्तेन मासेन कथितं वैकभक्तकम् । नक्तकृच्छ्रं तु नक्तेन महत्संस्तराज्ञेत् । प्रा प्रकाश (folio 48 a),

302. मातराज्ञानं शुभ्रत्वा तिस्रो रात्रीर्नीशनीयात् । अथापरं ब्रह्म नक्तं शुचीताथापरं ब्रह्म न कश्चन याचेदथापरं ब्रह्मपुषसेत् सिद्धेदहनि रात्रावासीत क्षिप्रकाम । साम जा. I 2 1-4 गी (26. 1-6) is word for word the same except that Gaut. omits the word श्री in the first sūtra. अथातस्त्रीन् कृच्छ्रान् दशरुपास्तपाम । हविष्यान् ब्रह्ममन्त्रादपविशारी तत्तद्ब्रह्म ब्रह्ममयाचितवत्तत्तद्ब्रह्म नाश्नाति किंचनेति कृच्छ्रद्वदशरात्रय विधि । आप ध. सू. I. 9 27 7

303. स्मृतिशास्त्रेषु निरुपपत्तस्य कृच्छ्रज्ञानस्य प्राजापरस्य एव प्राचुर्येण प्रयोगात् कृच्छ्रमिति प्राजापरमिति वेदस्मरणेनाञ्च । परा मा. II part I. p 30



men and women that are *anāyās* (not of the three higher castes), always singing the *sāmāns* called 'Raurava' and 'Yaudhājapa', bathing thrice in the day in the morning, the noon and the night, then performing *mārjana*<sup>304</sup> (sprinkling of water) with the three verses beginning with 'Āpo hi stha' (Rg. X.9.1-3), with the mantras called 'pavitravati' viz. those beginning with 'pavamānah suvarjanah' (Tai. Br. I.4.8.1) and the eight verses beginning with 'Hiranyavarṇah' (in Tai. S. V. 6.1), he should perform *tarpana* with water with 13 mantras (Gaut. 26.12); he performs the worship of Āditya (the sun) with the same mantra (i.e. after *tarpana* with the 13 mantras, he is to perform the worship of the sun with the same thirteen mantras) and offers oblations of clarified butter with the same 13 mantras and then on the 13th day he cooks boiled rice and offers oblations into ordinary Agni ('svāhā' added at the end of each, such as 'agnaye svāhā'), Soma, Agni and Soma, Indra and Agni, Indra, Viśve devāh, Brahman, Prajāpati and Agni Śvistakṛt and then feeds the brāhmanas.

*Kṛcchra-saṁvatsāra*—Āp. Dh. S. I. 9.27.8 speaks of this as a penance in which *Kṛcchras* are undergone continuously in a cycle for one year.

*Krochrātikrochra*—Gaut. 26.20 and Sāma. Br. I. 2. 8, Vas. 24.3 define it as a *krochra* where only water is drunk on those days on which food is allowed and Gaut. 26.23 and Sāma. Br. I. 2. 9 state that this penance frees a man from all sins,<sup>305</sup> Yāj. III. 320 (= Devala 86, first half) and Brahmapurāṇa q. by Pr. Pr. (folio 40 a) prescribe that in this one has to subsist on water alone for 21 days. This difference between the views of Yāj. on the one hand and of Gaut. on the other is reconciled by the digesters by saying that the period depends on the capacity of the sinner. According to Pr. Pr. (folio 46b) and Aparārka p. 1238, Yama prescribed a *krochrātikrochra* for 24 days.<sup>306</sup> Vide Par.

304. For *mārjana* vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 317, 312 n and for *tarpana* the same vol. pp. 668-9, 689-695. Raurava Sāman is sung on the rk 'punānah soma dhārayā' (Rg. IX. 107.4 = Sāmaveda Nos. 511 and 675) and Yaudhājapa on 'Duhāna ūdhar' (Rg. IX. 107.5 = Sāmaveda No. 676).

305. अन्मक्षस्तुतीयः स कृच्छ्रातिकृच्छ्रः । ..तृतीयं चरित्वा सर्वेस्मादेनसो मुच्यते । यौ. 26, 20, 23; कृच्छ्रोऽन्मक्षः स कृच्छ्रातिकृच्छ्रः । बसिष्ठ 24, 3.

306. चतुर्विंशतिरात्रं तु नियतात्मा जितेन्द्रियः । कृच्छ्रातिकृच्छ्रं कुर्वीत एकस्थाने द्विजोत्तमः ॥ यम प. by अपराक p. 1238, सद्-पा. p. 716, महार्णव folio 182 explains. पूर्वोक्तदशाहसाध्यातिकृच्छ्रद्वयेन एकः कृच्छ्रातिकृच्छ्रो भवतीत्यर्थः ।

M. II part 1 p. 179 and Madanapārijāta p. 716. According to Manu XI 208 (= Visnu Dh. S. 54.30) when a person strikes a brāhmana with a weapon and draws blood, he has to undergo this penance. The Pr. Prakarana (p 15) states that for those unable to undergo Krocra, one milch cow is a substitute, for Atikrocra two milch cows and for Krocraṭikrocra four.

**GOMŪTRA-KROCRA**—The Pr. Sāra p. 187 quotes a verse about this: one should make a cow eat to satiety grains of wheat mixed with barley and then may collect the yava grains that are to be found in her dung and then drink the gruel of those yavas cooked in cow's urine. <sup>307</sup>

**GOVRATA**—Pr. Prakarana (p. 132) quoting the Mārkaṇḍeya describes this as follows: One should bathe with cow's urine, should subsist on cow-dung, should always stand among cows, should sit down on cowdung, should drink water only when cows have drunk water; one should not eat when they have not eaten, should stand up when they stand, should sit down when they sit down. This should be continued for a month.

**CĀNDRĀYANA**—The word is derived in this way That rite, where there is action by means of increase and decrease (in the intake of food) in imitation of the course of the phases of the moon, is cāndrāyana <sup>308</sup> The word occurs in Pān. V. 1. 72 (pārāyana-turāyana-cāndrāyanam vartayati) From very ancient times Cāndrāyana has been divided into two varieties, called Yavamadhya <sup>309</sup> (lit. being large in the middle like a grain of yava, and therefore tapering or thin at the ends) and Pipīlikāmadhya (lit. having a middle like that of an ant, that is, slender in the middle and large at the ends), Baud Dh S. III 8. 33 names these two varieties. According to Jabali <sup>310</sup> there are five

307. अ तुल्यश्चरित्वा मा गोधूमान्यवमिश्रितान् । तान् गोमयोत्थान् संगृह्य पिबेद्गोमूत्रं यावकम् ॥ q. by प्राय. सा p. 187. This is quoted as from योगयाज्ञवल्क्य by महाश्वरः folio 185a (which reads एतेत् for पिबेत्)

308. चन्द्रस्यायनमिवायनं चरणं यस्मिन् कर्मणि प्राप्तवृद्धिर्वा तच्चायनमयं संज्ञायाम् दीर्घं । मित्ता on या III. 323. These very words are quoted in प्राय सार (p. 192), मा. प्रकाश (folio 50b) and other works The word should be चन्द्रायण, but being a technical term the first syllable is lengthened

309. तदेतश्चायनं पिपीलिकामध्यं विपरीतं यवमध्यम् । औ. ध III 8. 33. 'यवन्तं यवोरणीयो मध्ये च स्थवीय इति' प्राय. सा p. 192. पिपीलिकावन्मध्ये इति भवतीति पिपीलिकामध्यमिति कथ्यते । मित्ता on या III 323.

310. पिपीलिकायवमध्यं च यतिश्चायनं तथा । चान्द्रायणं तथा ज्ञेयं चतुर्थं सर्वतो मुखम् । पञ्चमं शिष्टाक्षं च तुल्यपुण्यफलोदयम् । जाबालि q. by दीपकलिका on या. 325, प्राय वि p. 517.

varieties of Cāndrāyana viz. *Yavamadhya*, *Pipilikāmadhya*, *Yatīcāndrāyana*, *Sarvatomukha* and *Śiśucāndrāyana*. These will be described later on. Yājñavalkya says (III, 326) that where no specific penance is prescribed in the *smṛti* texts, cāndrāyana effects purification and cāndrāyana may be undergone not as a penance but for the purpose of accumulating merit and that in the latter case (when performed for a year) the performer enjoys the happiness of going to the world of the moon after death.<sup>311</sup> Manu XI, 221 and Gaut. 27.18 state the same view about cāndrāyana for accumulating merit. When the *vrata* of cāndrāyana is performed for the sake of merit, there is no tonsure (vide Gaut. 27.3 '*vapanam vratam caret*' and Haradatta thereon). Gaut. 19.20 (= Vas. 22. 20) prescribes that *Krochra*, *Atikrochra* and Cāndrāyana are the same penance for all sins (collectively for grave sins, for lesser ones separately, according to Haradatta and others). Compare Manu V 21 and XI, 215 (=Baud. Dh. S. IV. 5. 16). Manu XI, 27, Yāj. III, 323, Vas. 27 21, Baud. Dh. S. IV. 5.18 and others define Cāndrāyana (of the *Yavamadhya* type) as follows: On the first day of the bright half of a month only one morsel of food (*grāsa* or *pinḍa*) is taken, on the second *tithi* two and so on; on the full moon (*Purnamāsī*) 15 morsels are taken; then on the first of the dark half 14 morsels, one being reduced on each succeeding day. So on the 14th of the dark half only one morsel is eaten and on the *Amāvāsyā* there is a complete fast. Here in the middle of the month of thirty days the largest number of morsels is taken (and so this is *Yavamadhya*) just as on the *Purnamāsī* day the moon becomes full and begins to wane from the next day. Here *Purnamāsī* is in the middle of the period of the observance as *Viṣṇu Dh. S. 47.6* says. If one begins the *vrata* on the first *tithi* of the dark half, he reduces one morsel on the 1st i. e. takes 14 morsels on that day, 13 on the 2nd *tithi* of the dark half and so on. On the 14th of the dark half he eats one morsel and on the *amāvāsyā* he eats nothing. Then on the 1st of the bright half he takes one morsel and goes on increasing the intake till on the *Purnamāsī* he takes 15 morsels. The month is taken in this latter case to be *Pūrnimānta*. Here in the middle of the observance there is no food taken and a large number of morsels is taken at the beginning and at the end. So this is called *Pipilikāmadhya*. This latter is described by Vas 23.45

311. अनादिष्टेषु पापेषु शुद्धिश्चाप्नोति यणेन तु । धर्मार्थं यश्चरेदेतच्चन्द्रव्रतं सलोकताम् ॥  
या. III 326, सवत्सरं चाप्यत्र चन्द्रव्रतं सलोकतामाप्नोति । गो. 27. 18.

and Manu XI 216. Visnu Dh. S. 47.5-6 say : Yasyāmamāvāsyā madhye bhavati sa pipīlikā-madhyah yasya purnamāsī sa yavamadhyah. If there are 14 or 16 tithis in any particular paksa (half of a month) then the number of *grāsas* must be regulated accordingly. There are other descriptions of cāndrāyana. Vide Haradatta on Gaut. 27.12-15. The Kalpataru appears to have held (explaining two verses of Jābala) that on the first of the dark half of a month 15 morsels were taken, then one morsel less was taken on each succeeding tithi; so that on amāvāsyā one morsel was eaten, then on the first of the bright half two morsels were eaten and one morsel was added every day so that on the 14th of the bright half fifteen morsels were taken and there was a complete fast on Purnamāsī. But this seems to be opposed to the very idea of increase and decrease of the intake of food on the analogy of the waxing and waning of the Moon and to several smṛti texts such as Vas 23.45 and Parāśara X 2. Therefore the Pr. Prakāśa (folio 58b) finds fault with it.<sup>311a</sup> Cāndrāyana may be divided from another point of view into two varieties : (1) *MUKHYA* (in the primary sense, viz. following exactly the waxing and waning of the moon) and *GAUṆA* (having a secondary or metaphorical sense). The former is either *yavamadhya* or *pipīlikā-mamadhya*, while the latter is of four kinds, viz. *sāmānya*, *rsi-cāndrāyana*, *śisucāndrāyana* and *yaticāndrāyana*. The last two will be described later. The *Sāmānya* (or *sarvatomukha*) consists in eating only 240 morsels of sacrificial food in a month of 30 days, distributing them according to one's choice (not necessarily in imitation of the phases of the moon) as stated by Manu XI 220, Baud. IV. 5.21, Yāj III. 324 and the Mit (on Yāj. III. 324), the Madana-pārijāta and other works. Here the penance, though it is not regulated by the phases of the moon, is called Cāndrāyana for the purpose of prescribing the same procedure and observances in it as in the Cāndrāyana which follows the phases of the moon. Here the Mimāṃsā rule of Kundapāyinaṁ-ayana applies.<sup>312</sup> From the words of Gautama

311a अत्र कल्पतृष्याख्यानम् । एकैकं द्वादशेदं ग्रासमिति कृष्णश्रुतिपादे पञ्चदशग्रासा-  
नारभ्य एकैकापचयेनामावास्यायामेको ग्रासः । तदनन्तरं श्रुतिपादे द्वौ ग्रासा एव वृद्धिक्रमेण  
चतुर्दश्या पञ्चदशग्रस्ता संपद्यन्ते पौर्णमास्यां चोपवासः इति पिपिलिकातनुमध्यं चान्द्रायणम् ।  
याय वि p 519.

312. अत्राय क्रमः । दिने दिनेऽष्टौ ग्रासान् श्रुजितं, अथवा नक्तं चतुरो दिवा चतुरं  
इति । अथैकस्मिन्दिने चतुरोऽपरस्मिन् द्वादश तत्रैकरात्रमुपेत्यापरस्मिन् षोडश । एवमदिन  
द्वयमुपोष्य तृतीयादिने द्वात्रिंशदित्यादियकारणा मध्ये ह्यस्यपेक्षया श्रुजितेति । अत्र तिष्ठपेक्षया

27.12-15 it appears that he envisaged a cāndrāyana of 32 days (pipilikāmadhya) or 31 days, when he says that the performer should fast on the 14th of the bright half, eat fifteen morsels on the Full Moon day, then reduce it by one morsel, so that there is a total fast on the amāvāsyā and then on the first of the bright half one morsel is taken until on the full moon 15 morsels are taken. Thus from the 14th of the bright half (when there is a complete fast) to the full moon of the succeeding month there are in all 32 days and the penance is of the pipilikā-madhya type.

As regards the size of the morsels, different views are expressed. Gaut. 27.10 and Visnu Dh. S. 47.2 prescribe that the size of a morsel shall be such as not to cause a distortion of the mouth (while swallowing it) Yāj III. 323 allows that the morsels may be as large as the egg of a peahen, and Parāśara X.3<sup>313</sup> prescribes the size of a hen's egg and Sankha that of an undried āmalaka fruit (*myrobalan*). The Mit explains that Gautama's words apply to boys and young people and that the other sizes confer an option according to the capacity (*śakti*) of the man undergoing penance. The procedure of cāndrāyana is described in Gaut. 27.2-11, Baud. III.8, Manu XI.221-225, Vṛddha-gautama chap. 16 and other works. The one given by Gautama, being probably the oldest among Dharmaśāstra works, is here set out.

The general rules prescribed for the Kṛcchra penance in Gaut. 26.6-11 are applicable to Cāndrāyana also. If it is performed as a penance the performer must tonsure his hair and observe a fast on the day preceding the Full Moon. He offers libations of water, oblations of clarified butter, consecrates the sacrificial food and worships the moon, reciting 'āpyāyasva' (Rg I. 91. 17), 'sa te payāmsi' (Rg. I. 91. 18). He shall offer clarified butter, reciting the four (ṛks) beginning with 'yad devā devahedaṇam' (Vāj. S. 20.14 or Tai. Br. II. 6. 6.1). These

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आग्निपयने नास्ति उपक्रमस्तु कुण्डकृष्णमतिपदोरन्यतरत्र पच कर्तव्यः। नद पा. p. 743, वच  
ह चत्वारिंशद्विक्रान्तपयसां नास्तेन पचाकथंचिद्भक्षणं तत्र चन्द्रयत्पुत्रविधानाचरण-  
मतेन कान्द्रायणशब्दः कुण्डपायिनामयने अग्निहोत्रशब्दवत्तद्वर्गमाप्स्यथौ गौण इति। श्र. प्रकाश  
folio 56b. Vide नद. पा. p. 743 for the maxim of the Agnihotra in Kuṇḍapāy-  
ināyana and Jai. VII. 3. 1, where श्वर says 'कुण्डपायिनामयने श्रूयते मास-  
नहोत्रं ह्यहोवति। तत्रैतन्मन्त्रेण नैयनिकाग्निहोत्रात्कर्मांतरमेव हिति। अधुना आग्निहोत्र-  
प्रत्यक्षित्वेन। ...नैयनिकत्वाग्निहोत्रस्य नै धर्मास्तेऽस्मिन्मनेन मान्वातिदिश्येरन्।।

313. कुकुवान्दनार्णं ह्यसं वै परिकल्पयेत्। पराशर. X 3; vide also प्राय. स. p. 21.

four together with the preceding are seven oblations of clarified butter that have to be offered. At the end of the offering of clarified butter he shall offer pieces of sacred fuel while reciting the (eight) texts beginning with 'devakṛtasya' (Yāj S VIII. 13). Each mouthful must be consecrated by (mentally) reciting one of the <sup>314</sup> following words 'om bhūḥ, bhuvah, svah, tapah truth, fame, prosperity, vigour, refreshment, strength, lustre, brightness, soul, dharma and śiva' <sup>315</sup>; or he may consecrate all of them at once saying 'adoration' svāhā'. The sacrificial food must be one of the following. boiled rice, food obtained by begging, ground barley, grain separated from the husk, barley gruel, vegetables, milk, sour milk, clarified butter, roots, fruits and water. Among these each succeeding one is preferable to that enumerated earlier.

*JALA KRCCHRA*—See under Toyakrcchra

*TAPTAKRCCHRA*—There is great divergence of views about this penance. Manu XI 214, Vas 21 21, Viṣṇu Dh. S 46 11, Baud Dh. S. IV 5.10, Sankha-smṛti 184, Agnipurāṇa 171 6-7, Atri verses 122-123, Parāśara IV. 7 speak of it as of 12 days' duration comprising four periods of three days each. In this one drinks hot water, hot milk, hot ghee for three days each and then for three days there is a complete fast when he inhales hot vapour or atmosphere (acc to Manu XI 214). Manu adds that the performer has to bathe only once (and not thrice as in some other penances) and that he should practise self-control. Yāj III 317 (= Devala 84) speaks of this as of four days' duration, viz he takes hot milk, hot ghee and hot water for one day each and observes a total fast on the 4th day. The Mit on Yāj. III 317 calls this *mahātapta-krcchra* and also mentions a *taptakrcchra* of two days, viz on the first day the sinner takes three, viz hot water, hot milk and hot ghee and observes a total fast on the 2nd day. The Pr. Prakāśa (folio 50a) remarks that the authority for the two days' taptakrcchra spoken

314. Haradatta says that on the days when the performer eats less than fifteen morsels, the counting is to be from the beginning and the later mentioned texts must be left out and that, while eating, the performer must employ the Prāṇāhuti mantras, viz, 'prāṇāya svāhā, apāṇāya svāhā' etc

315. The words of the Mantras are 'ओं भूभुवः स्वस्त्य सत्यं यज्ञं श्रीहरिर्गौरी-  
स्तेजो वर्चः पुरुषो धर्मः शिव इत्येतैर्गोमातृमन्त्राणां प्रतिमन्त्रं मनसा । नमः स्वाहेति वा भवति ।'  
मौ 27. 8-9, some MSS omit वर्चः

of by the Mit has to be found out. The Pr. Prakāśa refers to a *tapta-krcchra* for 21 days. It may be said, as done by the Pr. Prakāśa, that the penance of *tapta-krcchra* for twelve days is meant for great sins and that the one for four days is meant for lesser sins. The quantity of water, milk and ghee, that was to be taken is laid down by Parāśara <sup>316</sup> IV. 8, Atri 123-124 and Brahmapurāṇa (q. by Pr V. p. 511) viz. that hot water, hot milk and hot ghee should be six *palas*, three *palas* and one *pala* respectively. The Brahmapurāṇa adds that water, milk and ghee are to be taken respectively in the evening, morning and noon.

**TULĀPURUSA KRCCHRA**—Jabali speaks <sup>317</sup> of the duration of this penance as eight days; Śankha (18,9-10) and Visnu Dh. S. 46 22 describe one of ten days where oil-cake, the foamy scum of cooked rice, butter-milk, water and barley meal are to be eaten, each respectively on one day, followed by a fast on the next day. Yāj. III. 322 (= Atri verses 129-130) describes one of 15 days where the above five ingredients are eaten for three days each. Yama on the other hand speaks of Tulāpurusa for 21 days, when the five things are separately eaten for three days (vide Mit. on Yāj III. 322). Apararka pp. 1239-1241, Par. M II part 2 pp 184-189, Madanapārijāta pp. 718-727, Pr. Sāra pp 179-181 set out at length the mode of the performance of Tulāpurusa as a penance. In this penance two images of the performer made of fragrant *uśīra* grass were to be prepared and placed in the pan of a balance a span high made either of gold or silver or sandalwood and were to be weighed against pebbles and placed in another pan and worship was to be offered to Mahādeva and Umā and many other subordinate deities such as Agni, Vāyu, the sun.

316. पदपलं तु विवेदन्मस्त्रियलं तु पयः पिबेत् । पलमेकं पिबेत्सपिस्तसकृच्छ्रं विधीयते ॥ पराशर IV 8 (B S series) vol II part 1 p 26. It may be noted that the Mit. on Yāj. III 317, the Pr. Sāra p 136 read पराशर's verse as 'अपि पिबेत्तु त्रियलं द्विपलं तु पयः पिबेत् । पलमेकं पिबेत्सपिस्त्रिरात्रं चोष्णमाकृतम् ।' and that the Mit. explains 'त्रिरात्रमाकृतस्य दूरणे उष्णोदकवाणं विवेदित्यर्थः'. The मद्. पा. pp. 735-736 contains both these verses and ascribes both to पराशर. According to Yāj I 363-64 a *pala* is equal to 4 or 5 *suvarnas* and a *suvarna* is equal to 80 *krśmalas* (*guṇjas*) in weight.

317. तत्र जाबालिः । पिण्याकं च यथाचामं तर्कं चोदकसक्तव । त्रिरात्रद्वयवासश्च ह्यलपुत्र उच्यते ॥ q. by या. सार p. 178, परा मा. II. part 2 p. 183.

**TOYA-KRCCHRA**—This is also called Varuna-krcchra by Yama (q in Pr. Prakāśa, folio 48 a) and by Śankha (q in Pr. Sāra p. 182). Viṣṇu Dh S. (46. 14) states <sup>318</sup> that subsisting on nothing but ground barley mixed with water for one month is called *Udakakṛcchra*. Since Varuna was regarded as the lord of waters even from the times of the R̥gveda (e. g. in R̥g. VII. 49. 3) and to mark the truth and falsehood among men, this Toya-krcchra was called Vārūna. The Pr. Prakāśa (folio 47 b)<sup>319</sup> quotes Jābāla to the effect 'If a sinner remains immersed in water for a whole day and night without taking food and recites mantras (addressed to Varuna) he removes by the *jalakṛcchra* the sins which he may have committed for a year'. According to Yājñavalkya (q in Pr. Sāra p. 187) this penance consists in observing a fast for a day and night standing up the whole day and passing the night without sleep in water and reciting the next day the sacred Gāyatri mantra 1008 times. According to Śankha (q. by Madana-pārijāta p. 737) this penance is constituted either by subsisting on lotus stalks grown in water or on *saktas* boiled in water.

**DADHIKRCCHRA**—This is spoken of by the Pr Prakāśa quoting from the Viṣṇudharmottarapurāṇa as a penance in which the sinner subsists on curds alone for a month.<sup>320</sup>

**DEVAKRCCHRA**—Yama quoted by Par. M. (II, part 2 pp. 191-192) describes this as follows <sup>321</sup>: One should partake

318 उदकसक्त्वा मासाभ्यवहारेणोदककृच्छ्रं । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 46 14. 'पितान्मुदक-सिद्धानि मासमश्नीत संयतः । सक्त्वा सोदकान्मासं कृच्छ्रो वारुण उच्यते ॥' शङ्ख q by वालम्बहू on या III 318, मा सार. pp 186-87.

319. अनहनजलमध्यस्थस्त्वहोरात्रं जपन्बुधः । सवत्सरकृतं पाप जलकृच्छ्रे व्यपोहति ॥ जाबाल q. by मा सार p. 187. मा. प्रकाश folio 47 b, where it is said जपश्च वारुण-मन्त्राणाम्, as to योगियाज्ञवल्क्य 'वायुभक्षो दिवा तिष्ठेद्वा नि नीलाण्ड सूर्यदङ्क । सप्तसाधयिक जप्त्वा गायत्रीं जलसंज्ञक ॥', vide द्वितीयोद्दि. सू. चण्डाष्टोत्तरसहस्रगायत्रीजप कृत्वा पापं कुर्यादिति । मा सार p. 187. This is q. by मा प्रकाश folio 47 b. The first half is ya III, 311.

320 विष्णुधर्मोत्तरे । दध्ना क्षीरेण तन्नेन पिण्याकाचानकैस्तथा । शार्कर्मसु तु कार्याणि स्वनामानि विचक्षणैः ॥ मा प्रकाश folio 48a.

321. यवाग्रं यावकं जाकं क्षीरं दधि घृतं तथा । ज्यहं ज्यहं तु प्राक्षीयाद्वायुभक्षश्च परम् । मरुद्भिर्वह्नी रुद्रैरादित्यैश्चरितं व्रतम् । व्रतस्यास्य प्रभातेन निरजस्ता हि तेऽभयम् ॥ कृच्छ्रं देवकृतं नाम सर्वकल्मषनाशनम् । यम q. by परा मा II part 2 pp 191-192 and by मा सार pp. 183-184 (which omits the last verse मरुद्भिः) लौगाक्षिमुद्र VI 3 reads 'यवाग्रं . शार्कं पयः सर्पिः कुशोदकम् । ज्यहं . ज्यहम् ॥'. वैजपाल explains 'यवाग्रपासिततृणयव संपाद्या वैयमाया प्रासिद्धा यावकोपि तद्वत्सु तु भक्षमायः कठिनः.'



of only rice gruel, barley gruel, vegetables, milk, curds, ghee each for a period of three days in succession and then should observe a complete fast for three days; this is called *Devakṛta* (performed by the gods) penance and destroys all sins. It was practised by the Maruts, the Vasus, Rudras, and Ādityas. By the power of this penance they became free from *rajas* (impurity). Thus this penance lasts for 21 days. The Pr. Prakāśa (folio 48 b) refers to another variety of it and quotes a long prose passage on it, which is passed over here for want of space.

**DHANADAKṚCCHRA**—See under *Vayavya-kṛcchra*. According to the *Visnudharmottara* <sup>322</sup> (q. by Pr. Prakāśa) this penance consists in subsisting for a month on food just sufficient to fill the extended but hollowed palm, mixed with gold (i. e. in which gold is rubbed or boiled).

**NITYOPAVĀSA KṚCCHRA**—The Pr. Prakāśa (p. 48 a) states that this is constituted by a man eating only twice in the day (in the morning and evening) for six years and not drinking even water between the two meals. <sup>323</sup>

**PAÑCAGAVYA**—For the various details connected with *pañcagavya* prepared from cow's urine, dung, milk, curds and ghee, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 773-774. *Pañcagavya* is to be offered into fire with the mantras 'Irāvati' (Rg. VII. 99.3), 'idam Visnur' (Rg. I. 22.17), 'mā nastoke' (Rg. I. 114. 8), 'Sam no devir' (Rg. X. 9.4) and then the remainder is to be drunk. It is to be drunk with the middle of a sprig of three *Palāśa* leaves or with a lotus leaf. Manu. XI. 165 (= *Agnipurāṇa* 169. 30) prescribes this drinking of *pañcagavya* as the penance for petty thefts. Similarly, Yāj. III. 263 prescribes that one guilty of killing a cow should drink *pañcagavya* for a month. The Mit. on Yāj. III. 263 quotes Visnu to the effect that one who kills a cow should perform one of three penances, viz. drinking three *palas* of *pañcagavya* every day for one month or undergoing the penance of *Parāka* or *Cāndrāyana*. <sup>324</sup> Though Visnu 54. 7 and Atri (verse 300) state that a *brāhmana*

<sup>322</sup> वाजमद्यतिमयेका कनकेन समन्विताम्। शुक्रानस्य तथा नासं कृच्छ्रे धनद्वैवतम्॥ निष्पृथमोत्तर q. by मा प्रकाश folio 48 b.

<sup>323</sup> सार्यं मातश्च शुक्रानो नरो यो नात्तरा पिबेत्। पञ्चभिर्विधिरेदं योक्तं कृच्छ्रं नित्योपवासिता॥ मा प्रकाश p. 48a.

<sup>324</sup> गोहन्त्य पञ्चगव्येन मासमेकं पलत्रयम्। प्रत्यहं द्वात्यराको वा चान्द्रायणमथापि वा॥ निष्पृथ q. by मिता. on या III. 263 and परा सा II part I p. 243 (which reads मासमेकं निरन्तरम्। माजापत्यं पराको वा )

drinking *surā* and a *śūdra* drinking *pañcagavya* both went to hell (Mahāraurava, according to Visnu), yet Devala (verse 61) and Parāśara XI 3 and 27 and medieval works like the Pr M. (p 13) and Śūdrakamalākara (p. 42) allowed *śūdras* to take *pañcagavya* without Vedic *mantras*. And women of all *varnas*, being treated like *śūdras* for certain purposes, were also allowed optionally to do the same.

**PATRAKROCCHRA**—Vide Parna-kūrca below.

**PARAKA**—Manu XI 215 (= Baud. Dh S IV. 5.16), Yāj. III 320 (= Śankha 18 5 = Atri 128), Agnipurāṇa 171, 10, Visnu Dh. S. 46. 18 and Br. <sup>325</sup> prescribe that this penance is constituted by not taking any food for twelve days, while the performer controls his senses and remains vigilant, and that this penance removes all sins.

**PARNAKŪRCA**—This is a more severe type of *patra-krocchra* Yāj. III 316 (= Devala 83) and Śankha-Likhita <sup>326</sup> define Parnakrocchra as one where the leaves of *palāśa*, *udumbara*, *lotus*, and *bilva* are boiled separately on each day in succession and the decoction of each is drunk on each day separately and then water in which *kuśas* have been dipped is drunk. Thus *parnakrocchra* is a penance of five days. The Mit. on Yāj. III 316 quotes a verse of Yama to the effect that when a sinner fasts for three days and nights and thereafter he drinks together the decoctions of all the four and *kuśa* water on the same day then the penance is called *parnakūrca*. The Par M (II part 2 p 181)<sup>327</sup> regards Parnakūrca as a variety of Parnakrocchra. Vasistha, Jābāli and Atri (116–117) make Parnakrocchra a penance of six days by adding the leaves of *Aśvattha* to the five mentioned above. Visnu Dh S 46 23 mentions another variety of Parnakrocchra for seven days <sup>328</sup>

325. जपहोमरत कुर्याद् द्वादशाहमभोजनम् । पराक एष विख्यातः सर्वपापमोक्षणः ॥  
बृह ५ by प्राय वि p 515.

326. शङ्खलिखितौ—पद्मविल्वपलाशोदुम्बरकुशोदकान्येकैकमभ्यस्तानि पर्णकुच्छ । मद्  
पा p 733, दीपकालिका on या III. 317, while अपराक p 1234 reads  
एकैकमभ्यस्तानि पर्णकुच्छ. समस्तान्येतानि त्रिरात्रेणोपयुक्तानि च पर्णकुच्छ. (0 कूर्च 1)  
The मद् पा p 734 reads पर्णकुच्छ

327. तथा वसिष्ठ । पद्मोदुम्बरपलाशविल्वान्यथकुशानामुदक पीत्वा षड्रात्रेणैव  
क्षुध्यति । प्रा प्रक p. 128.

328. कुशपलाशोदुम्बरपद्मशङ्खपुष्पीवटमहासुवर्चलानां पत्रैः कथितरयाम्भस्त प्रत्येक  
(प्रत्यह 1) पानेन पर्णकुच्छ. । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 46 23 चालम्भही on या III 316  
remarks on this 'इति विष्णुना समाहृताध्य उक्तः.', मद् पा p 733 explains 'शङ्खपुष्पी  
लताविशेषः । महासुवर्चला ब्राह्मीविशेषः.' ।

**PARṆAKṚCCHRA**—Vide Parnaṅkṛca above.

**PADAKṚCCHRA**—According to Yāj. III. 318 (=Devala 85) this is defined as a penance where a sinner takes food one day only once by day, only once by night, then once only (by day or night) but without asking for it from any one (a stranger, a servant or even his own wife) and observes a total fast for one day. Thus this penance lasts for four days. There was difference of view as to the number of mouthfuls to be eaten, Āpastamba (q by Mit. on Yāj. III. 318) saying that the mouthfuls are respectively 22, 26 and 24 when food is taken only once in the evening or morning or without asking for it, while Parāśara states the number of mouthfuls to be 12, 15 or 24 respectively when food is taken only at night or in the morning or without asking for it. The Caturvimsātimata (q. by Par. M. II part 2 p. 172) puts them as 12, 15 and 10 respectively.

**PĀDONAKṚCCHRA**—This lasts for nine days<sup>329</sup> only instead of the 12 days of the Prajāpatya and in it one eats by day only for three days, eats food once only for three days without asking for it from any one and observes a complete fast for three days (i. e. three days when food is eaten by night only are omitted here).

**PUSPAKṚCCHRA**—According to the Agnipurāṇa 171. 12 and the Mit. on Yāj. III. 316 (quoting Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa) this penance is constituted by drinking for a month the decoction of flowers boiled in water.<sup>330</sup>

**PRASRTA-YĀVAKA** or **PRASRTIYĀVAKA**—Visṇu Dh. S. chap. 48 and Baud. Dh. S. III. 6 contain elaborate descriptions (which agree with each other in many respects almost *verbatim*) and so does Hārīta (q. by Par. M. II. part 2 pp. 192-194) who has many sūtras and verses in common with Visṇu and Baud. Prasrti means the hand with all fingers stretched out, the palm being hollowed. The yavas taken out were as many as could be placed on the palm of the hand thus stretched

329 मायं मातृविनार्थं स्वात्पादोन नक्तवर्जितम् । आपस्तम्बस्मृति I. 14, q by मिता on या III. 318, माय सार p. 172, परा मा. II part 2 p. 173

330 यथाह मार्कण्डेय । फलेर्मसिन् कथितः फलकृच्छ्रो मनीषिभिः । श्रीकृच्छ्रं श्रीफले मोक्ष पद्माक्षरपरस्तथा । मसिनामलकैरेवं श्रीकृच्छ्रमपरं स्मृतम् । पत्रैर्मत पत्रकृच्छ्रं शुष्पैस्तत्कृच्छ्रं उच्यते । मूलकृच्छ्रं स्मृतो मूलैस्तोषकृच्छ्रो जलेन तु ॥ मिता. on या III. 316, नद पा p. 234 We should read कथित for कथितः as नद पा does, which remarks 'शरीरयात्रामात्रमुक्तफलानि मासं भक्षयेत् तत्र सर्वव्रतसाधारणैतिकर्तव्यतापि कर्तव्या । तानि च फलानि कान्त्याकाङ्क्षायामाह श्रीकृच्छ्रः'.

out and hollowed. Some passages from Baud who is probably the oldest of the three authors may be set out here.<sup>331</sup> "Now if a man feels his conscience heavy with bad actions committed by himself, let him boil for himself, when the stars have risen, a handful of barley and prepare gruel with that. Let him not perform (the Vaiśvadeva) offering with (a part of) that nor a *Bali*<sup>332</sup> offering. Let him consecrate the barley before it has been placed on fire, when it is being boiled and after it has been boiled with the following mantras 'thou art barley, the king of grains, thou art sacred to Varuna and mixed with honey, the sages have declared thee to be an expeller of all sins and a means of purification' Then there are five verses more invoking the barley grains to purify the performer from all sins whether due to deeds, words, or thoughts, to destroy distress and evil fortune, to free him from the food of *ganas* (guilds or multitudes of men), harlots, *sūdras*, or food offered at *śrāddhas* by persons in impurity due to birth or death, food of a thief, food at *navaśrāddha* (i.e. on 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th days after death) or from dreadful mortal sins or from guilt against children and guilt due to serving in a royal court, from sin of stealing gold, sin of the violation of a *vata* or sacrificing for an unworthy person and sin of speaking ill of *brāhmanas*. Then Baud proceeds "while the barley is being boiled he should guard it and recite 'Adoration to Rudra, lord of created beings; pacified

331 अथ कर्मभिरात्मकृतैर्गुणमिवात्मानं मन्येतात्माथै प्रसूतयावक अपयेद्भुक्षितेषु नक्षत्रेषु । न ततोऽग्नीं जुहुयात् । न चात्र बलिकर्म । अशृत अप्यमाणं शृत चाभिमन्त्रयेत् । यवोसि धान्यराजोसि वारुणो मधुससृत । निर्णोदं सर्वपापानां पवित्रवृषिभि स्मृतम् ॥ सर्व पुनथ मे यवा ॥ इति । अप्यमाणे रक्षा कुर्यात् । नमो रुद्राय भूताधिपतये द्यौ ज्ञान्ता कृष्ण पान मसितं न पृथ्वीमित्येतेनाहवाकेन । ये देवा सुर सदोऽग्निमेत्रा रक्षोहण इति पञ्चभि पर्यायि । मानस्तोके ब्रह्मा देवानामिति ह्याभ्याम् । शृतं च लृष्वदनीयात्ययत पात्रे निदिष्य । ये देवा मनो-जाता मनोयुजः सुरक्षा दक्षपितरस्ते न पान्दु ते नोऽवन्तु तेभ्यो नमस्तेभ्य स्वाहेति । आत्मानि जुहुयात् विरात्र मेधार्थी पद्भरात्र पीत्वा पापकृच्छ्रं भवति । सतरात्र पीत्वा ब्रह्महृन्मनुष्यतत्प-गमनं सुवर्णस्तैय्य सुरापानमिति च पुनाति । एकादशरात्र पीत्वा पूर्वपुत्रपुत्रतमपि पापं निर्धुति । अपि वा गोनिष्क्रातानां यवानामेकविंशतिरात्र पीत्वा गणान्पश्यति गणाधिपति पश्यति विद्या पश्यति विद्याधिपति पश्यतीत्याह भगवान् बोधायनः । बौ ध सू III. 6. The verses eulogising yava (यवोसि) are Baud. III 6, 5-10, Visnu Dh S 48 17-22 and Hārīta (q. in Par M. II. part, 2 p 193) with some variations and omissions. As to the rest Hārīta agrees closely with Baud while Visnu differs a good deal from Baud. as to the mantras. Visnu has a verse referring to food licked by dogs and pigs and food defiled by leavings and the sin of disobeying parents, but omits two verses that occur in Baud about *mahāpātakas* Visnu 48 6 prescribes Rg IX 96 6 (ब्रह्मा देवानां) as the mantra to be recited at the time of guarding the grains that are being cooked

332. For Vaiśvadeva and Bali, vide H. of Dh II pp. 741-747

is the sky'. He should recite the text beginning with 'Kṛnuṣva pājah' (Tai. S. I. 2, 14. 1), the five sentences beginning with 'Ye deva' (Tai. S. I. 8. 7 1), the two texts 'mā nastoke' (Rg. I. 114 8 and Tai. S. III. 4. 11. 2) and 'Brahmā devānām' (Rg. IX. 96. 6, Tai. S. III. 4. 11. 2) "Then having sipped water he should eat a little of the boiled food after pouring it into another vessel. Let him offer it as a sacrifice to the soul reciting 'ye deva' (Tai. S. I. 2. 3. 1)."

Then Baud. prescribes: "one desirous of wisdom must perform this rite for three days and nights. A sinner who drinks it during six days becomes pure, he who drinks this during seven days becomes purified from the mahāpātakas, he who drinks during eleven days removes even the sins committed by his ancestors. But he who during 21 days drinks gruel of barley grains which have passed through a cow (i. e. cowdung) sees the *Ganas*, the lord of the *Ganas*, the goddess of learning and the lord of learning."

**PRĀJĀPATYA**—Vide under *Krocchra* above where it is shown that the word *Krocchra* without any qualifying epithet means *Prājāpatya*. Manu XI. 211, Yaj. III. 319, Visnu Dh. S. 46 10, Atri 119-120, Śankha 18 3, Baud. Dh. S. IV. 5 6 mention the word *Prājāpatya* and define it. This *Prājāpatya* has several varieties. The first is that described by Manu XI. 211 and Vas. 21. 20 viz. four periods of three days each following one another in which there is respectively eating once only by day, once only by night, eating once only without asking for it and complete fast. The second is that described by Vas. 23. 43, where on the first day food is taken only by day, on the 2nd only at night, on the 3rd day food got without asking for it is taken and on the 4th a complete fast is observed and where the same process is repeated for two periods of four days each. The first<sup>333</sup> is called *Prājāpatya* by 'sthānavivṛddhi' and the 2nd is called 'Dandakalita'. Further, both these are said to be made 'ānulomyena' (by the proper and straightforward order). If the sequence described above is reversed i. e. if for three days there is first a total fast, then subsisting for 3 days on food got without asking for it, then for three days eating at night only

333. अथमेव पादकृच्छ्रः यथाकथञ्चिद्वृत्तकालितवदाहृत्या स्वस्थानविवृद्ध्या वा, तत्राप्यलुप्तयेन मातिलेभ्येन वा तथा वक्ष्यमाणजपादियुक्तं तद्वृत्तं वा त्रिरयस्त. प्राजापत्योऽभिधीयते । मिता on या III 319 The मद् पा p 710 explains 'तत्रार्थं पक्षमाह मनु —अथ मत्' .॥ अत्रैकमत्तादीनां स्वस्थान एवमिद्वृत्तत्वं स्वस्थानवृद्धिः ।'

and for three days eating by day only, it is *Prājāpatya* by 'prātilomya'. Further it may be performed with recitation of Vedic texts or without (for women and *sūdras*)<sup>334</sup>

**PHALAKRCCHRA**—Subsisting on fruits alone for a month. Vide the passage from *Mārkaṇḍeya* quoted above (n 330). *Śrīkrcchra* mentioned below will be also *phalakrcchra*. The fruits of *Bilva* and of *Āmalaka* and lotus seeds were the only fruits to be employed and they were to be eaten only for bare subsistence.

**BĀLAKRCCHRA**—See *Śisukrcchra*

**BRHAD-YĀVAKA**—The Pr. Pr. (folio 49 a) quoting *Brahmapurāṇa* describes it as follows—One should feed cows on plenty of *yavas* anointed with clarified butter. Then he should mix water with the dung of those cows and take out the grains of barley which are voided by them after eating them. He should then dry them in the sun, should grind them on a clean stone and cook them mixed with sesame and anointed with ghee in cow's urine on a fire brought on an altar. He should place the boiled holy grains in a vessel of gold or in a cup made of *palūṣa* leaves and present them to the gods and *manes* and he may eat them. He should carry this on for twelve, twenty-four or thirty-six years for the removal of all sins. This is prescribed as a penance for killing one's *guru*, brother, friend or a near relative &c.

**BRAHMAKŪRCA**—The Mit<sup>335</sup> on *Yājñavalkya* III 314 states that when a man fasts on one day and on the next day mixes up the ingredients of *pañcagavya* with Vedic *mantras* and drinks it with *mantras* it is called *Brahmakūrca*. According to *Śaṅkha* cow's urine is taken with the *Gāyatrī* (*Rg.* III. 62 10), crowding with the mantra '*Gandhadvārām*' (*Tai. Ā. X. 1*), milk with '*āpyāyasa*' (*Rg.* I 91.16), curds with '*dadhīkrāvano*' (*Rg.* IV. 39. 6), ghee with '*Tejosi*' (*Vāj. S. 22. 1*) and *Kuśa* water with '*devasya tva*' (*Vāj. S. 22 1, Ait. Br. 37. 3 &c.*). *Jābāla*<sup>336</sup>

334 तस्माच्छृद्धं समासाद्य तदा धर्मेपथे स्थितम् । प्रायश्चित्तं प्रदातव्यं जपहोमविर्जितम् ॥ अङ्गिरस्य ५ by the *mita* on या III. 319 and *महार्णवः* folio 182 a

335. यदा पुनः पूर्वैर्ह्येकपौण्यापरैश्च समन्त्रकं सयुज्य समन्त्रकमेव पञ्चगव्यं पीयते तदा ब्रह्मकूर्चं इत्याख्यायते । *mita* on या III 314. Vide *लघुशाततप* 156-166 for *ब्रह्मकूर्चं*, which is the penance for all sins where no specific penance is prescribed

336. अहोरात्रोषितो भूत्वा पौर्णमास्यां विशेषतः । पञ्चगव्यं पिबेत् प्रातर्ब्रह्मकूर्चविधिः स्मृतः ॥ जाबाल ५. by मा वि p. 515, मा. प्रकाश folio 50a and प्रायः स p 22

prescribes that when a man observes a fast for the whole day and night on a day and particularly on a Full Moon day, and then drinks pañcagavya the next morning this is called the rite of Brahmakūrca. Parāśara (XI. 27-28) appears to hold that Pañcagavya and Brahmakūrca are synonyms. The Madana-pārijāta p. 729 and Pr. Sāra. p. 189 state that the Śāntapana described by Yāj. (III. 314) is styled Brahmakūrca.<sup>337</sup>

**BRAHMAKŪRCHRA**—Vide Hemādri's work on Prāyaścitta p. 964 quoting Devala and Mārkaṇḍeya. It is a penance for 12 days on each of which one has to drink in the noon Pañcagavya in a temple or cowpen after offering it with mantras in fire; one has to contemplate on Viṣṇu till the evening and should sleep near an idol and give up tāmbūla and unguents.

**MAHĀTAPTAKŪRCHRA**—Vide Taptakūrchra.

**MAHĀŚĀNTAPANA**—Śāntapana, according to Yāj. III. 314, Manu XI 212 (=Baud. Dh. S.IV. 5.11=Śāṅkha 18.8=Brhad-Yama I. 13), Atri 117-118, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 46.20, lasts for two days; on the first the sinner drinks together cow's urine, dung, milk, curds, ghee and kuśa water and on the second day he fasts altogether. Mahāśāntapana penance consists, according to Lau-gakṣigrhya VII. 3, Yāj. III. 315 (=Devala 82=Atri. 118-119), in drinking separately for six days in succession the six ingredients mentioned above and fasting on the next day (i.e. it lasts for 7 days) According to Śāṅkha 18.9, Baud Dh. S.IV.5.17 and Jābāla<sup>338</sup> the Mahāśāntapana lasts for 21 days, each of the six ingredients referred to above being taken for three days and a fast being observed for three days. Yama speaks<sup>339</sup> of a mahāśāntapana for 15 days viz when each of cow's urine, dung, milk, curds and ghee is taken as subsistence for three days consecutively.

337. ततश्च योगीश्वरमिहितं सान्तपनमेव ब्रह्मकूर्चं इत्युच्यते । स एव ब्रह्मकूर्चोपवास इति । या सार p. 189, vide also मद् या. p. 729. The reference is to the verse 'पञ्चगव्यं यत् पात्रे देहे तिष्ठति मानवे । ब्रह्मकूर्चोपवासस्तु दहत्यग्निर्विबन्धनम् ।' cited as पराशर's in या सार p. 189, while पराशर (XI. 37-38 reads) यत्तु ..देहिनाम् । ब्रह्मकूर्चो देहेत्यर्थं यदीति शिरविबन्धनम् ॥

338. पण्यमैकैकमेतेषां त्रिरात्रं पयो जयेत् । इयं चोपवसेदन्त्यं महासान्तपनं विदुः ॥ जापत q, by अपराक p. 1234, परा सा. II. part I p. 31.

339. इयं पिबेत् गोमूत्रं इयं चै गोमयं पिबेत् । इयं वधि इयं क्षीरं इयं सर्पिस्ततः शुचिः ॥ महासान्तपनमेतत्सर्वपापप्रणाशनम् । यम q. by सित्त. on या. III. 315, या सार p. 191, परा सा. II part I p. 31.

**MAHEŚVARA KRCCHRA**—Vide Hemādri (on *Prāyaścitta*) p. 961, which sets out a passage from Devala, that states that Brahmā prescribed it for Maheśvara on the burning of Madana. In this penance in the after-noon one should carry a broken jar (*kapāla*) and beg at three houses of learned brāhmanas for vegetables, offer them to God and eat them and should sleep in the evening near an idol. After getting up the next day he should donate a cow and drink *pañcagavya*.

**MŪLAKRCCHRA**—Visnu Dh. S. 46 15<sup>340</sup> states that it is so called when one subsists on lotus stalks alone and the Mit. on Yāj III. 316 quotes Mārkaṇḍeya to the effect that one must subsist on *mūlas* (edible roots) alone.

**MAITRAKRCCHRA**—The Pr. Prakasa (folio 31<sup>341</sup> 53 a) mentions it. Its peculiarity is that in the *Sāntapana* on the third day milk of a *kapilā* (tawny) cow is to be partaken of. The same work notes that the *Kalpataru* states that this is a *sāntapana* in which on the first day all the six ingredients (cow's urine &c) are taken followed by two days of fasting.

**YAJÑAKRCCHRA**—This is a penance for one day laid down by Angiras (q. by Pr. Sāra p. 183, *Smṛti-muktāphala* p. 939) as follows: The sinner should bathe thrice, should be self-controlled and silent; and after the morning bath he should recite the sacred *Gāyatrī* 1008 times together with *om* and the *Vyāhrtis* at the beginning. When reciting he should be in the *Virāsana*<sup>342</sup> posture. He should drink cow's milk only once either sitting down or standing or curds of cow's milk (if he cannot secure cow's milk) or butter-milk or barley gruel mixed with cow's urine (in the absence of milk, curds or butter milk). This one-day penance called *Yajña-krccra* removes all sins.

340 विसाम्यवहारेण मूलकृच्छ्रः । विष्णुषू च 46 15

341 द्वितीयसास्तपने तृतीयदिने कपिलाक्षीरपाननाधिकम् । एष नैवकृच्छ्रेषीति प्रायश्चित्तविवेके । कल्पतरौ तु गोमूत्रादिकनेकस्निजहानि द्वावुपवासाविति दिनत्रयसाध्यं सास्तपनमिति यज्ञस्वामी । या प्रकाशः folio 53a, कपिलायास्तु दुग्धाया धारोष्णं तु पयः पिबेत् । एष नैवकृच्छ्रः कृच्छ्रः सर्वपापमणायकः । यन् in प्राय. वि. p. 513; the words द्वितीयसास्तपने . कृच्छ्रेषीति (in या प्रकाशः) are taken from प्राय. वि. p. 513

342 वीरासनं निराश्रयमुपवेशनम् । तथा विष्णुधर्मोत्तरे । उच्यते तु दिवा तिष्ठेदुपविष्टः स्था निशि । एतद्वीरासनं नाम महापातकनाशनम् ॥ प्राय. वि. pp. 197-198. The word occurs in several *smṛtis* such as *Saṅkha* 18.2, *Laghu-Viṣṇu* III 9, *The Agni-purāṇa* (171 3-4) defines it in the same way.



**YATICĀNDRĀYANA**—Manu XI 218 (= Baud Dh. S. IV. 5.20), Agnipurāṇa 171. 4, Visnu Dh. S. 47. 7 define <sup>343</sup> it as a penance where the sinner eats only eight mouthfuls of sacrificial food only once in the noon for a month and exercises control over himself.

**YATISĀNTAPANA**—When the ingredients <sup>344</sup> of Pañcagavya are mixed together (with kuśa water) and drunk for three consecutive days it is Yati-sāntapana according to the Mit. on Yāj. III. 314. The Pr. Prakaraṇa p. 128 adds that the three days must be followed by a fast for one day.

**YĀMYA**.—According to Visnudharmottara-purāṇa quoted by Pr. Prakāśa (folio 48 b) this consists in subsisting for a month on *saktu* grains found in cowdung.

**YĀVAKA**—Śankha <sup>345</sup> (18.10-11) states that partaking of boiled yavas obtained from cowdung for a month is the Yāvaka penance for destroying all sins. The Par. M. and Pr. Prakāśa quote a prose passage from Devala, <sup>346</sup> according to which the penance may last for seven days, a fortnight or a month and which states that the procedure of Prājāpatya will apply to this penance.

**VAJRA**—Atri 164 defines <sup>347</sup> it as a penance, where barley grains fried in clarified butter and mixed with cow's urine are partaken of.

343 अष्टौ यासाञ् प्रतिदिवसं मासमश्रीयात् स यतिचान्द्रायण. । निष्पृथग्मसूत्र 47. 7, q as बृहद्विष्णु by प्रा. प्रकरण p 131. As to हविष्य food, vide कात्यायन 'हविष्येषु यवा मुख्यास्तदष्ट ब्रीहयः स्मृताः । अभावे ब्रीहियवयोर्दक्ष्णापि पयसापि वा । तदभावे यवाग्वा वा खड्गयादुदकेन वा । q. by स्मृतिच I p 163 गोभिलस्मृति I. 131 has हविष्येषु.. स्मृता. । and then adds 'माषकोद्वगौरादि सर्वालाभे विवर्जयेत् । and गोभिल III. 114 has the verse अभावे ब्रीहिः. On आश्व य. I 9 6 (हौम्यं च मांसवर्जम्) हरदत्त quotes 'पयो दधि यवागृक्ष सर्पिरोदनतण्डुलाः । सोमो मांसं तथा तैलमापश्चैव दक्षैव तु ।'. Vide कृत्परत्नाकर p. 400 and नित्याचारपद्धति (p 320) for this last verse and further details about हविष्यान्न.

344. यदा खेतदेव मिश्रितं पञ्चगव्यं त्रिरात्रमभ्यस्यते तदा यतिसान्तपनसङ्गा लभते । एतदेव व्यवहृत्य यतिसान्तपनं स्मृतम्-इति शङ्खस्मरणात् । मित. on या. III. 314.

345 गोपुरीपाशानो भूत्वा मासं नित्यं समाहितः । व्रतं तु यावत् कुर्यात् सर्वपापापञ्चत्तये ॥ शङ्ख. 18.10-11 q. by परा. मा. II. part 2 p 192 (reads=रीपयवाम्यासो) and प्रा. सार p 199, मद. पा. p 746 (reads=रीपाद्यवार्त्तं च)

346 देबलोऽपि । यवानामण्डु साधिताना सप्तरात्रं पक्षं मासं वा पाशन यावकः । एतेन यावकपायसोदकाणि व्याख्यातानि । q by परा. मा III. part 2 p 192 and प्रा. प्रकाश folio 49 a

347. गोमूत्रेण तु संयुक्तं यावकं घृतपाचितम् । एतद्व्रतमिति श्रोकं भगवानत्रिरात्रवत् ॥ अत्रि 164.

**VĀYAVYA-KRCCHRA**—According to the Agnipurāṇa<sup>318</sup> and Viṣṇudharmottara this penance consists in subsisting for a month every day on food that will just fill the extended palm.

**VRDDHAKRCCHRA**—**VRDDHI-KRCCHRA**—This is a penance for eight days, according to Śaṅkha-Likhita<sup>319</sup> and Yama, in which one takes food only by day for two days, only by night for two days, without asking for food for two days and fasts for two days

**VYASAKRCCHRA**—This is the same as Maitra-krcchra,<sup>350</sup> for which see above p 148.

**ŚĪSUKRCCHRA**—also called Bālakrcchra by Śaṅkha-Likhita and Pādakrcchra by Devala and Prāyaścittamuktāvali (folio 10 a) and is the same as Laghu-krcchra<sup>351</sup> It lasts for four days, eating once only in the day, eating once only by night, eating food got without asking for it only once on one day and fast on one day. Vide Vas 23.43 (q by Haradatta on Gaut. 26.5), Baud Dh. S II 1. 92. Yāj. III 318

**ŚĪSUCĀNDRĀYANA**—Manu XI 219, Baud Dh. S IV. 5 19, Agnipurāṇa 171.5 state that when a brāhmana eats (for a month) four mouthfuls in the morning and four after sun-set, that is Śīsu-cāndrāyana (cāndrāyana for boys, old men &c).

**ŚĪTAKRCCHRA**—This is the reverse of Taptakrcchra, as here all the articles are to be taken when they are cold<sup>352</sup> and not hot (as in Tapta-krcchra). Vide Viṣṇu Dh S 46 12, Agnipurāṇa 171 7 and Mit on Yāj. III. 317 According to Viṣṇu quoted by Pr Sāra (p. 185) and Madana-pārijāta (p. 736) this is a penance for 10 days (and not for twelve days as the Mit. states), viz cold water, cold milk and cold ghee are drunk three days each and there is a total fast for one day

348 मास वायव्यकुच्छं स्थाप्याग्निपुराणभोजनात् । अग्निपु. 171. 14. वायव्य कुच्छमुक्तं तु पाणिपुराणभोजनम् । मासेनैकेन धर्मज्ञ सर्वकल्मषनाशनम् ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर q by मा प्रकाश folio 48 a

349 तत्र शङ्खलिखितौ । प्रातः सायमयाचितसुषवासरुयह इयहमिति प्राजापत्यं इयह इयहमिति वृद्धकुच्छः, एकैकमिति बालकुच्छः । प्राय. वि. p. 511. The प्राय सार p 177 quotes a verse of यम to the same effect.

350 The मा प्रकाश (folio 56b) cites a verse of अङ्गिरस् which is कपिलाया ..एष व्यासकृतः कुच्छः स्वपाकमपि शोधयेत् ॥

351. लघुकुच्छस्यैव शिशुकुच्छ इति नामान्तरम् । प्राय म p. 21.

351a. यदा तु शीतं क्षीरादि पीयते तदा शीतकुच्छः । इयह शीत विवेत्तोय इयह शीत पय विवेत् । इयह शीत घृतं पीत्वा बाहुभक्ष परं इयहम् ॥ इति यमस्मरणात् । मिता. on या III. 317.

**ŚRĪKRUCHRA**—According to Visnu Dh. S. 46.16, Agnipurāṇa <sup>352</sup> 171.12 and Mit. on Yāj III. 316 (quoting Mārkaṇḍeya) this is constituted by subsisting on Bilva fruit or lotus seeds or āmalaka fruit for a month. The Madanapārijāta (p. 737) quotes a verse of Śaṅkha to the same effect.

**SANTAPANA**—Vide Mahāsantapana and Atisāntapana above. It is of five kinds, viz the first for two days, the 2nd for seven days, the third for twelve (Atisāntapana), the 4th for 15 days and the fifth for 21 days.

**SURACĀNDRAYANA**—The Agnipurāṇa defines it as one where somehow or other (and not in a rising or falling scale) a man partakes of 240 morsels of food in a month. Yāj. III. 324 speaks of it as a variety of Cāndrayana. Visnu. Dh. S. (47.9) calls it 'sāmānyacāndrayana' <sup>353</sup>

**SUVARṆA-KRUCHRA**—Vide Hemādri on Prāyaścitta pp. 969-972 quoting Devala and Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa, in which a *vaśāka* or a half of it or quarter of it had to be donated. A Varāha was equal to nine *rūpakas* and a rūpaka was one māsa of five *guṇjas* (of silver it seems). For killing a brāhmana secretly or for the guilt of incest one had to perform ten thousand or 40 thousand suvarṇa-krochras and a lesser number for various other lapses.

**SOMĀYANA**—According to the Madanapārijāta pp. 744-746 (quoting Hārītadharmasūtra and Mārkaṇḍeya) and Pr. Prakāśa (folio 60b) the penance lasts for thirty days divided into five periods of 7, 7, 7, 6, 3 days, in which the milk of all the four udders of a cow, of three udders, of two udders and of one udder is respectively drunk and for the last three days there is a complete fast. There is another variety which lasts for 24 days from the 4th tithi of the dark half of a month to the 12th of the bright half of the next fortnight, the 24 days are divided into eight periods of three days each; in the first four

352 बिल्वाव्यवहारेण श्रीफलकृच्छ्रः पद्माक्षैर्वा । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 46.16; फलैर्नास्तं फलं कृच्छ्रं चित्वै. श्रीकृच्छ्र इति । पद्माक्षैः स्थादामलकैः. शुष्णकृच्छ्रं तु शुष्पकैः. अग्निपु 171.12. Vide note 330 above for Mārkaṇḍeya.

353. यथा कथंचित्पिण्डानां चत्वारिंशच्छतद्वयम् । मासेन भक्षयेदतस्सुखायान्नायणं चरेत्॥ अग्निपु 171.5-6 या III. 324 reads the 2nd half as मासेनोपशुजीत चान्द्रायणमथापरम्. The Mit. explains यथाकथंचित् as 'प्रतिदिनं मध्याह्नेऽथौ प्रासाद, अथवा नकादिनयोश्चतुर्द्वयोरे वा, अथवैकस्मिन्चतुरोऽपरस्मिन्द्वादश वा तथैकरात्रमुपोऽपरास्मिन्पौनस्ये वेद्यादिप्रकाराणामन्यतमेन शक्त्याद्यपेक्षया शुजीत' यथाकथंचित्पदयोना त्रिशती मासेनानीयास्त सामान्यचान्द्रायण. विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 47.9

periods of three days each the milk of a cow's four udders, three udders, two udders and one udder is respectively drunk and then in the next four periods of three days each the milk of one udder, two, three and four udders is respectively drunk Vide also *Prāyaścittendu-śekhara* p 12

**SAUMYAKRCCRA**—According to *Yāj III* 321 this penance lasts for six days, in the first five of which one subsists in succession upon oilcake alone, foamy scum of boiled rice alone, butter-milk alone, water alone and *saktus* (barley) alone and on the last day a total fast is observed The *Mit*, *Madanapārijāta* p 717, *Pr Sāra* p 178 and other digests state that one has to partake of the five ingredients in quantities just sufficient to keep body and soul together. *Jābāla* (quoted by the *Mit*, *Par M. II* part 2 p 183 and others) makes it a penance of four days' duration, in the first three of which one partakes successively of oilcake, *saktus* and butter-milk and observes a fast on the 4th day. *Atri* (128-129) also mentions it. The *Pr. Prakāśa* (quoting *Brahmapurāṇa*) speaks<sup>354</sup> of another variety of six days' duration, on the first of which there is a complete fast and on the last of which the sinner subsists on *saktus* alone and in the intervening four days he subsists on the thick gruel of barley cooked in cow's urine.

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354 प्रकारान्तरेण पचद् सौम्यकृच्छ्र उक्तो ब्रह्मपुराणे । प्रथमेऽहनि नास्नीयात्सौम्य-  
कृच्छ्रेऽपि सर्वदा । गोमूत्रयावकाहार पठे सक्तं च तत्समाप्तं ॥ इति । मा. प्रकाश folio 46b

## CHAPTER VI

### CONSEQUENCES OF NOT UNDERGOING PENANCES

If a sinner did not undergo a *prāyaścitta*, the *Smṛtis*, *Purāṇas*, medieval digests declared that he had to suffer dire and far-reaching consequences. *Yāj.* III. 221 declares that men addicted to sins, who feel no repentance and who (therefore) do not undergo the proper penances, fall into painful and horrible hells. *Manu* XII. 54 ff and *Yāj.* III. 206 ff provide that those guilty of grave (and other) sins after having passed numbers of years in hells and suffered the tortures of horrible hells are born again in this world because of (the remnants of their) evil actions in different forms such as lower animals, insects, trees and shrubs &c. *Manu* XI. 53 ordains that one should always perform penance in order to free oneself from sins, since those who have not destroyed their sins (by means of *prāyaścittas*) are born again endowed with disgraceful marks (such as having bad nails, black teeth &c.). *Manu* XI. 48 also emphasizes that wicked men suffer mal-formations owing to their wicked deeds committed in this very life or in a former life. The *Viṣṇu-purāṇa*<sup>355</sup> echoes the words of *Yāj.* III. 221. The *Viṣṇudharmottara* declares<sup>356</sup> that those (sinners) who do not undergo penances nor are punished by the king fall into hell and are born also as lower animals and even after attaining human bodies they become marked (with bodily defects). *Viṣṇu Dh. S.* (44. 1-10) prescribes<sup>357</sup> that evil-doers, having experienced the horrors of hell pass into animal bodies and that those guilty of *atipātakas*, *mahāpātakas*, *anupātakas*, *upapātakas*, *jāti-*

355. पापकृत्याति नरक प्रायश्चित्तपरानुसृज । विष्णुपुराण IV. 5 21. q by परा मा II. part 2 p 209

356. प्रायश्चित्तविहीना ये राजमिश्राप्यवासिता । नरकं प्रतिपद्यन्ते तिर्यग्योनिं तथैव च ॥ मातृभ्रमपि चासाद्य भवन्तीह तथाङ्किता । विष्णुधर्मोत्तर II. 73. 4-5 q. by परा मा. II. part 2 p. 210 and प्राय वि. p. 120 (both of which read अदृष्टिता; for अवसिता; of the printed ed.).

357. अथ पापात्मना नरकेष्वनुसृतुं खाना तिर्यग्योनयो भवन्ति । अतिपातकिनां पथ्य-  
येण सर्वाः स्थावरयोनयः । महापातकिना च कृमियोनयः । अनुपातकिनां पक्षियोनयः । उप-  
पातकिना जलयोनयः । कृतजालिभक्षकराणां जलचरयोनयः । कृतसङ्गरीकरणकर्मणां दृग्यो-  
नयः । कृतपात्रोकरणकर्मणां पशुयोनयः । कृतमालिनीकरणकर्मणां मनुष्येष्वनृष्ययोनयः ।  
प्रकीर्णेषु प्रकीर्णां हिंसा. क्रव्यादा भवन्ति । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 44. 1-10.

bhramśa-kara actions, sankarikarana, apatrikarana, malini-karana and miscellaneous sins, respectively enter the bodies of all plants, of worms (or insects), of birds, of aquatic animals, of animals roving in waters, of deer, of cattle, of untouchables among men, of miscellaneous and cruel carnivorous animals (like tigers). Visnu Dh. S. 45.1 provides<sup>358</sup> that sinners, after having undergone the horrors of hells and after having passed through the bodies of lower animals, are born as human beings with certain marks (indicative of their sins) So the teaching of these and other authorities comes to this that sins when not expiated by penances or by State punishment, lead to hell, that then, owing to some remnants of the evil deeds, to birth as lower animals and then as decrepit or diseased human beings.

It is now necessary at this stage to enter upon a historical though brief account of the idea of Hell and of its opposite Heaven<sup>359</sup> There are in the Rgveda hardly any clear or express references to Hell In Rg II. 29.6 the sage prays to the Visve-Devas 'save me from the pit, from falling down into it' (trādhvam kartād-avapado yajatrāh). In Rg IV 5 5 it is said<sup>360</sup> that those men who are bereft of *ṛta* and *satya*, being sinful, create a deep place for themselves. In Rg. VII. 104.3 the poet calls upon Indra and Soma to strike down<sup>361</sup> into bottomless darkness evil-doers, and in VII. 104.11 the poet prays that whatever enemy desires to harm the poet by day or night may be deprived of his body and progeny and may be hurled below the three earths Indra is implored in Rg X. 152.4 by the sage to send down into darkness whoever attacks him and his people. In Rg. IX. 73.8 Soma is said to throw down in a pit those who do not observe Soma's ordinances and who are disliked by him. From these passages what emerges is that the sages of the Rgveda had some faint glimmerings of (or belief in) the idea of a dark

358 अथ नरकामिधृतदुःखानां तिर्यक्त्वसुक्षीर्णानां मनुष्येषु दृक्षणानि भवन्ति । विष्णु धर्मसूत्र 45.1.

359 Vide for 'Heaven' and 'Hell' in Vedic Literature 'Vedic Mythology' by Prof. A. A. Macdonell, pp 167-170, 'The religion and Philosophy of the Veda and Upanisads' by Prof. Keith pp 405-410, Journal of American Oriental Society, Vol. 13 pp ciii ff, Vol. 61 pp 76-80, Vol 62 pp 150-156,

360. पापास सन्तो अहता असत्या दृढं पद्मजनता गभीरम् ॥ क्र. IV 5 5.

361 इन्द्रासोमा दुःकृतो वने अन्तरारम्भणे तमसि म विध्यतम् । क्र VII 104. 3; पर सो अस्तु तन्वा तना च तिस्र पृथ्वीरपो अस्तु विश्वा । क्र VII. 104. 11. यो असमं अभिदासत्यधरं गमया तम । क्र X. 152 4. विद्वान्म विश्वा शुवनामिपश्यन्तामुदारं विध्यति कर्तुं अम्रताम् । क्र IX 73.8.

deep pit below the earth to which wicked persons were relegated by the gods. But there is no mention in the R̥gveda of the tortures of Hell. It is in the Atharvaveda that we find the clearest references to Hell (Naraka). Sorcerers and demons dwell in a house below (the earth), according to A. V. II. 14. 3. Atharvaveda V. 30. 11 asks a man to come out from death, from the deep and black darkness. In Atharvaveda <sup>362</sup> V. 19. 3 it is asserted that those who spat in the face of a brāhmana or who imposed a levy of money on him remain biting hair in the midst of a river of blood. Atharvaveda XII. 4. 36 mentions 'Nāraka-loka'. In the Vāj. S. XXX. 5 the *Vīrahan* <sup>363</sup> (i. e. one who gives up or extinguishes the consecrated Vedic fires) is relegated to *nāraka* (*nārakāya virahanam*). A *vīrahan* may also mean 'one who kills a valiant man' but that does not seem to be a proper sense in this passage of the Vāj. S. In the Śat. Br. XI. 6. 1-4 we find a reference to torments of Hell, viz. men cutting up the limbs of others one by one for crimes committed. The Tai. Ā. I. 19 speaks of four *narakas* called Visarpin, Avisarpin, Visādin and Avisādin in the south-east, south-west, north-west and north-east. From the Kathopanisad it appears that at that time there was a belief that those foolish men who do not know the Reality and who only believe in the existence of the mundane world alone have to be born again and again and fall into the hands of Yama <sup>364</sup> (II. 5-6). The same Upanisad (V. 7) states that after the death (of the body) some enter the womb in accordance with their actions and knowledge to have an embodied existence, while others go into fixed matter (the form of trees and the like). But that Upanisad says nothing about the torments of Hell. They were therefore probably not believed to exist in those days, at least, to the same degree as in the days of the Epics and Purāṇas. The very words at the beginning of the Katha Up. (I. 21 'devair-atrāpi vicikitsitam') indicate that there were even then various views about the fate of the departed. The Kausitaki Br. (XI. 3) propounds the remarkable proposition that

<sup>362</sup> ये ब्राह्मण प्रत्यङ्मित्रे वास्मिन् शुल्कमीषिरे । अस्मत्ते मध्ये कुल्यायां केशान् खादन्त आसते ॥ अथर्व. V. 19. 3

<sup>363</sup> अपाहुर्नरकं लोकं निरुन्धानस्य याचिताम् । अथर्ववेद XII. 4. 36, वीरहा वा एष देवानां योऽभिमुह्यस्यते । तै. स. II. 2. 5. 5

<sup>364</sup> न सांस्पराय प्रतिभाति बालं प्रमाद्यन्तं वित्तमेहेन मूढम् । अयं लोको नास्ति पर इति मानी पुनः पुनर्विज्ञापयति मे ॥ कठोप. II, 6, vidē p. 94 above for कठोप. V. 7.

just as men in this world eat the (flesh of) beasts, so in the next world the beasts eat men.<sup>365</sup>

As regards the opposite idea of *svarga* (Heaven) the matter is much clearer. In certain Rk verses there are said to be three heavens (e g Rg I 35 6, VIII 5 8, VIII 41 9, IX, 113. 9). The generous donor or worshipper is said to occupy heaven and to mix among gods; and gods like Mitra and Varuna are implored to give the worshipper immortality<sup>366</sup> (Rg I, 125, 5, V. 63. 2, X 107 2). Life in heaven is full of joys and delights and the denizen of heaven has all his desires fulfilled (Rg. IX, 113 10-11).<sup>367</sup> In Rg IX, 113 8 the poet prays 'make me immortal (in heaven) where dwells king Varvasvata, where the sun is confined (i e. where it never sets) and where the divine waters flow'. A person who neither offers sacrifices to gods, nor worships, and observes ordinances other than those of Indra is thrown down from Heaven<sup>368</sup>. A sage exultingly addresses Soma 'we have drunk soma, we have become immortal, we have reached Light (Heaven) and we have known the gods; what will an enemy or harmful person do to us who have been mortals so far?'<sup>369</sup> The pious dead become united in Heaven with their *Istūpūta* (merit due to sacrifices and charitable acts) and with their fore-fathers and become endowed with a refulgent body (Rg X 148). Those who practise *tapas* or those who perform sacrifices in which the fees run to thousands (of cows) reach Heaven (Rg X, 154, 1-3)<sup>370</sup>, and Soma, ghee and honey flow for them there. Heaven is said to be the abode of Yama and there resounds the sound of flutes and of songs<sup>371</sup>. The Atharvaveda, being more popular in

365. तद्यथा इ वा अस्मिँल्लोके मनुष्या पशून्हनन्ति यथैभिर्जुञ्जत एवैवाहुर्मिहोके पशवो मनुष्यानहनन्त्येवमेभिर्जुञ्जते । कौपी ब्रा XI 3

366. नाकस्य वृष्टे अधि तिष्ठति अतो यः पृणति स ह देवेषु गच्छति । क्र I 125 5, उतो अस्मानमृतत्वे दधातन । क्र V 55. 4, वृष्टिं वा राधो अमृतत्वमीमहे । क्र V 63 2, उच्चा दिवि दक्षिणावन्तो अस्थुर्ये अश्वदा सह ते चर्येण । क्र X. 107 2.

367. यत्रानन्दाश्च मोदाश्च शुद्धं प्रशुद्धं आसते । कामस्य यत्राता कामास्तत्र नामधृतं कृषीन्द्रायेन्दो परिश्रव । क्र. IX, 113 11

368. अन्यत्रतममाहुषमयज्जानमदेवयुम् । अव स्व सखा दुषुवीत पर्वतं सुध्नाय दस्यु पर्वतम् ॥ क्र. VIII, 70 11.

369. अपाम सोमममृता अशूमागन्म ज्योतिरविदाम देवान् । किं ज्ञानमस्मान्कृणवदराति किञ्च धूर्तिरमृत मर्त्यस्य ॥ क्र VIII, 48 3.

370. ये युध्यन्ते प्रधनेषु शूरासो ये तदत्यज । ये वा सहस्रदाक्षिणास्तान्शिवेदेवापि गच्छताम् ॥ क्र X. 154 3

371. इदं यमस्य सादनं देवमानं यदुच्यते । इयमस्य धन्यते नाळीरय गीर्षिः परिकृत ॥ क्र. X. 135. 7,



character, contains much more information about Heaven. In Atharvaveda III. 29.3 it is said that a donor goes to Heaven where a weak man has not to render to the strong any contribution.<sup>372</sup> In Atharvaveda IV. 34.2, 5-6 it is stated that in the heavenly world there are bevyies of women (for the denizens), that there the dwellers get many edible plants and flowers and that there are ponds of ghee, streams of milk and honey, wine flows like water and lotus lakes surround the denizens. In Heaven the meritorious enjoy delight, their bodies being free from disease.<sup>373</sup> Atharvaveda VI. 120.3 and other verses express a yearning to meet one's parents, wife and sons (vide Atharva XII. 3.17).<sup>374</sup> The Tai. S. is full of references to Heaven and so no quotation is cited here except one where it is said that he who offers the Adābhya cup in Jyotistoma goes to heaven while still living in this world.<sup>375</sup> The Tai. Br. appears to hold that those who offer sacrifices become shining stars in the firmament (I. 5. 2. 5-6).<sup>375a</sup> The Śat. Br. (XI 1. 8. 6) states 'that sacrificer who offers a sacrifice as this redemption is born in the next world (Heaven) with his body entire'.<sup>376</sup> Survival of the soul after death is emphatically asserted in the Tai. Br. III. 10. 11. These passages are enough to establish that the state of the pious after death and of heroes killed in battle was one of happiness in heaven, that there the food and material things (such as honey, ghee) that a person required in this world were also available in greater perfection and abundance. The remark of Macdonell 'Heaven is a glorified world of material joys as pictured by the imagination not of warriors but of priests' (Vedic Mythology p. 168) is not (in view of Rg. X. 154.3) quite accurate or justified. There is nothing to show

372. स नाकमन्यारोहति यत्र क्षुत्को न कियते अमलेन वलीयसे ॥ अथर्व III. 29. 3.

373. नैषा शिष्टं प्र दहति जातेवदा स्वर्गे लोके बहु ज्ञेयमेवाम् ॥ वृत्तहृदा मधुकूलाः सुतोदकाः क्षीरेण पूर्णा उदकेन वृष्टाः । एतस्त्वा धारा उप यन्तु सर्वा स्वर्गे लोके मधुमत्पिन्व-माणा । उप त्वा विदन्तु शुक्लरिणीः समन्ताः ॥ अथर्व IV. 34.2 and 6

374. यत्रा सुहार्दः सुकृतो मयन्ति निहार्य रोगं तत्कः स्वाया । अश्लोणा अङ्गैरहृताः स्वर्गे तत्र पश्येन पितरौ च पुत्रान् ॥ अथर्व VI. 120. 3, स्वर्गे लोकमाने नो नयासि सं जायया सह इवै. स्पाम ॥ अथर्व XII. 3. 17.

375. किं तद्यज्ञे यजमान. कुरुते येन जीवन्मुवर्गे लोकमेतीति जीवग्रहो वा एव यद्वाम्योऽ नभिपुत्रस्य यद्वाति जीवन्तमेवैवै सुवर्गे लोक गमयति ॥ तै सं VI. 6. 9. 2.

375a. 'यो वा इह यजते अहं स लोकं नक्षते ... देवग्रहा वै नक्षत्राणि । तै. ब्रा. I. 5. 2. 5-6

376. स ह सर्वतद्वरेव यजमानोऽसुष्मिहोके सम्भवति य एवं विद्वान् निष्कृत्या यजते । शतपथ. XI. 1. 8. 6.

that the warriors of Vedic times did not believe what the priests believed. In later times (as in the Bhagavadgītā II 37 'hato vā prāpsyasi svargam' or in the Raghuvamśa VII, 51) warriors killed in battle were supposed to go to heaven and were privileged to have the company of beautiful damsels. Heaven as a place or state of eternal bliss to which the spirits of the religious or meritorious people or warriors go, is an idea common to most ancient peoples and was probably based on the idea that the Earth was flat and the sky was a dome carrying various celestial objects. In the Brhadāranyaka Up (IV 3 33) and Tai Up. (II, 8) it is<sup>377</sup> stated that the joys of the world of gods are hundreds of times more delightful than those of the mortal world<sup>378</sup>. In the Kathopanishad (I 12) it is stated by Yama himself that in Heaven there is no fear and no old age, that the denizen of Heaven is beyond hunger, thirst and sorrow and is in the midst of all delights. The Kausītaki Br Up as quoted by Śaṅkarācārya on Vedāntasūtra I, 1 28 contains the statement that the abode of sinners is below this world or<sup>379</sup> the earth. The Chāndogya Up in one place remarks<sup>380</sup> 'those whose conduct has been good will quickly attain some good birth, the birth of a brāhmana or a ksatriya or vaiśya. But those whose conduct has been evil will quickly attain an evil birth, the birth of a dog or a hog or a cāṇḍāla'.

We have here a complicated blending of two theories. The original theory of early Vedic times was that of Heaven and Hell which is also that of most religions. Later on when the doctrines of *karma* and *punarjanma* came to be universally believed in India the theory of Heaven and Hell came to be modified by holding that the pleasures of heaven and the torments of Hell both came to an end some time or other and the author of sins was born again as an animal or a tree or a human being suffering from diseases and defects.

377 तस्येयं पृथिवी सर्वा वित्तस्य पूर्णा स्यात् । स एको मातृष आनन्द । ते ये ज्ञात मातृषा आनन्दा । स एको मनुष्यगन्धर्वाणामानन्द । ..ते ये ज्ञात देवानामानन्दा । स एक इन्द्रस्यानन्दः । तै उप. II, 8.

378. स्वर्गे लोके न भय किञ्च नास्ति न तत्र त्व न जरया विभेति । उभे तीर्त्वाश्नाया-  
पिपासे शोकातिगी मोदते स्वर्गलोके ॥ कठोप I, 12

379 एष उ एवासाधु कर्म कारयति त यमेभ्यो लोकभ्योऽधो निनीयते । कौ जा. उ III 9.

380 तद्य इह रमणीयचरणा अभ्याशो ह यत्ते रमणीया योनिमापद्येरन्नाह्वययोनं वा क्षत्रिययोनिं वा वैश्ययोनिं वा । अथ य इह कपूयचरणा अभ्याशो ह यत्ते कपूया योनिमापद्येरन् श्वयोनिं वा सूकरयोनिं वा चण्डालयोनिं वा । छान्दोग्योप V, 10.7.

The fate of the departed soul after the death of the body will be touched upon in the section on Antyesti and Śrāddha, but in connection with the doctrine of Hell it is necessary to say something about Yama. In Rg. X. 58. 1 Yama is called Vaivasvata (son of Vivasvat, the Sun). Yama is at least an Indo-Iranian deity. Yama is eulogised in Rg. X. 14. He is called a king and is credited with the task of gathering together people (X. 14. 1); he is said to have been the first to make a way (to Heaven) which was followed by former ancestors of mankind (X. 14. 2 'Yamo no gātum prathamō viveda. yatrā nah pūrve pitarah pareyuh'). The soul when departing from this world is told that when he follows the paths of the ancient ancestors he would see the two kings Yama and Varuna. In Rg. X. 14. 13-15 the priests are asked to press Soma for Yama, to offer oblations to him and it is said that *yajña* reaches Yama, Agni being the messenger. In Rg. X. 135. 1 Yama is stated to drink in the company of gods, he is the lord of men. Yama owns two dogs each having four eyes who guard the way, who are the spies of Yama and who move among men and mark their doings. In Rg. X. 97. 16 the sage prays 'May the plants release me from the (effects of the) violation of oaths, from the violation of the ordinances of Varuna, from the fetters which Yama claps on the feet of sinners and from all sins against the gods'.<sup>381</sup> In Rg. X. 165. 4 Yama is identified with Mrtyu (death) and the owl (an evil omen) or a *kapota* is said to be the *dūta* (harbinger) of Yama. Rg. I. 38. 5 (addressed to the Maruts) appears to crave for something which is opposed to what other references to Yama state 'May not the singer of your praises go by the path of Yama'.<sup>382</sup> Thus, though in the Rgveda, Yama is a god and mostly a beneficent ruler of men, there is an element of fear associated with him as the two prying dogs that guard the way to heaven and his being called Mrtyu would suggest. The Atharvaveda refers to Yama in several places in the same strain as in the Rg. In A. V. 18. 3. 13 it is said<sup>383</sup> 'serve the king Yama with offering, who was the first to die among men, who was the first to depart from this world and who, the son of Vivasvat, is the gatherer of men'. In Tai. S. V. I. 82 and V. 2. 3. 1 it is stated that Yama is the lord of all mortals and of

381. सुञ्चन्तु मा क्षपय्यादथो वदय्याहुत । अथो यमस्य पङ्कवीक्षात् सर्वस्मादेवकिल्बिषात् ॥ ऋ X 97.16.

382. मा वो मृतो न यक्से जरिता भूदलोभ्यः । पथा यमस्य ग्राह्यः ॥ ऋ I 38.5.

383. यो ममार प्रथमो मर्त्याना यः प्रेयाय प्रथमो लोकमेतत् । वैवस्वतं सङ्गमनं जनानां यमं राजानं हविषा सपर्यत ॥ अथर्व 18.3.13.

the whole extent of the earth. In Tai S III. 3 8 3-4 it is declared <sup>354</sup> 'Yama is indeed Agni and this (earth and altar) is Yami. When a sacrificer strews *Oṣadhīs* on the Veda it is indeed tantamount to taking up a debt from Yama. If he (the sacrificer) were to go from this world without burning them they (Yama's men) might take him to the next world with fetters round his neck' In Rg X. 14. 10<sup>355</sup> the *pitṛs* are said to enjoy delights in the company of Yama. In the Ait Br <sup>355a</sup> (XII 3) Mṛtyu is credited with having fetters (*pāśas*) and wooden maces (*sthānu*) for catching erring men. It has already been seen how Yama is said to have within his powers again and again foolish men who believe in the existence of this world alone and deny the existence of the next. Thus, from being a beneficent ruler of the departed souls in the very early Vedic times, Yama came gradually to be looked upon as a dreadful punisher of men.<sup>355</sup> The Purāṇas contain graphic descriptions of Yama's abode and of his assistants, chief among whom is Citragupta. For example, the Varāhapurāṇa <sup>356a</sup> chap 205 contains a dialogue between Yama and Citragupta, in which the latter recommends the fate that a dead person deserves for his actions. The Agnipurāṇa chap. 371. 12 states that a sinner falls into horrible hells that are declared by Citragupta at the order of Yama.

354. अग्निर्वाच यम इयं यमी कुसीदं वा एतद्यमस्य यजमान आदत्ते यदोषधीभिर्वेदै स्तृणाति पददृष्टौय प्रपायाद् जीवन्मुनेन न ह्यग्निर्होके नेनीयेरन् । तै तं. III 3 8 3-4.

355. अधा पितृन्मुविदत्रो उपेहि यमेन ये सधमादं नवन्ति । ऋ X 14 10

355a स सर्वान्पाशान्स्वर्वान् स्थाणून् मृत्योरविमुच्य स्वस्त्येषोदमुच्यत । ऐ ब्रा XII 3

356. Vide an article in the Journal of the Benares Hindu University, vol. IV pp 19-46 on 'Yama and the Pitṛs' (where Vedic, Avestic and Norse evidence is led and a naturalistic explanation is given such as Yama being the light of dawn, pitṛs as 'rays of light' and saramā 'light of twilight') Vide Dr R. N. Dandekar in B C Law Presentation vol I pp 194-209, where most of the theories of Western scholars about Yama are presented and examined. The naturalistic explanations have been in vogue from very ancient times, as the Kāthala Samhitā VII 10 implies 'अहर्वासासीह रात्री सा यमी भ्रातरं नृत नादृश्यत तां पददृष्टन् यमि कर्हि ते भ्रातादृतेत्येतेवाब्रवीत्'

356 a. अयं वृक्षस्त्वयं तिर्षगर्ग मोक्षं ब्रजेक्षर ॥ 2 अपमायोधने झवुं हत्वा ह निघन गतः । आह्मणार्थं यवार्थं वा राट्पार्थं निघनं गत । शक्रस्य ह्यमरावत्पां निवेदयत ना बिरन् । verses 9-10 of chap 205 of वराहपुराण; अन्यच्छरीरमादत्ते पातनीय सकर्मणि । हुंकेय पापकृदुःखं सुखं धर्माय सङ्गत ॥ यमाज्ञति किङ्करीस्तु पात्यते नरकेषु च । अग्निः 203 4-5; दृष्ट्वाति नत्स्याद्योगे जरीरं चातिवाहिकम् । आकाशवायुवेजोति विग्रहादूर्ध्वगतानि । . यम इह्वा यनोकेन चित्रयुगेन चेरितान् । भ्रमोति नरकान्प्रोक्षन् पर्मा शुभपार्थदिवम् । अग्निः 371. 9 and 12.

We must now turn to the ideas of Heaven and Hell contained in the post-Vedic Literature, sūtras, smritis, purāṇas and digests. The Nir. (I 11) quotes<sup>387</sup> a quarter of a Vedic verse which means 'for fear that if we (women) acted crookedly (towards our husbands) we might fall into Hell'. The word Naraka is derived by it in two ways (*m + araka*), viz. as meaning 'going below' (the earth) or (*na + ra + ka*) 'where there is not the slightest place for joy'. In another place, while deriving the word 'putra' (son) the Nir. (II 11) declares that the son is called *putra* because he saves (the father) from the hell called *put*. The same derivation of the word *putra* is offered by Manu IX 138 (= Ādiparva 229.14 = Visnudharmasūtra 15.44). Gautama (13.7) promises<sup>388</sup> heaven to the witnesses in a cause if they speak the truth, but Hell (*naraka*) if they tell the opposite (of truth). After defining *putana* as loss of the capacity to perform the privileged acts of twice-born classes (such as Veda study &c) and stating that by being guilty of sins a man does not in the next world reap the fruits of his good actions, Gautama states the striking view of other sages that *naraka* is nothing more than this loss of capacity and of the fruits of good acts, his own view however being that *naraka* is a particular place where a man has to dwell solely in distress and sorrow. It was the emphatic view of Gautama that men of the several *varṇas* and *āśramas* that are devoted to the actions prescribed as peculiar to each, enjoy after departing from this body, the fruits of their actions and then owing to some remainder of their total actions are born in bodies in appropriate circumstances as to the country, caste, family, appearance, length of life, learning, conduct, wealth, happiness and intelligence, while those who act contrariwise

387. अथापि न हृत्पेन हृत् पत्यनेन संयुज्यते परिमये नेज्जिह्वायन्त्यो नरकं पताम इति। नरकं न्यरक नीचैर्मम नस्मिन्मम स्थानमल्पमप्यस्तीति वा। निरुक्त I. 11. Some editions give the whole verse इतिभिरैको स्वरितः सच्चन्ते सुवन्त एके सवनेषु सोमाम्। शर्चोर्मेदन्त उत दृष्टिगामिर्न०. This is a śloka verse after Rg X. 106.1. विश्वरूप on p. III 217 quotes नेज्जि० and explains 'जिह्वायन्त्य' कौटिल्येन प्रवृत्ता कामकार-मृत्ता इति यावत्। अतश्चकामकृते नैव नरकप्राप्तिः; पुनः पुनः प्रायते निपरणाद्वा पुन नरकं ततश्चायत इति वा। निरुक्त II. 11.

388. स्वर्गः सत्यवचने विपर्यये नरकः। शौ 13 7. द्विजातिकर्मभ्यो हानिः पतनम् तथा परत्र चासिद्धिः। तमेकै नरकम्। शौ. 21. 4-6, on the last of which हरदत्त remarks 'स्वमत एव विशिष्टे देशे दुःखकलानस्य वासो नरक इति'; vide also अपराकं p. 1045 for the view of Gautama.

pass into all sorts of births and are ruined<sup>389</sup>. Āp. Dh. S. holds that a man becomes fit for Naraka if he follows activities solely dictated by sensual pleasures.<sup>390</sup> In another place Āp. Dh. S. affirms that *Naraka* is indeed one's lot when one transgresses one's *dharma*. It also states that rewards without end are denominated *svargya*. The Vedāntasūtra III. 1.13 makes it<sup>391</sup> clear that after enjoying the fruits of one's actions in the abode of Yama (*Samyamana*) evil-doers ascend to this mortal world. In Vedāntasūtra III. 1.15 the *narakas*<sup>392</sup> are said to be seven. Pāṇini VI. 2.38 teaches the accent of *mahāraurava*. In the Kāśikā com on Pāṇini III. 2.88 a vedic verse is cited according to which one who kills his mother enters the 7th *naraka*. The Visṇupurāṇa I. 6.41 names seven hells, Tāmisra, Andhatāmisra, Mahāraurava, Raurava, Asipatravana, Kālasūtra and Avīci and (in II. 6.2-5) names 26 *narakas*. Śaṅkha-Likhita as quoted by the Madanapārijāta pp. 694-695 mentions in detail the torments that evil-doers undergo in the hells called Kumbhipāka, Raurava, Mahāraurava &c. Manu IV. 88-90, Yāj. III. 222-224, Visṇu Dh. S. 43. 2-22, Agnipurāṇa 371. 20-22, Nārada (*prakīrnaka* 44) enumerate 21 *narakas*. The names are almost the same in all these works, the variations being due mostly to the scribes having read certain letters differently. The 21 names are generally significant and may be set out from Manu as follows: Tāmisra (darkness), Andhatāmisra (blinding darkness), Mahāraurava, Raurava (abounding in paths with heated surfaces, according to Pr. V. p. 15), Kālasūtra (like the thread on the wheel with which the potter cuts off a raw earthen pot in two), Mahānaraka, Sañjivana (where one is made to revive and is again killed), Mahāvīci (where one is submerged in surging waves), Tapana (as burning hot as fire), Sampratāpana (same as Kumbhipāka, according to Pr. V. p. 15), Sanghāta (making many stay in a small place like the legendary Black-

389. वर्णाश्रमा स्वस्वधर्मनिष्ठा प्रेत्य कर्मफलमनुभूय ततः कोपेण विविधदेशजाति-  
कुलरूपाद्यु श्रुतवृत्तवित्तसुखमेधसो जन्म प्रतिपद्यन्ते। विष्वक्त्रो विपरीता नश्यन्ति।  
गी. XI. 29-30, q. by शाङ्कर in his भाष्य on वेदान्तसूत्र III. 1.8

390. तदनुवर्तमानो नरकाय राह्यति। आप. ध. सू. I.4.12.12, हृद्यो वर्पति ह्यो  
धर्ममतिक्रामति धर्मातिक्रमे खलु पुनर्नरकः। आप. ध. सू. I.4.13.4, ततः परमनन्त्य फल  
स्वर्ग्यशब्दं श्रूयते। आप. ध. सू. II.9.23.12.

391. संयमने त्वलभ्यतेरेषामारोहावरोहौ तद्गतिदृशनात्। वेदान्तसूत्र III. 1.13 शाङ्कर  
in his भाष्य relies on Kathopaniṣad II. 6 and Rg. X.14.1 (both quoted above)  
in support

392. अपि च सप्त। वेदान्तसूत्र III.1.15; अपि च सप्त नरका रौरवमुखा दुष्कृतफलो  
पमोक्षश्रुतिर्लेन स्मर्यन्ते पौराणिके। शाङ्करभाष्य.

hole of Calcutta), Kākola (where one is preyed on by crows), Kūdmala (where one is bound with ropes into a bundle, which looks like a closed bud), Pūtimṛtika (where the clay has a putrid smell), Lohaśanķu (piercing one with iron nails), Rjisa (where boiled flour is thrown about), Panthāḥ (where one is made to walk constantly to and fro), Sālmali (where one is struck with thorns like those of the silk-cotton tree), Nadi (i. e. where one is carried away by a river such as the Vaitaraṇī), Asipatravana (where one is cut up by a forest of sword blades), Lohadāraka (which cuts up limbs with iron). Manu (XII 75-76) again mentions the Tāmisa, Asipatravana and Kumbhīpāka *narakas* and Manu III 249 Kālasūtra. Kullūka (on Manu. IV. 88-90). Pr. V. (p. 16), the *Dīpakalikā* (on Yāj. III. 222-224) and other commentaries say that the conditions in the hells may be read in the *Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa* and other works. *Vide* *Agnipurāṇa* 203 and 371 (where Hells are said to be 144), *Brahmapurāṇa*, chap. 22 (which names 25 *narakas* and states what sinners fall into which of them), chap. 214 (verses 14-17 of which speak of 22 *narakas* and verses 51-103 contain harrowing descriptions of the horrible torments of hell), chap. 215. 83. ff. (for names and descriptions of several *narakas*).<sup>393</sup>

Brahma-vaivarta (*praktikhanda* chap. 29 which names 86 *narakakūṇḍas*<sup>394</sup> and chap. 33), *Nārada-purāṇa*, pūrvārtha 15.1-20 (for *narakas* and torments), *Padmapurāṇa* (Uttara, chap. 227 for 140 *narakas* and *Pātālahanda* chap. 48 for several *narakas*), *Bhaviṣya-purāṇa* (*Brahmaparva*, chap. 192.11-27 for torments of Hell and *Uttaraparva* Chap. 5-6 for sins and *narakas*). The *Bhāgavata-purāṇa* V 26.6 states that there are 28 *narakas*, though according to some there are 21. *Vide* also *Viṣṇu-purāṇa*

393. Yāj and Viṣṇu read 'avīci' 'for mahāvīci. Yāj. reads *Sampratāra* (throwing down in a pit) for *Sampratāra* and adds *Kumbhīpāka* separately, which latter means 'heating after placing inside a jar'. The printed *Manusmṛiti* reads 'Pratimūrtikam', which is a misreading of some mss. Some Mss read 'Lohacāraka' which may mean 'being made to walk over red hot iron' or 'being fettered with irons' (Pr. V. p. 16) All the names are explained by Pr. V. (pp. 15-16) and by some of the commentators of Manu. According to Jamadagni quoted in Pr. V p. 16 *Vaitaraṇī* is a river in the nether regions which is full of foul smell and blood, which has hot water, is very rapid and has on the crest of its waves bones and hair. Śaṅkha-Likhita (q. by *Madanapārijāta* p. 695) describes *Vaitaraṇī* as 'taptadaktā' (having hot water).

394. नरकानां च कुण्डानि सन्ति नानाविधानि च। नानापुराणभेदेन नामभेदानि तानि च।...पञ्चविंश कुण्डानि सौमनस्यं वसन्ति च। प्रह्वविन्द, प्रह्वतिस्त्रष्ट 29. 4-6,

V. 6.2-5, Skandapurāṇa I, chap. 39 and VI. 226-227. In the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa (chap 12) we have a description of several narakas like the Raurava, Mahāraurava, Asipatravana &c and chap 14 (verses 39-94) mentions the punishments meted out to perpetrators of various sins. In the Mahābhārata also narakas and the torments thereof are frequently referred to. For example, Śāntiparva 321-32 speaks of Vaitaraṇī and Asipatravana, Anuśāsana (23.60-82) speaks of the actions that lead to hell\* (each verse having the refrain *te vai nraya-gāmanah*). Anuśāsana 145.10-13, Svargārohanika-parva (2.16-26) describes the several horrible sights and torments of such hells as 'Asipatravana' (named in verse 23) and Kūṭasālmahī (named in Svargārohanika 34). The Vṛddha-Hārīta-smṛti (IX. 167-171) mentions almost the same 21 narakas as the Manusmṛti does. The craze for multiplying narakas went so far that the Brahmapurāṇa, the Viṣṇudharmottara<sup>395</sup>, the Garuda-purāṇa and others declared that there were thousands, lakhs and crores of narakas.

The Visṇu Dh. S. (46. 23-29) provides that those guilty of atipātakas, anupātakas, sankarīkarana, who have not undergone prāyaścittas suffer respectively for one Kalpa,<sup>395a</sup> for one Manvantara, for four Yugas, for a thousand years in the 21 narakas in rotation and the other sinners for many years. Yama quoted by the Madanapārijāta p. 696 says that those guilty of Mahāpātakas stay in Hell with face downwards for a yuga and Yama has numerous other verses stating what sinners undergo which horrors of Hell.

Buddhists appear to have borrowed the doctrine about hells from Brahmanical writers. Vide Dr B. O. Law's monograph on 'Heaven and Hell in Buddhist perspective' (1925), pages 111-113, which refer to eight Mahānirayas and there are other lesser Hells. The eight Mahānirayas are Sañjīva, Kālasutta, Saṅghāta, Rorūva, Mahārūruva, Tapa, Mahātapa and Avīci. It will be noticed how those names agree closely with Manu's list

395. ब्रह्मसूत्रनिपातैश्च भिद्यन्ते पापकारिणः । नरकाणां सहस्रेषु लक्षकोटिरेतेषु च स्वकर्मोपाजितेदोषैः पीडयन्ते यमकिङ्करे । ब्रह्मपुराण 215 82-83. अष्टादिंशतिकोऽयं स्युर्धोराणि नरकाणि वै । महापातकिनश्चात्र सर्वे स्युर्नरकादिषु ॥ आचन्द्रतारकं यावत्पीडयन्ते विविधैर्वैधैः । अतिपातकिनश्चान्ये निरयार्णवकोटिषु । विष्णुधर्मोत्तर ५. 10 स्युतिषु (भा) p 859, गरुडपुराण (प्रितखण्ड) chap 3 3 नरकाणां सहस्राणि वर्तन्ते ह्यरुणाहज ।

395a For Kalpa, Manvantara and Yuga, vide H of Dh vol. III pp. 690-691.



of hells. For the gruesome details of Hell and torments therein in ancient Jain works, vide *Uttarādhyayana-sūtra* (S.B.E. vol. 45 pp 93-97) and *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* I 5 (S.B.E. vol. 45 pp. 279-286). Similarly, for the ideas of Heaven and Hell in Zoroastrianism, vide Mr. S. N. Kanga's 'Heaven and Hell and their location in Zoroastrianism and in the Vedas' (1933).

The Buddhists held their penitential meetings (*Paṭimokkha*), for which see S. B. E. vol. XIII pp 1-69 and for the 92 *pācittiya* (*Prayaścittiya*) rules, vide pp. 32-55 of the same volume.

There are very glowing descriptions of Heaven (*svarga*) in the *Mahābhārata*, the *Purāṇas* and other works. We have already seen how Heaven was supposed to be a place of delights in the *Rgveda* and even in the *Upanisads* like *Katha* (I 12-13 and 18 'śotāṭigo modate svargaloke'). *Rg. X. 107.2* affirms that those who give (large) *dakṣiṇā* stand high in the Heavens (as stars), those that donate horses go in the company of the Sun and those that donate gold become immortal. An<sup>396</sup> echo of this is found in *Vanaparva* 186.9. The *Kaus Up* 1.3 speaks of several worlds (*lokas*) of the gods such as those of *Agni*, *Vāyu*, *Varuna*, *Āditya*, *Indra*, *Prajāpati*, *Brahmā* and a similar gradation of higher worlds is described in *Br. Up. III.6* (such as *Devaloka*, *Indraloka*, *Prajāpatiloka*, *Brahmaloka*). The *Br. Up. I.5. 16* speaks of *manusyaloka*, *pitrloka* and *devaloka* and holds that *devaloka* is the best of all worlds<sup>397</sup>. *Kaus. Up. 1.4* implies that in the heavenly world divine nymphs, garlands, collyrium, fragrant powder, garments wait upon the fortunate denizens. Śāṅkara on *Vedānta-sūtra* (IV. 3.4) says that the word 'loka' means 'a place for enjoying the fruits of one's actions' (*bhogāyatana*) and that *Hiranyagarbha* is the *adhyakṣa* of *Brahmaloka* (on *Vedānta-sūtra* IV. 3.10). In the *Vanaparva* (54. 17-19) it is stated that *svarga* is the place for those who die in battle. How *svarga* is like and what the pleasures of heaven are is described in *Vanaparva*, chap. 186.6-7, viz. that there are extensive lakes full of golden lotus flowers and fish and devoid of mud, that on the banks of those lakes dwell the meritorious honoured by *Apsarases* who apply fragrant cosmetics to their

396 परं लोकं गोमदास्त्वाप्नुवन्ति दत्त्वानहुर्हं स्वर्गलोकं व्रजन्ति । वारसो दत्त्वा चान्द्र-  
मसं तु लोकं दत्त्वा हिरण्यममरत्वमेति । वनपर्व 186.9.

397. त्रयो वाव लोका मनुष्यलोकः पितृलोको देवलोक इति सोऽयं मनुष्यलोकः पुत्रेणैव  
जग्यो नान्येन कर्मणा कर्मणा पितृलोको विद्यथा देवलोको देवलोको वै लोकानां श्रेष्ठः । बृह. उप.  
1.5. 16.

bodies, wear ornaments and have brilliant golden complexions. Similar pleasures enjoyed in the Nandana park are promised in Brahmapurāṇa, 225. 5-6. Vanaparva (chap. 261 verses 28-29) says that there is one great draw-back in going to heaven, viz. that there one simply enjoys the rewards of one's good actions, no new merit is accumulated there, one simply subsists on the accumulated principal or store of merit and that when that store is exhausted one has to fall down, the only good point about this being that one is born a man and that too in such a way that he enjoys<sup>398</sup> happiness. Anuśāsana (23. 84-102) sets out numerous actions whereby a man attains heaven (each verse having the refrain '*te narāḥ svarga-gāminah*') Similarly, in Brahmapurāṇa 224. 9-14, 18-25 and 30-37 we have the same refrain. Vide also Anuśāsana chapters 144 (verses 5-15, 19-26, 31-39) and 145 Śānti (99. 4-5) states that svarga is full of those fallen in battle, there are Gandharva damsels there for the brave (and there is hell for the coward) and that svarga yields all desires that one may entertain. The Śāntiparva (192. 8 and 21) states that svarga was in the North, that (Śānti 191 13, 193 27) there was neither hunger nor thirst nor weariness nor old age nor sin (in Heaven), that good men (Śānti 271. 24) are seen as stars (or become stars). In the Matsyapurāṇa (276 17) it is<sup>399</sup> stated that he who performs Brahmāṇḍaṇa (one of the 16 mahāḍānas) reaches the world of Viṣṇu and delights in the company of Apsarases. The Brahmapurāṇa (225. 6-7) assures us that a generous donor goes to heaven where he enjoys the best pleasures in the company of Apsarases and in the heavenly garden called Nandana and when he falls down from heaven he is born as a mortal in a rich and noble family. Vide also Garuḍapurāṇa II. 3.86-89. It is not necessary to multiply passages. There are two matters to be noted in connection with Heaven and its pleasures. One is the calculating or bargaining spirit which the smṛtis and purāṇas display viz. make this or that gift and then there is so much delight to be enjoyed in heaven, a sort of profit and loss account; and the second is that the highest

398. कृतस्य कर्मणस्तत्र भुज्यते यत्फलं दिशि । न चान्यत् कियते कर्म मूलच्छेदेन भुज्यते ॥ सोऽत्र दोषो नम मत्तस्त्वन्ते पतनं च यत् । सुखव्याप्तमनस्कां पतनं यच्च सुखम् ॥ अयं त्वन्यो मुणः । श्रेष्ठः च्युतानां स्वर्गतो मुने । क्षुभाक्षययोगेन मनुष्येभ्यो जायते । तत्रापि स महाभागः सुखभागिजायते । वनपर्व 261 28-29 and 33.

399 इत्थं च एतदखिलं पुरुषोऽत्र कुर्याद् ब्रह्माण्डदानमधिगम्य महाद्विगानम् । निर्धुतकल्मषाविमुक्तसङ्करोरानन्दकृत्यदमुखैः सहाप्सरोभिः ॥ मत्स्यपु 276.17 q. by अपरार्क p 323.

pleasures of Heaven have a time limit, i. e. they are to come to an end one day and the meritorious have to be born again in mortal bodies. The doctrine was gradually evolved that there is no final release from the cycle of births and deaths by the performance of meritorious deeds alone

It is not necessary to set out at length the gruesome torments of Hell described in great detail in several smṛtis and purāṇas. By way of a sample, the following description taken from a Dharmaśāstra work (viz. Visnu Dh. S. 43.32-45) will be quite enough. "Sinners guilty of having committed (one or more of the nine kinds of) sins have to endure terrible sufferings when they have left this life and reached the path of Yama. Being dragged hither and thither by the fierce servants of Yama they are led (to hell) by them with frightening gestures. (In Hell) they are devoured by dogs, jackals, crows, herons, cranes and other birds eating raw flesh, by snakes and scorpions that have fire in their mouths (i. e. that emit stinging poison). They are scorched by fire, pierced by thorns, divided into parts by saws and oppressed by thirst. They are afflicted with hunger and by terrible hordes of tigers and they faint away at every step on account of the stinking smell of pus and blood. Desiring to secure the food and drink of others they are beaten by the servants (of Yama) whose faces are similar to those of such horrible animals as crows, herons and cranes. In some places they are boiled in oil, in others they are pounded with pestles or ground down in iron or stone vessels. In some places they (have to) eat what is vomitted or pus or blood or excrements, and hideous meat smelling like pus. In one place they have to stay in terrible darkness, and are devoured by horrible worms having flames in their mouths. In some places they are overwhelmed by cold or have to pass through the midst of unclean things and in other places the departed devour each other, thus becoming most horrible. In some places they are beaten on account of their former deeds and are suspended in other places (from trees &c.) or are struck with heaps of arrows or are cut into pieces. In other places they have to tread upon thorns and they are encircled by the hoods of serpents, they are tormented with machines and are dragged by their knees. Their backs, heads and necks are fractured, they become terrible (to look at), their throats being reduced to the size fit for a cave shelter and they become unable to bear torments. Sinners are being tormented in this way and having suffered intense

pain undergo various further sufferings in their passage through animal bodies (in which they are thereafter born) ”

That *naraka* is a place below the earth is frequently stated in the Purāṇas. For example, in the Garuḍa and Brahmāṇḍa purāṇas all Hells such as Raurava are stated to be situated below the earth. Vide Visṇupurāṇa II 6.1 also. The Bhāgavatapurāṇa states that Hells are below the earth and above water to the south of the three worlds and hang without support, in which dwell the troupes of pitrs called *Agṇisvāta* and others.<sup>400</sup> The Agnipurāṇa (371 13-14) avers that the 28 groups of *narakas* are below the earth and even below the 7th *Pātāla*.

We come across Vedic passages such as these ‘This sacrificer who is possessed of the utensils of *yajña* directly reaches Heaven’ (Śat. Br. XII 5 2 8)<sup>401</sup>, ‘one who desires Heaven should offer the Darsapūrṇamāsa sacrifice’, ‘one desirous of attaining heaven should perform the Jyotistoma sacrifice’. What is meant by *svarga* or *naraka* has given rise to hot discussions from very ancient times. The popular view as reflected even in the Vedas, the smrtis and purāṇas was that *svarga* was a place above the earth and *naraka* was a place of actual torments below the earth. Even ancient astronomical works located *svarga* thousands of *yojanas* above the earth. Parāśara,<sup>402</sup> an astronomer and a predecessor of Varāha-mihira quoted by Utpala on Br. Saṁ I 11, stated ‘Bhū (the earth) is 67080 crores of *yojanas* and it is the expanse of the earth; beyond it there is impenetrable darkness, in the midst of which there is the golden

400 अग्नेरधस्तात्ते सर्वे रौरवाद्याः प्रकीर्तिता । गरुड (मित्रबन्ध) 3. 55, ब्रह्माण्ड, उप-संहारपाद chap 2 52, ततश्च नरकाच्च विप्रं ध्रुवोऽथ सलिलरूपं च । पापिनी येषु पाप्यन्ते तान् शृणुन् महासुने ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 22 6.1. राजीवाच्च । नरका नाम भगवन् किं देशविशेषा अथवा बहिर्बिलोक्या आहोस्विदन्तराल इति । ऋषिर्वाच । अन्तराल एव त्रिजगत्पञ्च दिशि दक्षिणस्यामधस्ताच्चूमेरुपरिष्ठाच्च जलाद्यस्यामग्निष्वात्तादप्यपि तृण्णा । निवसन्ति । भागवत पुराण V 25 3-4

401 Vide H of Dh. Vol II p 985 note of 2233 for enumeration of the ten *yajñāyudhas* from Tai S I 6.8 2-3 and Śat Br I 1 1 22

स एष यज्ञायुधी यजनानोऽञ्जसा स्वर्गं लोकं याति । इतपथम्ना XII 5 2 8 quoted by शबर on जै I 1 5 in the पूर्वपक्ष ; ‘दर्शपूर्णमासान्या स्वर्गकामो यजेत’ q by शबर on जै II 1. 1.

402 सप्तषट्सहस्राण्यज्ञीतियोजनकोट्यो भूर्यवृषिबीमण्डलं परस्मादगम्यं तम । तन्मध्ये हिरण्ययो मेरुश्चतुरङ्गीतियोजनसहस्रोच्छिन्नो पादश चाधस्तात् । त्रिष्टण्विस्तारायानो यं स्वर्गमाचक्षते तन्मध्येनाकेन्द्वो ज्यातिश्चक्रं च पर्येति । पराशर q by उत्पल on बृ. सं. I. 11.

mountain Meru, 84000 *yojanas* high and sixteen below and twice as much in length and width, which is called *svarga*. But it would be far from the truth to say that all eminent writers were agreed on the actual existence of *svarga* and *naraka* as *places*. It has already been shown how several centuries before Christ Gautama refers to the view of some predecessors of his that *naraka* is *not a place*, but simply means the loss of the capacity to perform the peculiar actions of one's *varna*. There were others who argued in the same strain. Śābara (on Jai IV. 3. 27-28) quotes a Vedic passage where the view of the sage appears to be that sacrifices yield the reward promised by *śruti* in the next life and where Kumārila<sup>403</sup> in his brief comment propounds the view that the injunctive passage (*vidu*) of the Veda only promises a reward but does not state that it follows immediately in this life, that *svarga* which means unsurpassed joy, can happen only in another life. On Jaimini VI. 1. 1. Śābara first puts forward the *prima facie* view that *svarga*<sup>404</sup> imports in popular language such things (*dravya*) as fine silken clothes, sandalwood paste, young damsels only 16 years old and that the word *svarga* is also popularly applied to a particular *place* where there is neither heat nor cold, neither hunger nor thirst, neither distress nor fatigue and where only those that have done meritorious deeds can reach and not others. Śābara refutes this view and holds that the primary meaning of the word *svarga* is joy<sup>405</sup> or delight and not a thing (*dravya*) which brings joy.

There is a well-known and oft quoted verse which defines *svarga* as follows:<sup>406</sup> that happiness which is not mixed up with

403. फलं भवतीत्येतावति विधिः शब्दोऽस्ति । न त्वनन्तरत्वे । तस्मादनिवयः । स्वर्गस्तु जन्मान्तर एव । स हि निरतिशया मीतिः कर्माक्षरुपा चेति न शक्येह जन्मन्यदुभयवितुम् । यस्मिन्मैत्रोके क्षणेक्षणे सुखदुःखे अदुःखमिति । ... देहान्तरं तु निरतिशयमीत्यदुभयवितुम् । यस्मिन्मैत्रोके क्षणेक्षणे सुखदुःखे अदुःखमिति । ... देहान्तरं तु निरतिशयमीत्यदुभयवितुम् । यस्मिन्मैत्रोके क्षणेक्षणे सुखदुःखे अदुःखमिति । ... देहान्तरं तु निरतिशयमीत्यदुभयवितुम् ।

404. सर्वेषामेव शब्दानामर्थज्ञाने लौकिके प्रयोगोऽनुपायः । तस्मिन् लौकिके प्रयोगे द्रव्यपचनः स्वर्गशब्दो लक्ष्यते । कौशेयानि सूक्ष्माणि वासवसि स्वर्गः, चन्द्रवानि स्वर्गः, इन्द्रवर्षाः स्वर्गः इति । यद्यत् भीतिमद् द्रव्यं तत्तत्स्वर्गशब्देनोच्यते । ... ननु स्वर्गशब्दो लौकिके प्रयोगे विशिष्टे देशे यस्मिन्मैत्रोके न कीर्तितं न ह्युक्तं न वृण्णा नारतिर्न ग्लानिः सुखकृत एव प्रेत्य तत्र गच्छन्ति नाम्ने । शबर on जै VI 1. 1.

405. तत एतत्तावद्वर्णयन्ति । मीतिः स्वर्ग इति । कुतः । एवमुक्तं भवता मीतिविशिष्टे द्रव्ये स्वर्गशब्दो वर्तते इति । यद्येवं पूर्वं तर्हि मीतिः वर्तितुमर्हति । तां हि स न व्यभिचरति । व्यभिचरति पुनर्द्रव्यम् । शबर on जै VI. 1. 2. On जै VI 1 1 the दुपटीका remarks 'एकस्य (सिद्धान्त-वादिन) मीतिः स्वर्गशब्दवाच्या, अपरस्य (पूर्वपक्षवादिन) मीतिमद्द्रव्यम् । विशिष्टो देशो उभयोरप्यवाच्यः । किं कारणम्, तस्याप्यत्यक्षत्वेन व्यवहारभावः । तेन व्यवहारभावताव्यवहारभावः ।

406. यच्च दुःखेन सम्मिश्रं न च अस्तमनन्तरम् । अभिलाषोपनीतं च तत्सुखं स्वप्नप्रापदम् ॥

pain, which is not immediately afterwards overwhelmed (by pain) and which is present whenever desired, is denoted by the word *svah* (or *svarga*). The Prakaraṇa-pañcika of Śālikanātha,<sup>406</sup> one of the early works of the Prabhākara Mīmāṃsā school, affirms that in such sentences as 'one desirous of heaven should perform the Jyotistoma' the rite is simply commended by Vedic passages, which are no more than *arthavādas*, as a means of securing long-enduring happiness which is free from the taint of all kinds of sorrow and which is present at the mere desire of the enjoyer. The Śāntiparva expressly states 'The wise do not regard the other world as directly seen by anyone; one has to entertain faith (in the existence of the other world) because otherwise one may run counter to the Vedas.'<sup>407</sup> The Brāhmapurāṇa and the Viṣṇupurāṇa speak in the same strain as Śābara that *svarga* is what causes happiness to the mind, that *naraka* is the opposite of it and that meritorious deeds and wicked deeds are designated as *svarga* and *naraka* respectively and that *svarga* and *naraka* are really states of the mind characterised by happiness and pain respectively.<sup>408</sup>

One need not wonder at the crude ideas of *naraka* and *svarga* entertained by most ancient Indian writers and works. The same ideas were prevalent among peoples of all religions all the world over. For example, The Egyptians whose dynastic history covers a period of about 5000 years had very remarkable beliefs about Heaven and Hell which were illustrated with pictorial representations copiously (as no other nation had ever done), although the oldest Books of the Dead are without illustrations of any sort (vide E. A. W. Budge's 'Egyptian Heaven and Hell', 1905 p. XI and 2). Sheol was the name the Hebrews gave to the gloomy abode of the dead in the lowest parts of the earth and it was a land of darkness, which was appointed as the house for all living (Job 10. 21-22 and 30, 23). The Greek Hades closely resembles the Hebrew Sheol in its chief characteristics. In the New Testament also Hell is a land of everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels and it is a place where the wicked go into everlasting torment

406 a यजोतिष्टोमेन स्वर्गकामो यजेतेत्येवमादिसामान्याय सकलदुःखसम्भवरहिताभिलाषोपनीतदीर्घतरसुखसाधनत्वैतार्थवादैः स्तुत्यमानं कर्म दृश्यते । प्रकरणपञ्चिका (p. 102).

407. न दृष्टपूर्वं प्रत्यक्ष परलोकं विदुर्बुधा । आगमास्त्वनतिक्रम्य अद्भुतस्य बुधसूत्रा ॥ शान्ति 28 42.

408. मनःश्रितिकरं स्वर्गं नरकस्तद्विपर्ययः । नरकस्वर्गसंज्ञे वै पापदुष्पणे द्विजोत्तमाः ॥ ब्रह्मसू. 22.44, विष्णुसू. II.6.46. मनसः परिणामोऽयं सुखदुःखादिलक्षणः । ब्रह्मसू. 22 47.

and punishment, while the righteous attain life eternal (Matthew 25. 41 and 46, Luke 16.23). The words of the New Testament are plain enough that Heaven was supposed to be a place above the earth and the clouds and that Hell was a place below the earth full of darkness and torments. Vide Luke 23. 43, Ephesians I 3 and 20, II. Cor. 12. 4, Rev. 2. 7; and Luke 12.5 and 16.23; II. Peter 2.4 and Rev. 6 8, 20. 13-14. Bloomfield in his 'Religion of the Veda' p. 257 remarks 'In later Hindu times Hell is filled out with the usual gruesome stage-setting in the style of Dante's Inferno or the wall painting in the *campo santo* at Pisa'. Even men of genius like Shakespeare and most Christian theologians<sup>409</sup> down even to modern times believed in a literal interpretation of passages from the Bible which speak of Heaven and Hell as places. It is only recently that many Christians have begun to hold that the language of the Bible about Heaven and Hell is purely symbolical in character<sup>410</sup>.

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409. Vide William James in 'Varieties of religious experience' p. 264, where he says that the fear of the old-fashioned Hell fire was employed by Christianity to extract from it fruits for repentance and conversion value and Pringle-Pattison in 'Idea of Immortality' pp. 15-19. Vide for the Quranic ideas of Hell, SBE. vol IX p. 317 'Hell is a reward for the outrageous to tarry therein for ages. They shall not taste therein cool nor drink but only boiling water and pus'. Vide also SBE. vol. VI p 247 (Hell contains seven divisions), vol. VI p. 165 (for the misbeliever is the torment of hell fire), vol. XIV p. 317 and p. 340 (for boiling water, pus and fire). In the Quran Heaven was supposed to consist of seven divisions viz Garden of Eternity, Abode of peace, Abode of rest, Garden of Eden, Garden of Resort, Garden of pleasure, the Garden of the most High, the Garden of Paradise.

410. The Report on the 'Doctrine of the Church of England' published in 1938 by a Commission consisting of some of the highest dignitaries of the English Church makes interesting reading, though to a non-christian the language appears rather full of circumlocution and far from clear and definite. On p. 206 the Report states "The drama of the Last Things as set forth in the medieval 'Doom' pictures rests on a tradition which makes use of a more or less literal conception of heaven and hell as specific 'places', of which a picture was formed by drawing upon traditional material, more especially the imagery of the Book of Revelation, which is itself largely drawn from Jewish and other pre-christian sources... ..A quasi-literal interpretation of the imagery has in fact generally prevailed among Christians and has been wide-spread even in educated circles almost down to the present day.' On p. 219 the above Report remarks "As the essence of Hell is exclusion from the fellowship of God, so the essence of Heaven is that fellowship. It is not a selfish happiness offered in reward for

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The Smṛtis had evolved the doctrine, as stated above, that if a sinner did not undergo *prāyaścitta*, he had to suffer torments in hell, thereafter he became born as some insect or lower animal or a tree on account of some remnants of his sins and that he was born as a human being afflicted with certain diseases or with defects.<sup>411</sup> These last two consequences are described under the title *karmavipāka* (the fruition of evil deeds). Śātatapa (I, 1-5) asserts that men guilty of grave

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self suppression at an earlier time, it is fellowship with God who is love ... This is *infinite bliss* to the soul which is purged of self-interest. Heaven is also a fellowship of finite spirits " It will be patent how modern European minds have begun to think of Heaven and Hell in terms analogous to those in which some of the best minds of India thought of them centuries before and after the Christian era In spite of the glowing pictures of the pleasures of Heaven and terrifying descriptions of the torments of Hell detailed in many of the sacred and popular works in Sanskrit and other Indian languages people have gone on committing all sorts of sins. The ancient machinery of Heavens and Hells must be deemed to have largely failed of its purpose in these days. Large masses of men appear to be slipping into an abyss of despair, misery, hardness of heart, wanton brutality and lawlessness. The lurid accounts of bombings and night raids on big cities, the reports of the bloody battles for six years in the World War No 2, the harrowing tales of tortures in such prisoners' camps as at Belsen, the phenomenal rise in the prices of all necessities of life (food, clothing and shelter), frequent strikes and struggles between the employed and the industrialists, growing indiscipline, arson, plunder and bestial treatment of human beings on the ground of race or religion have produced hardness of heart and debased large masses of Indian people. It is a very difficult question for our leaders how to revive among the common people of India, (whom Westerners dubbed mild Hindus) the old characteristics of tolerance, peacefulness, goodwill and respect for human life and property, how to build up a new fabric of society, a new civilization and culture on the ancient Upanisadic foundations of the pursuit of Reality, brotherhood of man, the unity of all life, and love of mankind even without pressing into service the ancient and mediæval literal conceptions of Heaven and Hell,

411 प्रायश्चित्तविहीनाना महापातकिना चृणाम् । नरकान्ते भवेज्जन्म चिह्नाङ्कित-  
शरीरिणाम् ॥ प्रतिजन्म भवेत्तेषां चिह्नं तरपापसूचकम् । प्रायश्चित्ते कृते याति पञ्चात्तापवता  
धनः ॥ महापातकजं चिह्नं सप्त जन्मनि जायते । उपपायीन्द्रव पञ्च जीणि पापसहस्रवम् ॥ दुष्टकर्मजा  
चृणां रोगा यान्ति चोपक्रमे क्षमम् । जाप्ये क्षुराचैवहोमैर्दानैस्तेषां क्षमो भवेत् ॥ शातातप  
I 1-4. The verses 5-10 (about the diseases) and the following verses about  
the gift of cows, bulls, land and gold are quoted in the महार्णवकर्मविपाक of  
मान्धातृ (folio 4a and 4b) as from शातातपीयकर्मविपाक The माय वि प 106 remarks  
'पूर्वजन्मकृतयो सुवर्णपहारक्षुरापानपापयोर्नरकोपभोगक्षान्तियोरपि सुवर्णचौरः कौनख्यं  
क्षुराप' इत्यावदन्ताम् (मनु ११ ४९) इत्युक्तमित्यो किञ्चित्सावशिष्टत्वादल्पमायश्चित्तमाह  
वसिष्ठ (20 6) ।'



sins that have not undergone *prāyaścitta* are, after undergoing the torments of Hell, born with bodies marked with certain condemned signs. One guilty of grave sins bears such signs for seven births, one guilty of *upapātaka* for five births and one guilty of *pāpa* for three births. These marks indicative of their having committed a particular sin are observed in each life and only disappear after they repent and perform *prāyaścitta*. Similarly, the diseases arising from sinful deeds subside by adopting the remedies of the recitation of Vedic texts, worship of gods, homas and gifts.' Verses 6-10 specify the diseases that arise in consequence of sins such as leprosy, tuberculosis, gonorrhoea, dysentery, kidney trouble, stone in the bladder, cough, fistula &c. A man may commit sins of three kinds viz. by the body, in words and mentally (Manu XII 3). Really speaking, it is the mind that is the spring of all actions (Manu XII 4), but for the sake of convenience, this threefold division is made. Coveting another's wealth by unfair means, desiring that evil should befall another and persistence in false ideas (such as the one that there is no soul, but that the body is the soul)—these three are mental sins (Manu XII 5). Harshness of speech, falsehood, backbiting and irrelevant prattling—these four are vocal sins (*ibid* XII 6). Appropriating to oneself another's wealth without his consent, injury to sentient beings against the injunctions of *śāstra*, sexual intercourse with another's wife—these three are bodily sins (*ibid* XII 7). Manu provides that bodily sins reduce a man to the state of a fixed object (tree &c.), vocal sins reduce him to the state of birds and beasts and mental sins to the lowest castes (Cāṇḍāla and the like). *Hārīta* (q. by Par. M)<sup>412</sup> speaks of 18 evil actions that lead to hell, of which six are mental, four vocal and the rest are bodily sins. Manu XII. 54-59 and 62-68, Yāj. III 131, 135-136, 207-208 and 213-215, Viṣṇu Dh. S. Chap. 44, Atri Chap. 45-44, 17-44 (in prose) state into what animals, trees and creepers sinners are born after undergoing hell torments. The statements of Yāj being concise are set out here. 'This soul enters into hundreds of bodies in this *samsāra*, viz. as one of the lowest castes, bird or fixed object (tree &c) on account of his lapses springing from the mind, speech and body (Yāj. III 131); a man who

412. सर्वमिदं यमक्षणमभोज्यमोजनमपेयपानमगम्यगमनमयाज्ययाजनमसत्त्वतिग्रहणं पर-  
द्वाराभिगमनं द्रव्यापहरणं प्राणिहिंसा चेति शारिताणि । पादमयमृत्तं विनादं छति-  
विक्रयश्चेति वाञ्छिकानि । परीपतायनं पराभिदोहः क्रोधो लोभो मोहोऽहङ्कारश्चेति मानसानि ।  
तदेतान्यष्टादश त्रैराणि कर्माणि... । हारित q. by परा. भा II part 2 pp 212-213.

tells lies, who is a back-biter, whose speech is harsh and who babbles what is irrelevant is reduced to being a bird or a beast (*ibid* III. 135); one who is addicted to misappropriating another's wealth and to sexual intercourse with another's wife, who injures another against *śāstric* rules is born as a fixed object; the murderer of a brāhmana becomes born in the body of a beast (deer &c), a dog, a pig or a camel; the drinker of *surā* is born as an ass, a *pukkasa* (one born from *śūdra* woman of a *nāsāda*), or a *vena* (one born of an *Ambastha* woman from a *vaidhaka*); the thief of gold reaches the state of a worm, an insect (an ant &c) or a moth and one guilty of incest becomes grass, a bush or a creeper (Yāj. III 207-208). On stealing leafy vegetables one is born as a peacock, on stealing perfumes one is born as a *chuchundarī* (musk-rat), the thief of corn, of a vehicle, fruits, water, milk, domestic utensils (like pestle), honey, flesh, a cow, fire, cloth, juice (of sugarcane or the like) and salt is born respectively as a mouse, a camel, a monkey, a *plava* (duck), a crow, a sparrow, bee, vulture, *godhā* (iguana), crane, a man suffering from white leprosy, a dog, *chī* (cricket bird). The *Brahmapurāṇa* (chap 217 verses 37-110) contains a long disquisition on the different kinds of animal births that sinners of various kinds have to undergo. Vide also *Garudapurāṇa* (*Prētakhaṇḍa*) 260-88, *Agni* 371 30-32 (which latter states that the murderer of a brāhmana is born as a beast or deer or a dog, hog, or camel, the drinker of wine as an ass or *pukkasa* or *mleccha*, the thief of gold as a worm or pest or moth, one guilty of incest as grass or a bush).

It was believed in very ancient times that diseases were the consequences of sins<sup>413</sup>. In the *Atharvaveda* VIII. 7.3 plants are said to have destroyed from each limb the disease due to sin<sup>414</sup>. *Manu* XI. 49-52, *Vas.* 20.44, Yāj. III. 209-211, *Visṇu Dh. S* Chap 45, *Śatātapa* I. 3-11 and II. 1, 30, 32, 47, *Gautama-smṛti* in verse chap 20 and *Gautama* (in prose q by the *Mit* on Yāj. III. 216) or *Vṛddha-Gautama* (according to *Smṛtimuktāphala*

413 This belief is not confined to India. In the Gospel of St John (9 1-3) when a man blind from birth came before Jesus the disciples asked him 'who did sin, this man or his parents that he was born blind'. Jesus is said to have rejected that idea and performed a miracle by restoring to him his sight after applying to the man's eyes clay mixed with the spittle of Jesus and washing his eyes in a pool.

414. आपो अत्र दिव्या औषधयः । तास्ते यक्षमेनस्यमङ्गादङ्गादङ्गीनशन् ॥ अथर्व. VIII.7.3.

p. 861), Yama (q by Pr. M. p 9), Śaṅkha (q. by the Mitaksarā on Yāj. III. 216), Smṛtyarthasāra pp. 99-100 state the diseases and bodily defects from which sinners suffer after they are born as men. As a sample Yāj. III. 209-211 may be cited here; the murderer of a brāhmana suffers from Tuberculosis, a drinker of *surā* has black teeth, the thief of brāhmana's gold has diseased nails, one guilty of incest suffers from leprosy; the thief of food suffers from dyspepsia, one who stealthily learns without permission (or one guilty of plagiarism) is born dumb, one who mixes up inferior corn with superior corn is born with excessive limbs (with six fingers &c.), a backbiter is born with pus in the nose; a thief of oil is born as *tlapāyī* and one who falsely reports faults in others has a foetid breath. Yāj. III. 217 states that after reaping the consequences of their (evil) deeds (by falling into Hell and) by reaching the state of lower animals, sinners are born as human beings of a low order, poor and with condemned marks on the body; even medical works like the Carakasamhitā held the belief that diseases were the consequences of actions done in past lives (vide Sūtrasthāna, Chap. I 116),

The smṛtis are not in complete agreement about the diseases or bodily defects that sinners of various grades suffer. For example, though Vas 20 44 and Śaṅkha (q by Mit. on Yāj. III. 216) state that the murderer of a brāhmana suffers from leprosy, Manu XI. 49, Yāj III. 209, Visnu Dh. S 45. 3, Agni. 371. 32 aver that he suffers from phthisis. For want of space the long lists of the births as lower animals and the diseases and deformities from which sinners suffer contained in Śaṅkha, Hārta, Gautama, Yama and the Purāṇas quoted by the Mit. on Yāj III. 216, the Par M. II part 2 pp. 230-240, 242-272, Madanapārijāta pp 701-702, the Mahānava-karmavipāka are passed over here.

Āp. Dh. S (II. 1. 2. 6-7) states that a brāhmana, ksatriya or vaiśya sinner guilty of brāhmana murder, after undergoing the torments of Hell is born again respectively as a Cāṇḍāla, Paukasa and Vaina and that other sinners who have become outcasts by their sins are born on account of these as certain animals (like pigs) Similarly, Manu XII. 61 provides that one who from greed steals precious stones, pearls, corals and jewels of various kinds is born as a goldsmith.

Although the word *Karman* is ordinarily employed to denote good as well as evil actions still in the section on penances the word 'Karman' prominently presents to the mind the idea of evil deeds. Hence *Karmavipāka* means the ripening (or fruition) of evil actions or sins. This fruition takes three forms, as stated in the *Yogasūtra*<sup>415</sup> II 13, viz *jāti* (birth as a worm or animal &c), *āyuh* (life i. e. living for a short period such as five or ten years) and *bhoga* (experiencing the torments of Hell &c). The word *Karmavipāka* appears to have been known to Yāj. III 131 (*vipākaḥ karmanām pretya keśām cid-īha jāyate*) and it occurs frequently in the *Purāṇas* (e. g. in *Brahma-purāṇa* 224 41, 225 43 and 59, *Matsya* 115 14 &c). The *Pr. Sāra* pp. 219-231 contains probably the longest treatment of *Karmavipāka*. The doctrine of *Karmavipāka* was well known to the Buddhist philosopher Nāgārjuna, who in his *Ratnāvalī* refers to it<sup>416</sup>. The Buddhist *Avadānaśāstakas* also refer to the doctrine of *Karmavipāka*. Vide also *Suttanipāṭa* (S. B. E. vol 10 part 2) p. 38 and S. B. E. vol 21 p. 130 (*Saddharma-pundarika*). In some medical works also such as the *Hārītasamhitā* it is said that the murderer of a brāhmana suffers from white leprosy and the killer of a cow from black leprosy; a regicide suffers from phthisis, and the destroyer of a park from dysentery &c.<sup>417</sup>. In the *Vivāgasuyam* (*Vipākaśrutam*), which is the 11th *āṅga* of the *Jaina-āgama* and an edition of which was brought out by Dr. P. L. Vaidya (in 1933) we have stories of persons who suffered from evil diseases owing to their committing evil deeds in former lives and other stories of the fruits of good deeds.

The doctrine based upon the implications of *Manu* XII<sup>418</sup>, 3, 9 and 54 and Yāj. III. 206 was that it is human beings alone (and not lower animals like tigers &c.) that have to experi-

415 सति मूले तद्विपाको जात्याद्युभौगः । योगसूत्र II 13. The ब्रह्मसूत्र 217 40 illustrates both *jāti* and *āyuh* viz. 'एतितं याजयित्वा तु कृमियोनिं प्रजायते । तत्र जीवति वर्षाणि दश पञ्च च भो हिजा ॥'

416, Vide JRAS for 1934 p 307 at p 311 for the views of नागार्जुन on कर्मविपाक Verse 14 is हिंसया जायतेऽपायुर्बद्धावाधो विहिंसया । चौर्येण भोगस्यसनी सशत्रु परदारिकाः ॥

417. Vide Journal Asiatique (Paris) for 1934, pp 125-139 for the text of the हारीतसंहिता 'ब्रह्मघ्नो जायते पाण्डु छुष्टी गोवधकारकः । राजघ्नो राजयक्ष्मी स्यादारामघ्नोऽस्तिशारवान् ॥ स्वाम्यङ्गनाभिगमने मेहरोगा भवन्ति हि । शुक्रायायसङ्गेन मूत्ररोगाश्मरीगद ॥ स्वकुलजायसङ्गेन जायते च भगन्दर । शूली परोपतापी च पैशुन्याच्छ्वासकासिनः ॥ verses 12-14 at p 134.

418. कर्मजा गतयो नृणामुत्तमाधममध्यमा ॥ मनु XII, 3, शरीरज्ञैः कर्मदेवैर्यति श्यावरता नरः । मनु XII, 9,

ence in Heaven and Hell the consequences of their deeds. The Viṣṇudharmottara explicitly states so<sup>419</sup>.

The Mit. (on Yāj. III. 216), the Smṛtyarthasāra, Par. M., Pr. Sāra and other works state that the disquisition on Karmavipāka<sup>420</sup> is merely an *arthavāda*, that it is not to be taken literally, but is meant to induce sinners to undergo such prāyaścittas as Prājāpatya which entail great worry and trouble and which no one might willingly undertake. The Mit. points out that the description of the diseases (like pthisis) is not intended for requiring those who suffer from them to undergo the penances for twelve years or the like nor for inducing people to avoid contact with such persons, that śiṣtas do not avoid contact with those who have bad nails, that in the case of such persons the disease or defect is the last result of what little sin remained attached to them and that by the very fact of their having the disease or defect mentioned in the texts they become free from the last remnants of their sins and therefore they do not stand in need of any further penance and as their sin is finally removed by suffering the disease or defect their fitness for being allowed to mix among people is established.

The teaching of the works on Karmavipāka, though dismal and terrifying, comes to this that no soul need be without hope provided it is prepared to wait and undergo torments for its misdeeds, that it need not be appalled by the numerous existences foreshadowed in those works and that the soul may in its long passage and evolution be ultimately able to discover its true greatness and realize eternal peace and perfection.

Manu XII. 69 (almost the same as Viṣṇu Dh. S. 44.45 and Garuḍapurāṇa II. 2. 89) states that women guilty of the sin of theft become the wives of men who are guilty of the same offences.

VĀMANAPURĀṆA, chap. 12 is called *Karmavipāka* and Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa chap. 15 treats of the same subject. The

419 मनुष्याः प्रतिपद्यन्ते स्वर्गं नरकमेव वा । नैकान्ये यणिनः केचित्सर्वे ते फलभोजिनः ॥  
शुभानामशुभानां च कर्मणां भूयुनन्दन । सञ्जय. क्रियते लोके मनुष्यैरेव केवलम् ॥ तस्मान्  
मनुष्यस्तु द्युतो यमलोको ग्रथ्यते । नान्य माणी महाभाग फलयोनी व्यवस्थितः ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर-  
पुराण II, 102 4-6 q. by परा न्त. II, part 2 pp. 208-209, या. सार p. 215 (after  
affirming मनुष्याणामेव शुभाशुभकर्मफलोपभोगः ).

420. इदानीन्तनपापिनां प्रायश्चित्तोन्मुखत्वायै पूर्वजन्मकर्मविपाका दर्शिताः । स्मृत्यर्थ-  
सार p. 100; ननु नार्य विपाको विधातुं अतिषेद्धं वा शक्यतेऽनद्युपेयत्वाद्बर्जनीयत्वाच्च । अतः  
श्रुतेस्तस्मिन्निषेधपरे शास्त्रे तन्निरूपणमनुक्तम् । नार्य दोषः । प्रायश्चित्तायैवाद्वात्वेन तदुपयो-  
गाद् ..अत्र च राजापःपायदण्डानरूपस्य प्रायश्चित्तस्य वैशात्मकत्वाद्वागव. प्रवृत्तिर्न सम्भवतीति  
तत्र प्रवृत्तिरूपे प्रतीचना कर्तव्या । परा न्त. II. part 2 pp. 206-207,

Varāhapurāṇa (chap. 203 21 ff) expatiates at length upon the topic how sinners endure torments in Hell for innumerable years, how after their evil deeds have been almost wiped out they become human beings suffering from various diseases or deformities.

In the Mahārṇava-karmavipāka of Māṇḍhātṛ it is stated that there are two means of destroying the consequences of (evil) actions, viz kṛcchra (penances) and the reversal (or remedies) against diseases<sup>421</sup>. The latter consists in making golden images of the sun (as the superintending deity of good health) and of the deity of a disease and offering worship to both these in a *mandapa* on a raised *vedikā* (platform). The work expatiates at length on the Vedic verses employed according to Āśvalāyana and the Taittiriya Śākhā for *ghosa-śānti* (propitiatory ceremonies with loud recitation of Vedic mantras); the worship of the sun with Vedic mantras and of the planets, the offerings of *āhuts*, the Rudraikāśāśī, Mahārudra (11 times as many as the preceding) and Atirudra, repeating the thousand names of Viṣṇu, Vināyaka-śānti (as laid down by Yāj. I. 271-294), Navagraha-yajña in which it assigns each planet to some country and some gotra<sup>422</sup>. It also prescribes how for the removal of particular diseases particular *dānas* may be given (such as *Kadalidāna* i. e. manufacturing a kadali plant from one *pala* of gold and donating it). It deals with the gifts of the images of all diseases supposed to be incurable and quotes Śātaṭapa II. 47-48 in connection with the removal of *rājayaksmā* (phthisis). It deals at length with fevers and other diseases and bodily defects such as greenish or cat-like eyes, deafness &c. But the detailed treatment of all these matters is passed over here from considerations of space, and also for the reason that these prescriptions are now either hardly believed in by people or hardly ever performed.

421. अथ कर्मक्षयोपायो कृच्छ्रव्याधिर्विपर्ययो । तत्राथ व्याधिविपर्यय इत्यनेन व्याधि प्रतिकृतिदानं वक्ष्यत इति ।.. प्रतिमा द्विमकारा अधिदेवता देवतात्मिका च । आतङ्को देवता तत्र तत्र पूज्याधिदेवता प्रायेण सूर्यं सर्वथा रोगाणामधिदेवता-आरोग्य भास्कराविच्छेत्-इति प्ररूपा क्षतिं सृजति । तत्र व्याधिप्रतिमायामातङ्कनाम्नी देवता भवति । महार्णवे folios 33b and 34a, रोगप्रतिमादाने सर्वत्र सूर्यं एवाधिदेवता व्याधिदेवता च भिन्ना व्याधीना भिन्नत्वात् । अतश्च जलरोगादिषु वरूणादयो देवता भवन्तीति । *ibid* folio 44a

422. 'ओं धूर्ध्वं स्व कलिङ्गदेशोद्भव काश्यपसगोत्र सूर्यं इहागच्छेत्यावाह्य इह तिष्ठेति एकपुष्पाक्षतैः स्थापयेत् । ओं धूर्ध्वं स्व, अवन्तीसमुद्भव भरद्वाजसगोत्र भौम इहागच्छेत्यावाह्य ..स्थापयेत् । ओं स्व मागधदेशोद्भव आत्रेयसगोत्र इध इहागच्छे... । महार्णवे, folio 157 b.

## SECTION II

*ANTYEŠTI* (rites after death), *ŠUDDHI* (purification from impurity due to death, birth and other causes)

### CHAPTER VII

#### ESCHATOLOGY

What happens after death to a human being (which is the subject matter of Eschatology) has been a great mystery that has intrigued and baffled mankind in all ages and was a question of vital importance among almost all ancient peoples such as the Indians, Egyptians, Chaldeans, Greeks and Persians. The word Eschatology is derived from a Greek term meaning 'last things' and is applied to the study of opinions that men have held from time to time concerning the future, including such matters as the state of man after life on this earth and the end of the world. It exercises a great fascination over most people and speculation on it can be carried on endlessly. Every religion has its own eschatology. There are two aspects of Eschatology; one is concerned with the destiny of the individual after death, immortality of the soul, sin and punishment, the meaning and content of 'Heaven' and 'Hell'; the other aspect of eschatology has relation to the whole universe, its creation, destination and renovation, and the ultimate end of all things. The first aspect and matters relevant to it from the ancient Indian point of view will be dealt with in this section and the second aspect of Eschatology is reserved for treatment in a later section. In ancient works far more emphasis was laid on the first than on the second, while modern men with a more or less scientific outlook and attitude are inclined to think more of the second aspect.

Death has been generally looked upon with feelings of awe and terror, though there were men (often philosophically minded) who looked upon it as a blessing and as a release of the spirit from the shackles imposed upon the latter by the body. The terror of death was in many cases due not so much to the pain

caused at the time of death but rather to the mystery that surrounds what happens after death and to the thoughts about what the survivors would have to undergo. It is said by C. E. Vulliamy in his work 'Immortal man' (p. 2): 'although the idea of that life (ghostly life) ranges from the most dismal and horrible fantasies to the most sublime imaginations, the fundamental thought is always the same, the body dies but not the spirit'. There were several attitudes adopted by primitive as well as civilized people towards death. In the Kathopanishad we read (I.1.20) 'When a man dies there is a doubt, some saying that there is survival after the death of the body and some denying any survival' and Naciketas requests the dreaded God Yama to solve this doubt. There are several beliefs<sup>422a</sup> even among those who hold that there is survival after death. Some say that there is a world of the dead to which whatever survives goes after death. Others believe that the surviving part goes to Heaven or Hell according as the man has been virtuous or sinful in his life on earth. Others believe in transmigration and re-incarnation. Several of the great writers in ancient Greece believed in this last doctrine, as Pindar (in second Olympian Ode), Plato (in Phaedrus and Timaeus) and Herodotus (II. 123) indicate.

The Brahmapurāṇa (chap. 214 verses 34-39) sets out the persons to whom death is happy and easy and not a source of misery and sorrow. A few may be mentioned here. - 'He who did not tell lies, he who did not prove false to affection or friendship, who is an *āstika* (a believer in God and the life to come), who is devoted to the worship of gods and the honouring of brāhmanas, he who does not bear malice to anyone—these have a happy death.' Similarly, the Anusāsanaparva of the Mahābhārata (chap. 104. 11-12, chap. 144 49-60) states at length the causes of premature death and of long life. Some of them may be translated here. 'Those who are atheists, do not perform the acts (or sacrifices) proper for them, violate the (dictates of) elders and of śāstras, who do not know what *dharma* is and are evil-doers are short-lived. Those who have no character, who always break all rules of conduct, who have promiscuous sexual intercourse become short-lived and go to Hell. One who is not irritable by temper, speaks the truth, does not cause injury to beings, who bears no malice to any one and who is not crooked—these live for a hundred years' (104. 11-12 and 14).

<sup>422a</sup>. Compare C. E. Vulliamy's 'Immortal man' (p. 11).



Several works specify the signs indicative of the approach of death. The Śāntiparva of the Mahābhārata (chap. 318. 9-17), Devala quoted in the Moksakāṇḍa of the Kalpataru (pp. 248-250, about 20 verses), the Vāyupurāṇa (chap. 19 verses 1-32), the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa 43. 1-33 (chap. 40 verses 1-33, Venkatesvara Press ed.), Lingapurāṇa (pūrvārdha chap. 91) and other Purāṇas contain long lists of the signs of approaching death. It is impossible for want of space to set out in detail these signs. But the gist of a few verses is mentioned by way of sample. The Śāntiparva (chap. 318) states that a man who is not able to see the star of Arundhati which he could formerly see, nor the pole-star nor the full moon, nor his own reflection in another man's eye has only one year to live; he has only a span of six months of life left to him who sees the orb of the moon with a hole in it; a man has only seven days left of life who sees a hole pierced in the orb of the Sun, who smells the odour of a corpse when fragrant substances are near; when the nose and ears bend down, when his teeth and eyes become discoloured, when there is loss of consciousness, and loss of bodily heat, when smoke emerges from the crown of the head, when the left eye begins to ooze moisture all of a sudden—these are indications of the immediate approach of death. Devala states indications that prognosticate life for only one year, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 months, one month, half a month, 12 days, 4 days, 3 days, 2 days and winds up by saying that one who cannot hear the humming sound in his ear (when closed with fingers) or cannot see the light in the eye is going to die immediately. The Vāyupurāṇa (19.28) and Lingapurāṇa 91.30 regard the last two as the worst indications of approaching death<sup>423</sup>. The Lingapurāṇa (pūrvabhāga chap. 91.24) states that he who cannot see his own reflection in another's eye will not live. There is an interesting paper by Dr R.G. Harshe in the Munshi Diamond Jubilee volume (pp. 246-268) where the learned writer gives the text of two mss. on the prognostications derived from dreams e. g. if a man sees an ass in a dream he is sure to die, or if he sees an old maid then it is an indication of danger, disease and death (p. 251) or if he sees a trident death is indicated (p. 254).

423. इहैवात्र परमेश्वरिणे एतद्वृत्तं परं भवेत् । घोषं न शृणुयात्कर्णे ज्योतिर्नैत्रे न पश्यति ॥ वायुपुराण 19.27 ; नर्तनं वा अनर्तनं दृष्ट्वा विद्यान्मृत्युं श्रुत्वा विदितम् । लिङ्गपुराण (पूर्वभाग 91 19).

When a man is sinking and is almost on the point of death it was and even now is the practice in many parts of India to take the dying man down from the bedstead and place him on a bed spread on the earth<sup>424</sup>. For example, the Kausika-sūtra (80 3) prescribes<sup>425</sup>: When the man is losing all strength, he (the son or other attending relative) spreads *kuśas* on the grass growing in the shed and takes him down (from the bedstead) with the *mantra* 'syonāsmāi bhava' (mayst thou be good to this man, Oh Earth). The Baud P S III 1 18 says that sand should be spread on the ground in the sacrificial shed when it is feared that the sacrificer is dying and *darbha* grass should be strewn on the sand with the sharp ends turned to the south and the dying man should be placed thereon and one (son or the like) should repeat in his right ear the *anuvāka* beginning with 'āyusah prānam santanu'. The Gobhīlasmṛti III 22 and later works like the Pitrdayita provide the same procedure.

Medieval digests like the Śuddhiprakāśa (pp 151-152) state that when a person is moribund, has half closed his eyes and is taken down on the ground (from a bedstead), his son or other relative should make him give one or more of ten gifts viz of cows,<sup>426</sup> land, sesame, gold, clarified butter, clothes, grain, jaggery, silver, salt. These gifts are superior even to a śrāddha performed at Gayā or to even hundreds of Āśvamedhas. The

424. In Europe a very widespread custom is to take a dying man out of bed and to lay him on the earth or on straw. Vide Prof Edgerton's very exhaustive article on 'the Hour of Death' in Annals of the Bhandarkar O.R. Institute, vol. VIII pp 219-249.

425. दुर्बलीममृतं कालातुगेषु दुर्भानास्तीर्य स्योनास्मै भवेत्स्वरोहयति। मन्त्रोक्तावधु-  
मन्त्रपते। यत्ते कृष्णैस्वर्दीपयति। कीशिक 80 3-5. अथर्व 18.2-19 is 'स्योनास्मै भव  
पुष्टिपदक्षरा निवेक्षनी। यच्छास्मै शर्म समया॥' ऋ I 22 15 and वाज सं 36 13 are  
almost the same, reading स्योना पृथिवि भवापदक्षरा and स्योना पुष्टिर् नो भवा  
respectively; vide निरुक्त 9.32 for explanation of this verse. The मितृदयिता  
(p 74) states यदा कण्ठस्थानगतजीवा विद्रलो देही भवति तदा बहिर्गोमयेनोपलिताया भूमौ  
कुशादक्षिणाद्यानास्तैर्यं तदुपरि दक्षिणशिरसि स्थापयित्वा सुवर्णरजतगोधूमिदीपतिलपान्नाणि  
दापयेत्। गोमिलस्युति III 22 'दुर्बल स्नापयित्वा तु शुद्धचैलाभिसहृतम्। दक्षिणाशिरसि  
भूमौ बहिष्मत्वा निवेशयेत्॥'

426 दानानि च जातुकर्ण्य आह। उत्कान्तिवैतरण्यौ च दश दानानि चैव हि। प्रेतोऽपि  
कृत्वा तं प्रेत श्वधर्मण दाहयेत्। दश दानानि च तेनैवोक्तानि। गोधूमतिलहिरण्यव्याघासीधान्य-  
शुक्लानि च। रूपं लवणनिर्याहुर्दश दानान्यष्टकमात्॥ शुद्धिप्रकाश p 152, for a similar  
verse about ten dānas vide गर्वद्व. (प्रेतखण्ड) 44. An Inscription of  
Vikramāditya, a chief-tan under the Kalachuri king Sankama (published in  
E I vol XIX pp 230) records the gifts of land, coins, house and gold on  
the occasion of the prāyāścitta in honour of his deceased father.

*sankalpa* (verbal declaration of the gift) is made in the words 'I shall make ten gifts for the attainment of heaven (*abhyudaya*), or for the removal of all sins'. After the ten *dānas*, a cow with a calf should be donated if possible <sup>427</sup> (this cow being called *utkrānti-dhenu* 'a cow donated in view of death') and then another cow called *Vaitarani* with gold (or two pieces of cloth &c) should be donated. The *Antyestipaddhati* and the *Sūddhi-prakāśa* (pp. 152-153) set out all the mantras (not vedic) that are to be recited at the time of making the several gifts, which (mantras) are passed over here for want of space. The *Antyestipaddhati*, the *Antyakarmadipaka* and other works prescribe that when a person is near death, his son or other relative should make him perform *Vratodyāpana*, *sarvaprāyaścitta* and the gift of ten *dānas* or if the dying man is unable to do these himself, the son or the other relative should perform these and give the merit thereof to the dying man. A person often resolves upon observing certain *vratas*, but fails to carry out all the details of those *vratas* to the end. The *Vratodyāpana* for the dying man is meant to cure all such unfinished *vratas*. The A. K. D. (pp. 3-4) has a long note about the performance of *vratodyāpana*. Briefly it comes to this. The son or other relative having brought about the purity of the dying man's body by a bath or by sprinkling it with holy water (*mārjana*) or by making him drink Ganges water, having himself taken a bath and performed his daily duties (of *sandhyā*), having lighted a lamp, having bowed to Ganeśa and prayed to god Viṣṇu, having placed before him the materials of worship and having repeated the usual *sankalpa* (see note <sup>428</sup>), he should honour a *brāhmana*

427 आसन्नमृत्युना देया गौः सवत्सा तु पूर्ववत् । तदभावे तु गौरेव नरकोत्तरणाव वै । तदा यदि न शक्नोति दातुं वैतरणीं तु गाय । शक्नोत्यथोऽकू तदा दत्त्वा दद्याच्छेवो सुतस्य च ॥ न्यास. q. by शुद्धितत्त्व p 300, शुद्धिमकाश p 153. अ. क. दी. p 7. पूर्ववत् means हेमशङ्करादिना. The गण्डपुराण (मैत्रेय) 4 6 says 'नदीं वैतरणीं तद्वै दद्याद्वैतरणीं च गाय । कुण्डलसुती सक्तुणाद्वै सा वै वैतरणी स्मृता ॥' The idea was that at the door of यम there was a river called वैतरणी, full of blood and sharp weapons and that there those who donated a cow at the time of death cross that terrible river by holding the cow's tail, vide स्कन्दपुराण VI 226 32-33 for वैतरणी and verse 34 is 'मृत्युकाले प्रपच्छन्ति ये धेनुं ब्राह्मणाय वै ॥ तस्या. पुच्छं समाश्रित्य ते तरन्ति च तां हृष ॥'. The आङ्गिरस of लक्ष्मीपति prescribes two mantras at the time of donating the वैतरणी cow, one of which is उच्छेदं वर्धति शीते वा मारुते धाति वा शुशाम् । दातारं प्रायते यस्मात्तस्माद्वैतरणी स्मृता ॥.

428. अत्र शुचिण्या जम्बूद्वीपे भरतखण्डे आर्यावर्तकदेशे विष्णोराज्ञया प्रवर्तमानस्य ब्राह्मणो द्वितीयपरार्धे...अशुकगोत्रः...अशुकशर्माहं ममात्मनः. (मम पित्रादेः)

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already invited and should give to him the gold (or silver) set apart for the purpose and the brāhmana should pronounce the words "May all vratas be fulfilled! May there be the attainment of the fruits of *udyūpana* (accomplishment of vrata)". In the *sarvaprāyaścitta* the son approaches 4 or 3 learned men or one man knowing *adhyātma* (metaphysics) and offers the substitutes (of gold &c.) for sins that involve penances for 6, 3 or 1½ years or makes a declaration and performs the *prāyaścitta*, after the days of impurity.

The *sarvaprāyaścitta* was to be performed by the dying man or by his son or other relative who was to shave himself, take a bath, drink *pañcagavya*, honour a brāhmana with sandal paste and other things; after having honoured the cow or the money to be paid in lieu of it, and after referring to the several kinds of sins that one may be guilty of (vide note 429) he is to make a gift of a cow (with a calf) to the brāhmana or in lieu of it, of some money. After *sarvaprāyaścitta* come the ten *dānas* stated above. In the *dānas* the *Kāmastuti* 430 as studied by the followers of each veda was to be recited. The *Garudapurāṇa* (II. 4. 7-9) further prescribes other *dānas* called *mahā-dānas* viz., of sesame, iron, gold, cotton, salt, seven kinds of corn, land and cows when a man is dying and also other gifts called *padadānas* such as of umbrella, sandals, ring, water-jar, seat, food. The *Garudapurāṇa* (II. 4. 37) further provides that if a man about to die takes *sannyāsa* according to the rules laid

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अतश्च षण्णविवसादारम्य अद्य यावत्कलाभिलाषादिश्रुतीनां निष्कामतया गृहीतानां च अमुकाशुक्रवसानामश्रुतीयापनयोपरिहारार्थं श्रुतिस्मृतिपुराणोक्ततद्ब्रतजन्मपापफलप्रत्ययै विष्णवादीनां तत्तद्देवानां जीतये इदं सुवर्णमग्निदेवतं (तदभावे इदं रजतं चन्द्रदेवतं) अमुक- गोत्रायाः शुक्रवर्णने ब्राह्मणाय द्वाये औ तत्सद्व न मम इति सकृत्कृत्य etc. अ. क. बी. p. 4 -

429. देशकालौ संकीर्त्य मम (मत्पित्रादेर्वा) ज्ञाताज्ञातकामाकामसकृद्वसकृत्कृतकायि- कवाचिकमानसिकसंसारिणकस्पृष्टास्पृष्टशुक्लाशुक्लपितापितृसकलपातकानुपातकोपपातकलज्जपातक- सकृत्करणमलिनीकरणपात्रीकरणजातिभ्रंशकरमकीर्णकादिनानाविधपातकानां निरासेन देश- बसानकाले देहशुद्धिद्वारा औपरनेश्वरमीत्यर्थमिमा सर्वमायश्चित्तमरयन्मरणपथं प्रधाशक्यपल- कृतां सर्वसां गो ब्रह्मदेवतामशुक्रगोत्रायाः शुक्रवर्णने ब्राह्मणाय तुभ्यमहं संमद्वे औ तत्सद्व न मम। अ. क. बी. p. 5 अन्योऽपि of नारायण has also the words ज्ञाताज्ञात पातकानां निरासार्थं.

430. क इदं कस्मा अवात्काम कामायावाद्। कामो ज्ञाता काम मतिमहीतः। काम- सद्युग्रमाविर्देहः। कामेन त्वा मतिरुह्नामि कामैतत्से। अधर्ववेद III. 29.7, तै. ब्रा. II. 2. 5.9 (where this *Kāmastuti* is explained) and Tai. Ā. III. 10. This *Kāmastuti* occurs in many ceremonies (such as marriage, adoption etc.). Vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 1069, and आश्व. श्रौ. V. 13, 15 (which reads कामं सद्युग्रमाविर्देहं) and आप. श्रौ. 14.11.2.

down for what is called *āturasannyāsa* he never returns to the cycle of births and deaths.

From ancient times it was a firmly held belief that the thoughts that a dying man entertains at the time of death determine what will happen to his spirit after physical death (this is expressed in the well-known words 'ante matih sā gatiḥ'), that therefore a man should, when death approaches, give up all thoughts of mundane affairs and all earthly attachments, should think of his favourite deity (Hari or Śiva), should inaudibly recite such *mantras* as 'om namo Vāsudevāya'. Several texts insist on making the dying man listen to holy Vedic texts. The Gautamapitr-medhasūtra (I. 1-8) prescribes that one should at the time when one's father, mother, brother, teacher or a brāhmaṇa friend is on his death-bed make the dying man hear the first and last verses of the Veda and certain *sāmāns* and should mutter in the dying man's right ear (one *sāman*) The R̥gvidhāna provides that one should repeat at the time of death the *sūkta* beginning with 'trātāram' <sup>431</sup> (?)

The Hir. P. S. I. 1 provides that when it is thought that the *āhūtāgm* is going to die, he (the son or the like) should mutter in the dying man's ear (if he is a knower of Brahma) the two *anuvākas* of the Tai. Up. II. 1 (beginning with 'brahmavidāpnoti param') and III. 1 (beginning with 'Bhrgurvai vārūṇiḥ'). The A. K. D. (p. 18) says <sup>432</sup> that if the dying man is unable to engage in *japa* he should revolve in his mind the benign form of Viṣṇu or Śiva and should listen to the thousand names (of Viṣṇu or Śiva), the Bhagavadgītā, the Bhāgavata, Bhārata, Rāmāyana, the Upanisads like Īśāvāsya and hymns to Soma.

431. त्रातारमिति सूक्तं तु अन्तकाले सदा पठेत् । जपत्वा चैव परं स्थानममृतत्वाय कल्पते । ऋग्विधानं q in शुद्धिप्रकाश p 154 The अन्येष्टिपद्धति of नारायणभट्ट (Nr. edition, pothi size p. 163 b) reads नानानमिति : स्थानममृतत्वं स गच्छतीति ऋग्विधानवचनात् ॥ The R̥gvidhāna edited by Jagadīśh Shastri reads (III. 19-20) नानानमिति सूक्तानि अन्तकाले जपेत्सकृत् । नानान is the first verse of Rg IX 112. It is likely that the editor of शुद्धिप्रकाश misreads नानानमिति as त्रातारमिति, since त्रातारम् is not a sūkta (hymn) but only one stanza in a hymn.

432. जपेऽसमर्थश्चेद् दृश्ये चतुर्भुजं शङ्खचक्रगदापद्मधरं पीताम्बरकिरीटकेयूरकौस्तुभ-वनमालाधरं रमणीयरूपं विष्णुं विशुद्धमरुधरं चन्द्रचूडं त्रिनेत्रं गङ्गाधरं शिवं वा भावयन् सहस्रनामगीताभागवतभारतारामायणेशावास्याद्युपनिषदः पाठमानादीनि सूक्तानि च यथासम्भवं श्रुत्वात् । अ. क. वी. p. 18. For विष्णुसहस्रनामं vide अनुशासनपर्व 149 14-120 and अनुशासन 17.31-153 for 1008 names of शिव, vide also ज्ञान्तिपर्व 285, 74 ff.

The germs of this idea are found even in the Upanisads. The Chāndogya Up. (in the famous Śāndilya-vidyā, III, 14, 1) remarks 'All this is Brahman. A man should meditate on that (all this) as beginning, ending and subsisting in it (Brahman). Now man is a creature of his will. According to whatever is his will (or thought) in this world, so will he become after departing from this world.'<sup>433</sup> The Prasna Up. III, 10 contains a similar idea. It is here asserted that it is thought power or the will that raises the soul higher and higher, and that the human mind should try to realize the idea that behind all physical transformations the Universe is one and is informed by one all-pervading Essence. Similarly, the Bhagavadgītā puts this idea in a much more clear way. 'The man, who remembering me alone in his last moments, departs from this life, comes to me, there is no doubt about this' (8. 5). But in order to guard against the possible inference that it is only the thoughts at the approach of death that matter whatever the past life led by a dying man may have been, the next verse emphasizes that a man's spirit is engrossed by the thoughts that he has entertained throughout life and that a man can think of spiritual matters or about God at the time of death only if he has been thinking about such matters or about God throughout his life. That verse (8.6) is 'whichever form (or thing) a man remembers when he leaves the body at death, to that alone he goes, having been always (throughout his life) engrossed in meditating over it'

Some of the digests, on the authority of several Purāṇas, prescribe that the dying man should be taken, if possible, near a holy place (*tirtha*) such as the Ganges. For example, the Suddhitattva<sup>434</sup> (p 299) quotes a passage from the Kūrmapurāṇa to this effect 'a man attains *mokṣa* (final release from *samsāra*) by dying in the waters of the Ganges, on land or in water at

433. सर्वं स्वचित्त्वं ब्रह्म तज्जलानिति ज्ञानं उपासीताय खलु क्रतुमयः पुरुषो यथाकतुरस्मिँल्लोकि पुरुषो भवति तथैव मेत्य भवति स क्रतु कुर्वीत। छा उप III. 14. 1. अन्तकाले च मामेव स्मरन्मुक्त्वा कलेवरम्। यः प्रयाति स मद्भावं याति नास्त्यत्र संशयः॥ यः यः वापि स्मरन्भावं त्यजत्यन्ते कलेवरम्। त तमेवेति कीन्तेय सदा तद्भावंभावितः॥ भगवद्गीता 8.5-6, vide शाङ्करभाष्य on वे सू I 2.1 for the explanation of तज्जलान् and on वे सू IV. 1.12 for quoting the छा. उप and भगवद्गीता 8. 5-6.

434. कूर्मपुराणम्। गङ्गाया च जले मोक्षो वारणस्या जले स्थले। जले स्थले चान्तरिक्षे गङ्गासागरसङ्गमे॥ तथा (स्कन्दे)। तीराद्व्युत्तिमात्रं तु परितः क्षेत्रमुच्यते। अत्र ज्ञानं जपो ह्योमो गङ्गाया नाम संशयः। अत्रस्थानिदिव यान्ति ये मृता न पुनर्भवाः। शुद्धितत्त्व pp 299, 300, शुद्धिप्रकाश p 155, गच्छति is equal to two क्रोशः.

Vārānasi (Benares) and at the confluence of the Ganges with the sea either on land, in water or in the air.' Another passage to the same effect is quoted from the 'Skanda-purāna and it is further said in the same Purāna that for one *gavyūti* from the banks of the Ganges is a *kṣetra* (holy place): 'gifts, *japa* (muttering of sacred texts), *homa* performed within this extent is equal to doing the same on the Ganges itself, those who die within this *kṣetra* go to heaven and are not born again.' In the Pujāratnākara<sup>435</sup> it is said: 'Hari is present wherever there is the Śālagrāma stone; one dying near a Śālagrāma stone reaches the highest abode of Visnu'. It was said that a person (even a non-Aryan) dying within one krosa of a Śālagrāma reaches Vaikuntha (world of Visnu). Similarly, one dying in a garden of *tulasī* (Basil) plants or with Tulasi leaf placed in his mouth at the time of death attains *mokṣa* even if guilty of crores of sins. These are popular notions held even up to this day among common people, not thoroughly affected by modern ideas.

There are also dicta about the time when it is best to die. The Śāntiparva of the Mahābhārata states 'he who dies after the sun has gone to the northern direction (i. e. when the apparent motion of the sun towards the north begins) and on any auspicious *nakṣatra* and *muhūrta* is really one who has a store of merit (with him)'<sup>436</sup>. This is based on the ideas of death in *Uttarāyana* and *Dakṣiṇāyana* found in the Upanisads. For example, the Chāndogya Up. (IV. 15. 5-6) states 'Now (if one who knows this dies) whether people perform obsequies for him or not he goes to light (*arcis*), from light to day, from day to the bright half of the moon, from thence to the six months during which the sun goes to the north, from the months to the year, from the year to the sun, from the sun to the moon, from the moon to

435. पूजार्त्नाकरे । शालग्रामशिला यत्र तत्र संनिहितो हरिः । तत्सन्निधौ त्यजेत् प्राणांश्च याति विष्णोः परं पदम् ॥ लिङ्गपुराणे । शालग्रामसमीपे तु कौशमात्रं समन्ततः । कीकटेऽपि सुतो याति वैकुण्ठभवनं नरः ॥ वैष्णवावृते व्यासः । तुलसीकानने जन्तोर्वादि मृत्युर्भवेत् कश्चित् । स निर्मलस्य नरं पापी ह्रीलयैव हरिं विक्षेत् ॥ भयाणकाले यस्यास्ये दीयते तुलसीदलम् । निर्वाणं याति पक्षीन्द्र पापकोटिदुतोऽपि सः ॥ छुद्धितत्त्व p. 299, छुद्धिप्रकाश p. 155. कीकट is the country of Magadha, which was regarded as a land beyond the pale of Aryanism in the Rgveda (III 53.14). Vide Nir VI 32 where the country of कीकट is said to be अनार्यनिवास. The छुद्धिप्रकाश reads कीटकीदपि (even a worm) for कीकटेऽपि, which is better, but might be an emendation.

436. आपञ्चे तुच्छां काष्ठां सूयं यो निधनं ब्रजेत् । नक्षत्रे च सुहर्ते च पुण्ये राजन् स सुपक्वः ॥ शान्तिपर्वे 298.23 q. by the शेषकाण्ड of कल्पतर्क p. 254.

lightning. There is a person who is not human that leads them to Brahman. This is the path of the Devas, the path that leads to Brahman. Those who proceed on that path do not return to the life of man, yes, *they do not return*'. There is a similar passage in Chāndogya Up. V. 10.1-2 where it is said that even householders who know the doctrine of the five fires (*Pañcāgni-vidyā*) and those who in the forest follow the path of faith and austerities (i. e. *vānaprasthas* and *parivrājakas* who do not yet know Highest Brahman) go by the path called Devayāna, while (V. 10. 3-7) those, who, living in a village, practise sacrifices, works of public utility and alms, go to smoke, from smoke to night, from night to the dark half of the moon, from thence to the six months when the sun goes to the south, from thence to the worlds of the fathers, from thence to ether (*ākāśa*) and to the moon, where they consume their works and return again the way they came. The Chān Up. (V. 10. 8) refers to a third place where small creatures (like flies, worms &c.) are continually going and returning. The Br. Up. (VI. 2. 15-16) contains similar passages about Devaloka, Pitrloka and the third world of worms, birds and creeping beings. The Bhagavadgītā, basing itself on these Upaniṣad passages, puts the matter succinctly (in 8.23-25) as follows:—'I shall state the times at which devotees departing from this world go, never to return or to return. The fire, the flame, the day, the bright fortnight, the six months of the northern (apparent) motion of the sun; departing from the world in these those who know the Brahman go to Brahman. Smoke, night, the dark fortnight, the six months of the southern (apparent) motion of the sun; dying in these the devotee goes to the lunar light and returns. These two paths, bright and dark, are deemed to be eternal in this world. By the one a man goes never to return, by the other he comes back'. The Vedāntasūtra (IV. 3. 4-6) explains that the words 'light' 'day' and others are not to be taken in their literal sense (i. e. as signposts or stages on the paths) but they are to be understood as referring to superintending deities that help the spirits and lead them on the path to the worlds of the Devas or of Pitr̥s (i. e. they are *ātīvāhikas* and *abhimānidevatās*). Śaṅkara on Vedāntasūtra IV. 2. 20 (*ataścāyanepi daksine*) explains that the waiting for the day of Uttarāyana on the part of Bhisma (narrated in the Mahābhārata) is only meant as a eulogy of the path called 'arcirādi', that one who has realized Brahma, even if he dies in dakṣiṇāyana, does secure the fruits of his knowledge (viz.



teaching Brahma), that Bhīṣma waited for the beginning of *uttarāyana* to abide by popular ideas and practices and to show that he possessed the power to depart from the world at his will owing to the boon conferred on him by his father. The Yājñavalkya-smṛti refers to the path (devayāna) <sup>437</sup> that leads to Devaloka (in III. 193-194, where it reads 'mānasah' for 'amānavah' of the Ch. Up.) and the Pitryāna (in III. 195-196). In spite of the interpretations of the Vedāntasūtra (and of Śāṅkara) the popular belief that death in Uttarāyana is best persisted and still persists. For example, the Baud. P.S. (II. 7. 21) remarks '(the sages) provide that death during the northern path of the sun, in the bright half of a month, during the day and at the end of a Śrauta sacrifice is best<sup>438</sup>.' The G. P. S. (II. 7.1-2) remarks: 'It is desirable to avoid dying in the dark half of a month or at night and the following sūtras provide for the offering of certain oblations if the death occurs in the dark half or at night.

**FUNERAL RITES** (antyeṣṭi) are a *saṁskāra*. Antyeṣṭi is one of the 16 (or more) *saṁskāras* of a twice-born person

437. The words 'devayāna' and 'pitryāna' are a legacy from the hoary past. Even in the Rg. there are frequent references to them. In Rg. III. 58.5 the Aśvins are addressed a prayer 'may you come here (to this sacrifice) by the paths leading to the abode of the gods' (eha yātam pathibhūrdevayānāḥ). Rg. VII. 38.8 also has a similar idea 'may you, being gratified, go by the devayāna paths' (trptā yātam pathibhūrdevayānāḥ). In Rg. VII. 76.2 (addressed to Usas) the sage Vasistha exclaims that he has seen the Devayāna paths when the dawn shone in the East (pra me panthā devayānā adṛśan). Agni is asked to make the devayāna paths easily accessible, and to carry the offerings in a pleased mood (Rg. X. 51.5, sugāṇ pathaḥ kṛnuhi devayānān vaha havyāni sumanasyamānāḥ). Rg. X. 98.11 describes Agni as knowing the devayāna paths according to the seasons and a prayer is offered to him to place Aulāna (son of Śāntanu) in heaven among the gods (vidvān patha ṛtuso devayānān-apyaulānam divi devesu dhehi). In Rg. X. 18.1 it is stated that the path of Death is different from devayāna (param mṛtyo anu pareḥ panthām yaste sva itaro devayānāt). In Rg. X. 2.7 Agni is said to know the pitryāna path (panthāmanu pra vidvān pitryānam). In the Tai. Br. II. 6.3.5 it is said 'I have heard of two paths of the Fathers; I have heard about the paths of the gods and mortals' (dve śrutī aśnavām pitṛām aham devānām-uta martyānām). The Śat. Br. I. 9.3.2 remarks 'this is the path called Devayāna or Pitryāna.' In the Br. Up. I.5.16 it is said 'there are indeed three worlds, viz. the world of men, the world of *pitṛs* and the world of gods'.

438 उद्वगपने आर्घ्यमाणक्षे दिवा कृत्वन्ते अथो सरणमित्युपदिशन्ति ॥ श्रौ. पि. सू. II. 7.21 (ed. by Dr. Shamsastri, Mysore).

performed with Vedic mantras according to Manu II. 16, Yāj. I. 10, Jātukarṇya<sup>439</sup>. These saṃskāras were formerly performed for women also (Āśv gr I. 15.12, I. 16.6, I. 17-11, Manu II. 66) but without Vedic mantras (except in marriage) and for sūdras also (Manu X. 127, Yāj I. 10) but without Vedic mantras. The Baud. P. S. III. 1.4 states that there are two saṃskāras of every human being and they are like a debt i.e. they must be performed, just as a debt must be discharged viz the saṃskāra on birth and the one on death (mṛtasamskāra). Funeral rites and rites after death varied according as the deceased was an ahiṭagni (one who had consecrated the śrauta fires) or one who had only kindled the smārta fire, or one who had neither the śrauta fires nor the smārta fire, or a woman, a child, an ascetic (*parivrājaka*), or one dying in a distant land or one dying by accident or committing suicide &c. The śrauta and grhya-sūtras differ among themselves in many details even on the same topic and the procedure becomes more elaborate in medieval and later times. It would be impossible to state all the differences on each topic in this section. A separate volume would have to be written for the purpose of setting out all the variations and additions from ancient times to modern times, to discuss why and how they arose or were made, to compare the various sūtras and to compare these again with the purāṇas and medieval digests, and to appraise their worth or usefulness. All that can be attempted here is to give the bare outlines of the procedure in different sūtras, smṛtis and digests by way of sample in a chronological order. The Nirṇayasindhu (p. 569) expressly says that the last rites differ in each Śākha, though certain things are common to all<sup>439a</sup>. Chronological conclusions have been drawn about the relative ages of the sūtras (as Dr. Caland does), of the smṛtis, purāṇas and nibandhas from the presence or absence of this or that detail or the elaboration of this or that ritual. But with all respect to the industrious scholars of the West such conclusions are often tentative or misleading and are purely subjective in many cases and are often due to ignorance or loss of ancient works.

439. निवेकादिस्मशानान्तो मन्त्रैर्यस्योदितो विधिः । तस्य शास्त्रेयिकापोऽस्मिन्नेषो नान्यस्य कस्यचित् ॥ मनु II. 16, ब्रह्मसूत्रियादिशूद्रा वर्णास्त्वाद्यास्तयो द्विजाः । निवेकाद्याः स्मशानान्तास्तेषां वै मन्त्रतः क्रियाः ॥ या I. 10, आधानयुससोमन्त्रजातगामाश्चोदकाः । मौखी व्रतानि गोदानं समावर्तविवाहकाः ॥ अन्यं चैतानि कर्माणि श्रोत्र्यन्ते बोधशैव द्वे ॥ आदुर्गुण्यं च in संस्कारमहाका p 135 and अन्यकर्मदीपक p 1

439 a. अतिशयः भिन्नोपन्यकर्मणि साधारण किञ्चिद्व्यत्ये । निर्णयः p 569.

Before setting out the rites of cremation contained in the Śrauta sūtras, Grhya sūtras and later works, it would be best to give here a translation of the five hymns from the Rg. (X. 14-18)<sup>440</sup>. The verses in these hymns are employed by most of the sūtras and are used even now in the cremation rites and most of them occur in the other Vedic Samhitas. Varying interpretations have been given of some of these stanzas by Indian and Western commentators and critics. Only a few of these have been mentioned in the notes. Besides some stanzas are employed for different details of the cremation rites by the different sūtras. All such differences cannot be set out for want of space. The five hymns are so placed that they follow the order of the stages in which the funeral ritual proceeded in fact and is performed even now to a great extent. Vide Appendix for the text of the Rgveda hymns without accents.<sup>441</sup>

X. 14. 1 (O! sacrificer!) worship with an offering Yama, king (of pits), son of Vivasvat, the gatherer of men (that are dead), who sought out the way for many (men who do meritorious acts) and who passed along great (non-terrestrial) heights<sup>442</sup>. 2. Yama was the first to know (find out) the path for us men; that is a pasture (abode) that cannot be taken away (by anybody), that is (an abode) where our ancient

440. The work of Bertram S. Puckle on 'Funeral customs' (London, 1926) is a very interesting and instructive one. It describes at great length funeral customs in various parts of England, France and other countries in Europe and among Jews and also in other parts of the world. Many of the customs and beliefs that he records bear a close resemblance to customs and beliefs in ancient and modern India, such as, for example, the alighting of a raven or other black feathered bird on a cottage where a man is very ill as a death warning (p. 17), washing and anointing of dead bodies before burial (pp. 34, 36), the hiring of professional women for wailing and shrieking for the dead (p. 67), condemning burial at night (p. 77), the cutting of the hair as a sign of mourning (p. 91), placing meat and drink on the grave for the spirit of the departed (pp. 99-100), refusal of burial in the churchyard by the Church for unbaptised children, suicides, lunatics, and those excommunicated (p. 143).

441. Vide Appendix.

442. X.14.1. This verse is explained in Nir. X.20. 'Pareyivāmsam' may also be taken with 'panthām'. The meaning of 'pravataḥ' is rather uncertain. The Tā. Ā. VI.1.1, Sat. Śr. 28.1.20, Baud. P. S. (1.2), Vaik. Śr. S. 20.22 (p. 311) read 'pareyuvāmsam'.

ancestors went, each knowing his own way thereto<sup>443</sup>. 3. Mātali (Indra's charioteer or Indra himself) with the (pitrs) called *kavya*, Yama with the Angirases and Brhaspati with the Rkvas become prosperous (or increase in strength); whom (the pitrs) the gods support and who support the gods; some of them (the gods, Indra and others) are delighted by *svāhā* (by offerings given after uttering that word) and others (pitrs) are delighted by *svadhā*<sup>444</sup>. 4. O Yama! Being of one mind with the pitrs called Angirases come to this (sacrifice) and sit down on the seat (of kuśas). May the *mantras* recited by the wise (priests) bring you (here). May you (O king) delight yourself with this offering! 5. O Yama! (come with the adorable) Angirases and Vairūpas and delight (or exhilarate) yourself. I invoke Vivasvat, your father; (May he delight himself) after sitting on the kuśa grass (spread) in this sacrifice<sup>445</sup>. 6. The Angirases, the Navagvas,<sup>446</sup> the Atharvans, the Bhrgus are our pitrs and love soma (drink). May we secure the good will of those adorable ones! May we be in their gracious favour also! 7. Hasten, hasten<sup>447</sup> by the ancient paths (to that place) where

443 It is quite possible to understand 'eva jāññānāh' as meaning 'being thus born' (like ourselves), 'eva' being taken adverbially and 'jāññānāh' from 'jan' (to be born). Compare A V 18 3.13 यो ममर ममो मत्पत्न्या य मेवाय ममो लोकमेवम् । The Parsi scriptures also speak of Yama (Yima) as the first mortal and as the son of Vivanghat Vide Vendidad, Far and II 1. p 11. (SBE. vol. IV)

444. Kāvyas, Angirases and Rkvas are different classes of Pitrs In Rg VII 10 4 the Rkvas (singers) are associated with Brhaspati. In other places they are associated with Visnu, Aja-Ekapāt and Soma also. The exclamation svāhā is uttered when making an offering to Gods and svadhā when making an offering to pitrs

445. 'Nisadya' is really a gerund and not a finite verb We have to supply some verb like 'mādyatām' understood from the preceding half. Vairūpas are a subdivision of the Angiras group

446 Navagvas seem to be a subdivision of Angirases, just as 'daśagvas' are, as in Rg III 29.5, IV 51 4, V 29 12, X 62.6. The late Mr Tilak in his 'Arctic home in the Vedas' (pp 162-169) gave a somewhat far-fetched interpretation of these two words which can hardly be accepted as satisfactory in the presence of words like 'atithigva' (Rg. I 53 8, I 30 7, II 14 7, IV 26 3, VIII 68.17), 'abhiyugvan' (Rg VI 45 15), 'etagva' (Rg. VIII 70.7). This verse is explained in Nir XI 19.

447. This and the following three stanzas are addressed to the departed man For the meaning and history of the word *istāpūrta*, vide H of Dh. vol II, pp. 843-845. It means 'the cumulative spiritual result or merit due to the performance of sacrifices and charitable acts'.

our forefathers that went before us passed. May you (the departed) see the two kings Yama and god Varuna rejoicing as they will. 8. (O departed one!) be united in the highest heaven with the pitrs, with Yama and with your *istāpūrta*; leaving here blamable acts (sins), come back to your home! Being endowed with bright lustre, be united with a (new) <sup>448</sup> body! 9. (Ye evil spirits!) Go away, depart, move aside from this place (the cemetery), the pitrs made (or assigned) for him (the departed person) this abode Yama gives to him (this) resting place characterized by waters, days and nights. 10. (O departed!) proceeding by a good path, hurry on past the two dappled dogs (of Yama), offspring of Saramā, each having four eyes. Thus approach the pitrs who will recognize <sup>449</sup> you and who enjoy delight in the company of Yama. 11. O king Yama! Give him (the departed one) in charge of those two dogs of yours, who are guards, having four eyes each, who guard the path (to pitr-loka) and who watch men. May you bestow on him happiness and health! 12. The two messengers of Yama, that have wide nostrils, that are very strong, that are satisfied with difficulty, move among the people. May those two (messengers) restore to us to-day auspicious life in order that we may see the Sun! <sup>450</sup> 13. Extract Soma juice for Yama (O priests!), offer oblation to Yama, <sup>451</sup> Sacrifice, in which Agni is messenger (carrier) to the gods and which is well prepared reaches Yama. 14. (O priests) offer oblation sprinkled with ghee to Yama and then start. May he keep us (tied) to the worship of gods, <sup>452</sup> so that we may live a long life! 15. Offer to king Yama an oblation which is extremely sweet. Here is salutation to the sages who were born before us and who made the path for us,

448 This appears to postulate the acquisition of a new ethereal body for the departed enabling him to enjoy the pleasures of pitrloka.

449. 'Suvidatrān'—who will know or recognize you. The Nir. VI.14 explains 'suvidatrāḥ kalyāṇavidyāḥ'.

450. The life implored for here is that of the persons related to the deceased who are left behind on the earth. 'Asutrpa' according to Sāyana and Oldenberg means 'who steal away the lives of men'. This is a good meaning in view of what is stated in the last *pāda* of the verse. In translating as done above the word is taken as 'a + su + trpa', while Sāyana takes it as 'asu + trpa'.

451. This and the following two verses are addressed to the priests.

452. 'Sa no deveśvāyamad'—For the translation of these words given above, compare Rg. IX. 44 5,

16. The one great (Br̥hat-sāman) passes in three sacrifices (called Jyotir-gaur-āyuh) to the six wide expanses<sup>453</sup>. Tristubh, Gāyatrī and the metres are all centered in Yama.

X. 15. 1. May the Soma—loving<sup>454</sup> pitrs, whether of the lower, middling or higher grade, come forward, those pitrs that attained life (an eternal life or a life of spirit) being kind-hearted and knowing *ṛta* (the rule of right)! May those pitrs protect us when invoked! 2. Today may this be our salutation to the pitrs who went (died) before (the birth of this departed one) or who went after (the birth of the departed<sup>455</sup>), also (those pitrs) that are seated in this world or those who have places among the powerful people. 3. I have known the pitrs as those who will recognize (me, their descendant) and I have known the stride of Visnu and the child (viz. Agni), the pitrs who sit on kuśa grass and partake of food and Soma offering at their will, repeatedly come here.<sup>456</sup> 4. O pitrs, that occupy kuśa grass! (come) down towards us with your protection, we have prepared for you these offerings; accept them. May you come with very blissful protection and then may grant us happiness that is free from trouble (or evil)!<sup>457</sup> 5. May the Soma-loving pitrs invited by us to the dear treasures (offerings) placed on the kuśa grass come! May they hear (our prayers) here! May they speak

453 This is rather a very obscure stanza. The A. V. reads 'pavate' for 'patati'. 'Trīkadruka' occurs frequently in connection with Soma (as in Rg II 22 1; VIII 92, 21). Sāyana explains that for the performance of Trīkadruka sacrifices Yama gives protection and that he comes to the six wide ones for supervising over what was done or not done. The six are mentioned in Śat Br I.5 1, 22 as fire, earth, water, wind, day and night. The six wide ones are referred to in Rg VI 47 3. The conception is rather vague. The meaning probably is that in the Trīkadruka sacrifices the Br̥hatsāma is sung and it reverberates throughout the universe (symbolized as the six wide ones) and that all the verses recited in the several metres do the same.

454. X 15. 1. This and the following seven stanzas were employed as mantras in offering oblations to pitrs in the rite performed on the day previous to the day (8th tithi) of Astakā-śrāddha, vide Āśv. gr. II. 46.

455 X 15. 2. 'Purvāsah' and 'uparāsah' may simply mean 'ancient and modern'. 'Pārthive rajasi'—here probably means 'the regions contiguous to or just above the earth'.

456. X. 15 3. 'Nāpātām' is difficult to construe: probably it refers to Agni who is often addressed as 'ūrjo nāpāt' (Rg. I. 58.8, II. 6.2, VI. 48.2).

457. X. 15.4. 'Sam yoh' is explained by the Nir. IV. 21 as समं च श्रेयसां यवनं च भयानाम् and यः in अरयः as meaning पाप .

in favour of us and may they protect us! 6. O Fathers! May you all, bending your knee and sitting to the right side (of the offering) commend our sacrifice; whatever fault we may commit in reference to you through our being (erring) men, do not injure us for the sake of that. 7. O Fathers! sitting in front of (in the lap of) brilliant (flames) may you bestow wealth on (me) the mortal sacrificer! May you give wealth to the sons (of the deceased mortal) and may you impart vigour (to them)! 8. May Yama desiring offerings and enjoying the company of our ancient and rich pitrs, who came to (or valued) Soma drinks one after another, who were glorious and in whose company Yama (the king of pitrs) found great delight, partake of (eat) the offerings (given by us) according to his liking<sup>458</sup> 9. O Agni! come down towards us with the pitrs that were thirsting and gaping (to reach the world of the gods), that knew about sacrifice and that were authors of *stomas* by means of prayers (that they offered), that know us well, that are unfailing (in responding to our call), that partake of the *kavya* offering and that sit round the heated milk. 10. O Agni! come with the pitrs earlier and later (in time) that are unfailing, that partake of the offerings (presented to them), that drink the offerings, that are seated in the same chariot with Indra and the gods, that make obeisances to the gods in their thousands, that sit round the hot milk. 11. O pitrs called Agnisvāta<sup>459</sup>, that are good guides! Come (to this rite) and sit down each on his proper seat. Eat (partake of) the pure offerings (offered) on the sacred kuśa grass and then bestow wealth (or prosperity) together with all heroic sons. 12. O Agni Jātavedas! when praised (by us) you, having made the oblations savoury, have carried them and presented (them to the pitrs). May they eat them as is their wont (or as they are offered with the word *svadhā*)! O God! May you eat (partake of) the pure offerings! 13. O Jātavedas! you know how many (pitrs) are there, viz. those who are here (near us), those who are not here, those whom we know and those whom we do not know (because they are remote ancestors). Be gracious to accept as is your habit this

458 X. 15. 8.—अनुहिरे is perfect of either वहु with अहु or of ऊहु with अनु. वसिष्ठाः may be taken as meaning 'Vasistha, his descendants and others' and as the worshippers of Pitrs or simply means 'rich or dressed in rich clothes.'

459. X, 15 11. अग्निष्वात = अग्नि + स्वात (from स्वद्) means 'tasted or licked by Agni'.

sacrifice which is well prepared, 14. (O Agni) Resplendent (or self-ruling) along with those (pitrs) who (whose bodies) were burnt by fire and also whose bodies were not burnt and who enjoy delight (on account of offerings made) with *svadhā* (or as is their wont) in the midst of the heavens. May you arrange a body as (the deceased) desires that will inspire him to a (new) life (in heaven)!

X. 16. 1. O Agni! Do not burn out this (departed person?), do not singe him all round, do not throw here and there (parts of) of his skin or his body, O Jātavedas (fire)! when you burn him completely, may you send him (the deceased) on to the pitrs! 2. O Jātavedas! When you thoroughly burn this (departed person), then may you hand him over to the pitrs! When he (the dead person) follows this (path) that leads on to a (new) life, may he become one that carries out the wishes of the gods<sup>460</sup>! 3. May your eye (of the deceased) go to the Sun, your breath to the wind, may you go to Heaven and earth by your merit or you may go to the waters if you find pleasure there (or if that be your lot)! May you rest (stand) with all your limbs in the herbs! 4. O Jātavedas! May you burn by your heat the goat that is your share! May your flame, may your bright light burn that goat,<sup>461</sup> carry this (departed) to the world of those who do good deeds by means of your beneficent bodies (flames). 5. O Agni! discharge again towards the pitrs (this deceased) who being offered on to you moves about (or wanders) as is his habit. O Jātavedas! may he take on (a new) life and increase his offerings and be united with a new (ethereal) body.<sup>462</sup> 6. (O dead man!) May Agni who consumes all make free from blemish that limb of yours which the dark bird (crow) has pierced or an ant or a snake or a wild beast struck at and may Soma that entered into the brāhmanas do the same<sup>463</sup>.

460 X. 16. 2. The words अनुनीतिमेता have in view the words अनुनीतिमेता यथावत् तन्व कल्पयस्व in X 15 14 above.

461. X 16. 4 अजो भान—This refers to the goat that was optionally carried with the dead body Vide note 486 below and Rg. X 16.7 where the cow is mentioned as being burnt with the dead body.

462. X 16 5. For the meaning of शेषस्, compare Rg. VII 4.7 (न शेषो अग्ने अन्वज्जातमस्ति).

463. X 16 6—For सोम ..आविवेश, compare 'सोमोऽस्माकं ब्राह्मणानां राजा' शतपथब्रा V. 4.2 3 and 'स यद्वि सोमं ब्राह्मणानां भक्ष' दे. मा. 35 3 In X.16.7 the idea seems to be that when the corpse is covered with the parts of a slaughtered animal the corpse may not be burnt too quickly.



7. (O deceased) put on (yourself) with cows an armour (i e. against fire flames) of Agni (i e. with the skin of the cow) and surround yourself with the thick fat (of the cow), so that (Agni) that overwhelms with his lustre, that takes delight (in destroying things), that is bold and seeks to burn completely may not scatter (all your parts). 8. O Agni! do not destroy this cup that is dear to the gods and the Soma-loving (pitr̥s). In this cup from which the gods drink, the immortal gods take delight<sup>464</sup>. 9. I send far away the fire that eats raw flesh: may Agni that carries evil (or sins) go (to regions) where Yama reigns! The other Agni (Jātavedas), knowing everything, may take even here the offering to the gods. 10. I, observing the other Agni (Jātavedas) for the purpose of offering a sacrifice to the pitrs, leave aside the fire that devours raw flesh and that entered your house; may he (the other fire) urge on to the highest world the *gharma* (heated milk or sacrifice<sup>465</sup>). 11. May that fire which carries the *kravyā*<sup>466</sup> offerings offer them to the pitrs that prosper according to *ṛta*! May he offer the oblations to the gods and pitrs! 12. (O Agni!) we who love you have established you and have kindled you. May you loving (the pitrs) bring here the pitrs that love us in order that they may partake of the offering! 13. O Agni! May you extinguish (with water) that spot which you burnt (at the) time of cremation! May Kiyāmbu (plant) arise here and may dūrvā creeper spreading its tendrils grow here! 14. O Śitika (cool plant), O herb full of cooling effect, O Hlādikā (freshening herb) causing delight, may you be well associated with a she frog! May you gladden this fire!

464 X 16. 8. This mantra is repeated as invocation when the *pranīṭā* water is carried forward in the cup. As stated below all sacrificial implements are placed on the body of the deceased *āhitāgṇi* and burnt. But the sage prays that the cup may not be completely destroyed, since it may have to be used in the other world by the departed spirit.

465. X. 16. 10. This verse is rather involved. If the words of this verse and the next are literally construed it would seem that the *kravyāṇ* fire was employed for *pitryajña*. It is possible to hold that *kravyāṇ* fire was considered as something evil and to be kept distinct from the ordinary or sacrificial fire.

466 X 16.11 Śāyana explains on the assumption that the word is *kavyavāhana* in this, while the *Samhitā* and the *padapāṭha* have *kravyavāhana*. The *Vāj* S. 19.65 and *Tai* S. II. 6.12.5 read '*kavyavāhanah*'. Here apparently at least the flesh-eating fire is admitted not only in the rites for the *pitrs* but also in the rites for gods.

X. 17. The verses of this hymn, except 3-6, have hardly any bearing on funeral rites. Therefore only those four verses are translated here. The first two verses refer to the marriage of Vivasvat with the daughter of Tvastṛ and to the legend of the birth of Yama and Yamī from Vivasvat. Both are explained at length in Nir. XII. 10-11. Verses<sup>467</sup> 7-9 which contain prayers to Sarasvatī are almost the same as A. V. 18. 1. 41-43 and are employed by the Kauśika-sūtra (81.39) in the cremation rite along with A. V. 7.68 1-2 and 18 3.25.

3. May the all-knowing Pūsan, who does not allow cattle to perish and who protects the world, discharge (despatch) you from this (world to the next)! May he (Pūsan) hand you over to these pitṛs and may Agni hand you over to the gods that know you well! 4. May Pūsan, who is the life of the Universe and who is himself life, protect you! May he who is ahead of you guard you on the way (to heaven)! May god Savitr place you in that place where the doers of good deeds went and dwell 5. Pūsan knows all these quarters in order; may he take us by (a path) most free from danger! He is the bestower of happiness, full of refulgence, he has all heroes with him; may he (Pūsan) the wise one go in front of us without committing a mistake! 6 Pūsan exists (stands) in the forefront of the paths (leading to the world of pitṛs), of the paths leading to heaven and of the paths on the earth. He stands facing both the worlds that are very dear (to all) and he, the knowing one, travels towards and away from both.

X. 18. 1. O Death! Move aside along another path that is your own and different from the Devayāna path. I address you who have eyes and ears. Do not injure our children, do not harm our heroic sons. 2. (O relatives)<sup>468</sup> that are sacrificers! Since you have come obliterating the foot-prints of Death and firmly establishing long life for yourselves, prospering with progeny and wealth, may you be pure and holy! 3. These living (relatives) have turned back separated from the dead; this day our invocation (sacrifice to) of the gods became auspicious. We then went forward for dancing, for

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467. Sarasvatī is a sacred river and also imagined as a deity Rg VI. 61 and VII 95 are two hymns addressed to Sarasvatī. Probably waters of rivers were used at the time of cremation and they are all identified with and held as sacred as Sarasvatī.

468. X 18.2 This verse is addressed to the relatives when they turn homeward after cremation.

laughter (with our children) firmly establishing our long life. 4. I place (here) this barrier (stone) for the (protection of) the living (relatives, son and the like) so that none of them may go this goal (that the departed went). May they live for a hundred prosperous autumns! May they keep off Death by means of the mountain<sup>469</sup> (the stone). 5. O Dhātṛ! Arrange the lives of these (the survivors) in the same way as the days come one after another in proper order, as the seasons follow each other in a proper order, as a younger one does not abandon an elder (relative)<sup>470</sup>. 6. May you (the survivors) accepting old age attain (long) life, striving in order (of age) whatever your numbers may be; may Tvaṣṭr of noble birth and gracious give you here (in this world) a long life to live!<sup>471</sup> 7. Let these women whose husbands are worthy and are living enter the house with ghee (applied) as collyrium (to their eyes). Let these wives first step into house, tearless, without any affliction,<sup>472</sup> and well adorned. 8. O wife (of the dead)! Raise yourself up towards the world of the living (your sons and other relatives); you lie down near one (your husband)

469. X. 18.4. Paridhis are encircling sticks of sacrificial wood such as palāś, khadira placed round the fire. This verse is employed by Āśv. gr. IV. 6.9 in the Śāntikarma performed after the collection of bones. Here the fire is surrounded on three sides by the wooden sticks and a stone is placed on the north of the fire with the last quarter as stated by Āśv. gr. IV. 6. 10 अन्वसूतं दधतां पर्वतेनेत्यह्मनाजस्रतोऽग्नेः कृत्वा...यथाहान्यदुपूर्वं भवन्तीत्यनात्मानिज्ञेत्। अनात्प here means all members of the family, men and women, except the performer of the rite.

470. X. 18.5 यथा न पूर्वमपरो &c. Probably this refers to the funeral procession arranged according to ages, as Āśv. gr. IV. 2.9 states expressly 'अन्वसूतेनात्या अधोनिर्वीताः भृशतश्चिन्ता ज्येष्ठमथनाः कनिष्ठजघन्याः'. The वौ. पि. सू. I. 21.4 remarks 'अथैनानदुपूर्वं कल्पयति यथाहान्यदुपूर्वं भवन्तीति or the idea may be that each generation should die in the order it was born and that a son should not die before his father.

471. X. 18.6. This may be symbolic of the fact that the members of the family of the deceased are made to stand on the hide of an ox spread to the west of the fire. Vide Āśv. gr. IV. 6.8 'अथाग्निदुपसमाधाव पश्चादस्यानदुहं चर्त्तन्तीर्ष...गन्तिरुनात्यागरोहयेदारीहवायुर्जस्त्वं वृणाना इति.'

472. X. 18.7. This verse was employed in the procedure of widow burning (*sati* or *sahamarana* or *anugamana*) by medieval and later writers. Some of them read 'agneḥ' or 'agne' for 'agre'. But even without this change Aparīkṣa (p. 111) and others rely for the practice of *sati* on this verse. For a discussion on this verse and the next, the different readings in the old texts, the different theories built upon these and the practice of widow-burning, vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 617-619 and pp. 625-635.

'who is now lifeless; come' You have kept true to this your wifehood of the husband who held your hand (formerly in marriage) and who loved you passionately<sup>473</sup> 9. (I) Take the bow from the hand of the departed (ksatriya) in order that there may be in us martial vigour, brilliance and strength<sup>474</sup>. May thou (the departed) there and may we here be endowed with heroic sons and conquer here all competing and aggressive enemies! 10. (O departed) approach this mother Earth which is spread wide and is pleasant May this young one (the Earth) as soft as (wool) to you who have bestowed gifts save you from the lap of Death,<sup>475</sup> 11 O Earth! heave yourself up, do not crush it, be of easy approach and of easy resort to him, and O Earth! cover him (the dead person represented by his bones) just as a mother would cover her son with the fringe (of her garment).<sup>476</sup> 12 Let the Earth heave itself up and remain firm. Let the

473. X. 18 8 This verse is somewhat misplaced. It should occur earlier in X. 14 The last quarter is rather difficult to construe In the Tai. Ā. VI 1 there is a similar verse 'इयं नारी पतिलोकं दृष्ट्वा निपथत उप त्वा मर्यं मेतम् । विश्वं पुराणमनुपालयन्ती तस्यै प्रजा द्रविणं चेह धेहि ॥' The Tai. Ā. VI 1 also has the verse उदीर्ष्व नार्यभिः and as printed reads 'सम्बभूव', but सायण explains आभिमुख्येन सम्पृक् प्राप्नुहि (i. e. he explains सम्बभूव) The नौ पि च् I 8.1-2 reads सचसूत्र and says about Rg. X 18 8 and Tai. Ā. verse अथास्य भार्याहपसवे शयति । इयं नारी . धेहीति । ता प्रतिदितः सत्ये पाणावभिपाद्योत्थापयति उदीर्ष्व...चयूवेति ।

474. X 18 9 अस्मे is used with all cases as shown by the Nir. VI. 7. Here it may be equal to अस्मभ्यं or अस्मासु This verse also should occur earlier along with verse 8 above In Sān. Sr. 16 13 13 both 8 and 9 are called utthāpinī (verses) 'उदीर्ष्व नार्यदीर्ष्वान् पतिवत्सदीर्ष्वान् विश्वावसोऽस्मन्वतीत्युत्थापिन्य' The com. remarks 'आभिर्होत्रादयो महिषीस्तथापयन्ति'. उदीर्ष्वान् पतिवती is Rg. X 85 21, उदीर्ष्वान् विश्वावसो is Rg. X 85.22 and अस्मन्वती is Rg. X 53 8 These are recited in अश्वमेध at the time of making the crowned queen get up from near the dead horse Compare H. of Dh. vol II. p. 1235. The तै. आ. VI. 1 reads three verses respectively applicable to ब्राह्मण, क्षत्रिय or वैश्य departed person as 'सुवर्णं हस्ताददानां, धनुर्हस्तां, मणिं हस्ताददानां' and नौ पि च् I 8 3-5 cites them and remarks 'अथास्य सुवर्णेन हस्तो निमृजते स्वर्णं हस्ता इति ब्राह्मणस्य, धनुर्हस्ता इति क्षत्रियस्य' &c.

475 X 18 10 Vide the passage from Āśv. Sr. 5 where this and the following three verses are stated to be among the 24 verses to be recited on the death of a *dīkṣita* The Āśv. gr. 4 5 5 employs this as a *mantra* to be recited at the time of depositing in a pit the jar containing the burnt bones of the dead The बृहदेवता (VII 17-18) says that X 18 10-13 are employed in the rite of collecting the bones

476 'X 18. 11. This verse is employed by the Āśv. gr. 4.5.6 for *hecital* at the time of scattering dust over the jar containing the charred bones

pillars in their thousands stand up supporting this house. May these homes (the clods of earth) drop him nourishment! May they become here for all days the shelter <sup>477</sup> for him (the departed represented by bones)! 13. I prop up the earth around you for your sake. May I placing this lump of clay receive no harm! May the pītr̥s support (make steady) this post! <sup>478</sup> May Yama provide here seats (or resting places) for you. 14. (The gods) have placed me in the day that will come back (tomorrow) like the feather of an arrow; (therefore) I restrain backwards (stop) my speech as a person restrains a horse with a bridle. <sup>479</sup>

It should be noted that the word 'pitr-yajña' actually occurs in Rg. X. 16. 10. What does it mean? It has to be remembered that the hymns Rg. X. 15-18 refer to rites immediately on the death of a single person. They are not concerned with rites performed for deceased male ancestors long after their deaths. The anxiety (in X. 15-18) seems to be to make the ancient pītr̥s (styled Barhisadaḥ and Agnisvātāḥ in Rg. X. 15. 3-4, 11) favourably disposed to the recently departed spirit. *Havis* (sacrificial food such as boiled rice) was offered to the ancient pītr̥s (Rg. X. 15. 11) who were supposed to have partaken of the food offered (X. 15. 12). The purpose of these Rgvedic hymns is entirely different from the purpose of the mantras in Tai. S. I. 8. 5 (which refer to the pītryajña performed in Śākamedha). As a matter of fact three of the mantras in Tai. S. I. 8. 5 do occur in Rg. X. 57. 3-5 and are employed in the piṇḍa-pītryajña. There is hardly any reason to suppose that the pītryajña in Rg. X. 15. 10 is more ancient than the piṇḍapītryajña. It is quite possible that both referring as they do to different matters were coeval.

477. X. 18. 12. This is recited after the bones are covered with particles of dust. It is probable that the particles were poetically described as posts.

478. X. 18. 13. It looks very likely that a wooden post was employed as a support for the urn that was deposited under ground.

479. X. 18. 14. This verse is rather obscure and various interpretations have been proposed by German scholars (Roth, Grassmann, Ludwig, Geldner and Oldenberg) and others like Whitney and Hopkins. The translation is only tentative, but it probably brings out the sense in the context much better than many other interpretations. The idea probably is that the speaker wants to disconnect himself from the dead just as a feather may become loosened from an arrow that is shot and therefore he states that he wants to stop addressing the dead and close up all connection with the dead. The Brhaddevatā (VII. 18-19) remarks on this verse 'प्रतीचीने यथाहानि अपहृत्येतराणि तु । अहः पितरो बभूवित्याज्ञास्तेऽन्यथाहिपः' ॥

It would be interesting to see how the ceremonies on the death of an *āhutāgni* are described in the *śrauta* and *grhya* sūtras. The Āśv. Śr. S. VI. 10 describes what is to be done in case one that has undergone a *dikṣā* (initiation) for a Soma sacrifice or a *sattra* dies before the sacrifice is finished. It states "When the *dikṣita* is dead, they take out the body by the *tīrtha*,<sup>480</sup> place it on the spot where it was intended that *avabhṛtha* (bath at the end of a soma or *sattra* sacrifice) was to be taken and deck the body with the decorations that ordinarily are placed on a dead body. They cut the hair (on the head) of the corpse, the hair on the lips, the hair on the body and also pare the nails. They apply paste of *Nalada* (Indian spikenard) to the corpse and throw on it a garland of *naladas*. Some (having cut open the entrails) take out the fecal matter from them and fill them with *prśadājya* (when clarified butter is mixed with curds it is so called). They cut off a portion as wide as the foot of the corpse from a new (unworn) garment and cover the dead body with it in such a way that the fringe is towards the west (the head being placed towards the east) and the feet of the corpse are exposed to view. The portion cut off from the piece of cloth is taken by the sons and the like. The deceased man's *śrauta* fires are placed on the churning sticks. (the two *aranis*), the dead body is taken outside the *vedi* (fire altar) towards its south, fire is produced by attrition and then the body is burnt therewith. After returning from the cremation, they should finish the work of the day. On the next morning, the recitation of the *śāstras*, the singing of the *stotras* and the *saṁstavas* (reciting hymns in chorus) should be without repetition and the uttering of the *hum* sound. On the same day before taking up the *grahas* (cups), the priests come out by the *tīrtha*, go round the place of cremation with the right hand turned away (from the place) and sit round it in the following manner viz. the *hotr* priest sits to the west (of the place of cremation), the *adhvaryu* to the north, and the *sāma* priests to the west of the *adhvaryu* (and the *brahma* priest to the south). Then the *sāma* priests sing in a low voice the verse beginning with 'āyam gauh prśnirakramit' When the singing is finished the *hotr* walks round the place of cremation thrice with his left

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480. तीर्थ means the path to the sacrificial ground between the चाला and उत्कर (vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 984) For स्तोत्रिय that occurs a little lower down, vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 1186.

turned towards the place of cremation and without uttering the syllable 'om' recites immediately after the song of the sāma priests the stotriya in a low voice and also the following verses attributed to Yama and Yāmyāyanas (as seers or authors) viz. Rg X 14. 7-8, 10-11, X. 16. 1-6, X. 17. 3-6, X. 18. 10-13, X. 154. 1-5. They should finish with Rg. X. 14.12, then collect the charred bones in a jar, take the jar by the way of the tirtha and place it on the seat that was occupied by the deceased sacrificer.<sup>481</sup>

The Śāṅkhāyana Śr. S. (IV. 14-15) deals at great length with the death of an *āhūtāgni* and the rites that follow. Kāt. Śr.

481. संस्थिते तीर्थेन निहत्यावभृष्टे प्रेतालङ्कारात् कुर्वन्ति । केशश्मश्रुलोमनखानि वापयन्ति । नलवेनालुलिम्पन्ति । नलदमालां प्रतिशुद्धान्ति । निष्पुरीषमेके कुत्वा वृषदाण्य दूरयन्ति । अहतस्य वासस पाशतः पादमात्रमवच्छिद्य भोष्यन्ति प्रत्यग्दशेनावि पादम् । अवच्छेदमस्य पुत्रा अमा कुर्वीन् अग्नीनस्य समारोप्य दक्षिणतो बहिर्विदं दहेदुः ।...प्रत्येव्याह समापयेदुः । श्रातरनम्यासमनभिहिङ्गुतानि शस्त्राद्यवचनाभिष्टवनसंस्तवानि । पुरा ब्रह्मघृणात् तीर्थेन निष्कम्प्य त्रिः प्रसव्यमायतनं परीत्य पर्युपविशन्ति । पश्चाद्धोता । उचरोऽष्ट्युः । तस्य पश्चाच्छ्रद्धोऽगौ । आर्यं गौः पृश्निरकमीदित्युपाह्वयन्ति । स्तुते होता प्रसव्यमायतनं परित्रजन्तोत्रियमह्ववेदमह्ववन् । यामीश्च । मेहि मेहि पथिभिः । पूर्वैर्भिरिति पश्चान्ना तृतीयाह्वयेत् । मेनस्ये विदहो माभिसोच इति वद । पूषा त्वेत्प्रव्यावयतु प्र विह्वानिति चतस्र उपसर्पमातरं भूमिनेतानिति चतस्रः सोम एकैक्यः । उरुणसा उदुम्बलाविति च समाप्य सञ्चित्र्य तीर्थेन प्रपाद्य यथासनमासादयेत् । आश्व. श्रौ 10.

The Śat. Br. (XII, 5 2.5) refers to the practice of cleansing the deceased of all foul matter, but does not approve of it. It recommends 'having washed him out inside he anoints with ghee and thus makes the body sacrificially pure'. आर्यं गौः पृश्निरकमीत्—is the first verse of the hymn Rg. X. 189. 1-3 which are also S. V. No. 630-632 (Āraṇyakāṇḍa) and 1376-78 (Uttarāraṇika). The hymn also occurs in the other Vedas. The verses are called सार्वराष्ट्र्य ऋचः. It may be noticed that the Āśv. gr. (IV.4 6) prescribes the recitation of the 24 mantras prescribed in the Āśv. Sr. above and employs some more verses (from Rg. X. 14-18) in the ritual set out below from the Āśv. gr. In the Āśv. Sr. II, 19 there is a description of a rite called 'pitṛyā karma,' in which offerings are offered in fire taken from the Dakṣiṇāgni and in which the *devatās* are five viz. Pitarah-somavantaḥ, Soma pitṛmān, Pitarah barhiṣadāh, Pitarah Agnisvātāh, Yama, for each of whom three verses are recited respectively in order viz. Rg. X. 15. 1, IX.96 11, X. 15.5, Rg. I 91.1, I 91 12. VIII. 48 13, X. 15.4, X. 15.3, X. 15.2; X. 15.11, X. 15.13, X. 15.14; X. 14.4-5, X. 14.1. Rg. X. 16 12 (repeated thrice) becomes the sāmīdhenis in that rite, X. 14.5 is Yājñā and X. 14.4 and X. 14.1 are anuvālyās, Rg. X. 15.9, IV 11 3, I 96.1 are recited when the rite is finished (instead of Agni Sviṣṭakṛt Agni Kavyavāhana is invoked); Rg. X. 16 11, X. 15.12 are two Samyājñās in Vasaṭkāra. The editor of the Prayogaratna explains that Nalada means 'Uśira' (i. e. Wāḍā in Marathi) and that some substitute japā flowers (china rose) for *naladaś*.

S. 25.7 does the same but more briefly. Kāt. (25. 7. 18) refers to the cutting of hair and nails and taking out fecal matter and Kauś. (80. 13-16), Śān. Śr. 4. 14 4-5 also speak of the cutting of hair, of bathing the dead body, applying paste and putting garlands. The Baud. P. S (1 2) refers to these and adds that if they cut open his entrails from the right side they again sew it with darbha grass or they may simply wash the body (without taking out the fecal matter), cover the body with a piece of cloth, deck it, remove the body by the way between the *vedi* and *utkara*, place it on a couch (*āsandī*) over which a black antelope skin was spread with the head to the south, put Nalada garland on it and cover it with an unworn piece of cloth (as in Āśv. Śr. above). Sat Śr. 28 1. 22 and G. P. S. I. 10-14 contain similar provisions adding that the toes of the feet and thumbs of the corpse are tied with a white thread or the fringe of a garment (*baddhvā daśenāngusthau-pādayoh pānyośca*, G. P. S. I. 12) and that the *āsandī* (a small couch or chair on which the corpse was carried) was to be of *udumbara* wood. The Kausikasūtra (80. 3. 3-45) refers to numerous stanzas from A V. that are to be recited in kindling the funeral fire and offering oblations, viz. 18. 2. 4 and 36, 18. 3. 4; 18. 1. 49-50, 58; 18. 1. 41-43; 7. 68 1-2; 18. 3. 25; 18. 2 4-18 (omitting 18. 2. 10); 18.4.1-15 &c. Compare SBE vol. XI p. XLI for Buddhist practices.

The Āśv. gr. <sup>482</sup> (IV. 1 and 2) prescribes in general the ceremonies on the death of an *āhūtāgni*, while the Āśv. Śr. S. quoted

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482, It deserves to be noted that the numbering of the sūtras in Āśv. gr. IV. 1-2 differs in different editions considerably. The rules about the selection of the site for cremation are ancient. The Sat Br. XIII. 8.1 and Kāt. Sr XXI. 3.15-26 also lay down elaborate rules. The latter may be set out here. 'the site for cremation should be one surrounded by a thicket of trees, but it should be so open that the sun shines directly on it at mid-day. It should be saltish land or land sloping to the north or it may be all level land. Some say that it should slope towards the south. The spot should be such that the houses in the village cannot be seen from it and should be at a distance from the road and from the vata, pīpala, tilvaka, haridru, sphūrjaka, bibhīdaka and other trees that have an evil name (such as ślesmātaka and kovidāra). The Sat. Br. XIII 8.1.16 names all these trees that are to be avoided. The spot should be such that a pile of wood (as directed in Kāt. Śr. 25 7 16-17) can be constructed thereon. It should be a pleasing one and should have a thicket of various trees to its west or in default, water, which may be to its west or north. The spot should have streams or holes and grass growing thereon. The Kāt. Sr. S.

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above deals with what should be done in case the *āhitāgni* dies while engaged in a Soma or other sacrifice. The Āśv. gr. remarks 'when an *āhitāgni* dies, one (a son or other relative) should arrange to have a piece of land dug up to the south-east or south-west at a place sloping towards the south or south-east, or according to some towards the south-west. The piece of land dug up should be of the length of a man with upraised arms, of the breadth of one *vyāna*<sup>483</sup> and one *ntastī* (twelve finger breadths) in depth. The cemetery (*śmaśāna*) should<sup>484</sup> be free (open) on all sides. It should abound in herbs, but plants with thorns and with milky juice (should be dug out) as stated before (in Āśv. gr. II. 7.5 about *vāstu-parīkṣā*). From which the waters flow on all sides (that is the spot should be a little higher than the surrounding ground); this should be a characteristic required for that (kind of) cemetery where (the body) is to be burnt. They should cut off the hair on the head, the lips and the body and pare the nails (of the deceased); this has been declared already (in Āśv. Śr. VI. 10.2). They should make provision for plenty of sacrificial grass and clarified butter. In this (funeral rite) they pour clarified butter into curds. This is the *prṣadāgya* used

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21 3. 27 adds that a bamboo staff with a bundle of grass at its top is carried to the cremation ground and held by a person to the north of the ground while the rites go on and that it is brought back to the house and kept raised at the house. The ground is measured and pegs of *palāśa*, *śamī*, *varana* and a stone are driven into the ground from the east, north, west and south in order. The Śat. Br. XIII. 8. 4, 1 mentions pegs (*śanku*). Sām. Sr. (IV. 14, 6-9) states that the ground of cremation slopes to the south or south-east, that the ground is swept with a *palāśa* branch with the verse 'apeta' (Rg. X. 14. 9), then it is cleared with the *sphya* and sprinkled with water and the pile of wood is made to face south-east.

483. व्यान is defined as 'व्यानी बाह्वोः सकरयोस्ततयोस्तिर्यगन्तरम्' अमरकोश. It is as much as the out-stretched arms together with the hands (i. e. a fathom).

484. श्मशान has two meanings viz. the place where a corpse is cremated and also the place where the charred bones (after cremation) collected in a jar are deposited in the earth. नारायण remarks on अश्व. गृ. IV. 1.11 (अभित आकाशं श्मशानं) 'श्मशानग्रहणेनात्र श्मशानद्वयं गृह्यते । .. दहनदेशश्च श्मशानं सञ्चित्य यत्रास्थानि निर्धायन्ते तत्र श्मशानम् । तद्द्वयं सर्वत आकाशं भवेत्'. The शतपथब्रा. XIII 8.1.1 derives श्मशान in two ways as being a form of श्वाश or श्मशान in the words अथारमै कल्याणं कुर्वन्ति । अथारमै श्मशानं कुर्वन्ति । श्मशा उ हेव भाम शितृणामचारस्ते हासुर्मिहोकेऽकृतश्मशानस्य साधुकृत्याहुपदम्भयन्ति तेभ्य एतदन्नं करोति तस्माच्छ्मशानं श्मशानं ह वै तच्छ्मशानमित्याचक्षते परोक्षम् । अथर्व- 18 4 44 shows that the dead body was carried in a cart drawn by oxen,

(in the rites) for *pitr̥s*. (The relatives of the deceased) carry his sacred fires and his sacrificial vessels in that direction (viz. where the ground is dug up for cremation). After these aged persons, in odd numbers, men and women not going together, carry the dead body. Some say that (the dead body) should be carried in a cart with a seat drawn<sup>485</sup> by oxen. Some prescribe that a she-animal, either a cow<sup>486</sup> or a she-goat, of one colour or of a dark colour (should be taken to the cemetery). The (relatives of the dead) tie (a rope) to the left fore-foot and lead it behind (the corpse). Then follow the relations (of the deceased) with their *yajñopavītas* brought low (round their body) and with the top knot untied (dishevelled), the older ones going first, the younger ones last. Having thus arrived at the spot (of cremation), the performer (of cremation rites) while walking three times round the spot (for cremation) with his left side turned towards it, sprinkles water on it with a *samī* twig with the verse 'apeta vīta vi ca sarpatātāh' (Rg. X. 14. 9). To the south-east on a slightly raised corner (of the spot for cremation), he (son or the like) places the *Āhavanīya* fire, to the north-west the *Gārhapatyā* fire and to the south-west the *Dakṣiṇā* fire. Then a person that knows (how to prepare a funeral pile) collects a pile of fuel between the fires (on the dug-up spot). Then the performer of the rites spreads *baḥiḥs* (*kūśas*) and a black antelope skin with the hairy part outside on the pile, (the relatives) place the dead body thereon carrying it by way of the north side of the *Gārhapatyā* fire and turning its head towards the *Āhavanīya* fire. They make the wife

485. The Baud. P. S. (I. 4. 5-6) says that servants or old men should carry the dead body on a couch or chair covering the body with a mat or according to some in a cart.

486. अहस्तरणी is a cow or she-goat which is killed and then is made to cover the dead body with its limbs. The word is explained by नारायण as 'प्रेतमनुस्तरयति वा स्त्री पशुः साहस्तरणी'. The कात्यायनश्रौत (25.7.34-37) 'अनुस्तरणी श्वेतश्वार्कणमाहव्य हस्तयोर्वक्त्रौ। अङ्गेण्वङ्गानीति जातुकर्ण्यः। न वास्ति समवेहत। वपरा मुख-मवच्छाद्याग्निनिरादीपयति। अहतिं जुहोति श्वो भोताम्योवा ब्राह्मणीऽस्मात्त्वमधिजातोऽसि त्वद्वयं जायता ह्यन. असौ स्वर्गाय लोकाय स्वाहेति। The mantra अस्मात्.. लोकाय स्वाहा is वाच सं 35 22 Vide शतपथ ब्रा XII, 5 2 15 for the same words and mantra as in Kāt Sr. The com of Yājñikadeva on Kāt. Sr. 25 7 34 explains वक्त्रौ as कुक्षिगोलकौ Vide also Baud. P. S I 4 1 and I 9-10, Sat. Sr. 28.2 3-13, Kaus 81.20-27 The latter prescribes that the cow is led round with the left side towards the corpse with the mantras A V 18 3 3 and 4, that the cow is struck on her buttocks and loins, that two vr̥k̥as are taken from the cow's back and placed on the hands of the corpse with the mantra 'ati drava' (A V. XVIII 2 11) which is Rg. X 14 10

of the deceased (belonging to any one of the three higher varnas) lie down (on the pile) to the north of the dead body, and also place his bow to the north if (the deceased was) ksatriya. The wife's brother-in-law<sup>487</sup> (husband's brother) or a representative of the husband or a pupil (of the deceased) or an old servant (slave) should make her rise (from the pile) with the mantra 'udīrsva nāryabhi jīvalokam' (Rg. X. 18. 8); the performer (of the rites) should mutter this verse if a śūdra (servant) makes her rise and he takes away the bow with the verse 'dhanur-hastādadādāno' (Rg. X. 18. 9). It has been stated (above what is to be done) in case a śūdra (should perform this act). Having strung the bow he should before the piling up of the things (mentioned below on the dead body) is done, break the bow to pieces and throw it on the pile.<sup>488</sup> He then should put the following sacrificial implements (on the dead body) viz. into the right hand the spoon called Juhū, in the left hand the spoon Upabhr̥t, on his right side the Sphya (wooden sword), on his left side the Agnihotraharavāṇī (the ladle with which the Agnihotra offerings were offered into fire), on his chest, head and teeth respectively the dhruvā (the big sacrificial ladle), the dishes (or the *kapālas*), the pressing stones (used for pressing out Soma juice in a soma sacrifice), on the two nostrils the two small ladles (*sruva*), on the ears the two Prāśitra-harānas,<sup>489</sup> if there be only one then breaking

487. Many of the sūtras refer to this act of making the wife of the deceased lie down to the north of the dead body on the funeral pile and then making her rise up from it. Vide Kauśikasūtra 80. 44-45 'इयं नारीति पत्नीमुपसंवेदयति । उदीरस्वेत्युत्थापयति ।' These two verses are A. V. XVIII. 3. 1-2. Sat. Sr. (28. 2. 14-16) states that before the corpse is placed on the pyre the wife is made to lie down near it with the verse 'iyam nārī' and then her husband's brother or another brāhmana makes her get up with the verse 'udīrsva nārī'. The same sūtra (28. 2. 22) says that the wife may be made to lie down near the corpse after the latter is placed on the pyre or before (as it appears to prefer).

488. Here the Sat. Br. XII. 5. 2. 6 and some of the sūtras (such as Kāt. Sr. 25. 7. 19, Sān. Śr. IV. 14. 16-35, Sat. Śr. 28. 2. 23-50, Kauśika 81. 1-19, Baud. P. S. I. 8-9) and smṛtis like Gobhila (III. 24) add that in the seven seats of vital air viz. the mouth, the two nostrils, the two eyes and the two ears, they cast small pieces of gold. Others add that sesame wetted with ghee are also thrown on the corpse. The G. P. S. II. 7. 12 says that it is the adhvaryu who deposits the *kapālas* on the head (of the dead body).

489. On the Prāśitraharana, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 1064 (the vessel in which a portion of puroḍāśa is kept for the brāhmā priest). For the Samyā (yoke-pin), vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 1112 n. 2487.

it into two; on the belly the *pātrī* (in which the oblations are collected before offering) and the *camasa* (cup) in which (the *īdā* portion) cut off is placed; on his private parts the *śamyā* on the thighs the two *aranis* (wood sticks for kindling fire by attrition) and on the spanks the mortar and pestle, on the feet the winnowing baskets (*śūrpa*) or if there be one only, by tearing it in two pieces. Those of the sacrificial implements which have a hollow (into which a fluid can be poured) are filled with *Prṣadājya*. The son (of the deceased) should take the upper and the lower mill-stones for himself and the implements made of copper, iron and earthenware.<sup>490</sup>

The Śat. Br. XII. 5. 2. 14 first states that sacrificial implements made of stone or earthenware should be donated to a brāhmana but people regard the latter as a corpse-bearer (and so) they should be thrown into water.<sup>491</sup> Taking out the omentum (*vapū*) of the *Ānustarani* she-animal he should cover therewith the head and the mouth (of the deceased) with the verse 'Agnir varma' (Rg. X. 16. 7). Taking out the two kidneys (*vrkkau*) of the animal he should deposit them into the

490. It should be noted that there are some variations in the statements about the sacrificial implements made here and in the Śat Br. XII. 5. 2, Śat Sr. 28. 2 23-50, Kāt Sr 25 7 21-33, Kaus. 81 1-19, Baud. P. S. I. 8 11-I. 9 7, Śān Śr. IV 14. 18-36. For example, the Śān Śr. (IV. 16 21-31) prescribes that the *Agnihotra* *havanī* is placed on the throat and the two *aranis* on the private parts, while Āśv. gr. places the *agnihotra* *havanī* on the left side and the *śamyā* on private parts Sabara quotes several times a passage which says 'They burn the *āhitāgni* with his (vedic) fires and sacrificial implements' (*āhitāgnim-agnibhir dahanti yajñapātraiḥ*) on Jai IV 1 9, VI, 6 34, XI 3.34 Those words occur also in Baud P. S. III 1.9 Jai XI 3 34 states the proposition that the cremation of the sacrificer with the sacrificial implements is what is called *pratiṣṭhākarman* (the final disposal) of the *yajñapātras*.

491. अधारस्य समस्य प्राणावतनेषु सप्त हिरण्यशकलान्तरस्यति ज्योतिर्गोऽमृतं हिरण्य ज्योतिरेवास्मिन्मृत्युर्न दधाति। अथैनमन्तरेणाग्नींश्चितिं चित्वा क्षुण्णाजिनमुत्तरद्वौ प्राचीनग्नींश्च मत्तीर्य तस्मिन्नेनमुत्तानं निपाद्य शुद्ध धृतेन पूर्णां दक्षिणे प्राणावदधाति सप्त उपश्रुतमुरसि धृत्वा मुखेऽग्निहोत्रद्वयोर्नासिकयोः स्त्रुवौ कर्णयोः प्राक्षिन्नहरणे शीर्षधर्मसं प्रणीताप्रणयन पार्श्वयोः शूर्पेऽदरे पात्री समवत्तधानी धृषदाज्यवर्ती शिश्रस्यान्ते शम्यामाणयोः रन्ते द्वापरवाम्बुदुखल च सुखलं चान्तरेणोरु अन्यानि यज्ञपात्राणि दक्षिणे पाणी रथम्। स एष यज्ञाशुधी यजमानः। यथा विष्यदामीयमतीयादेवमेव योऽस्य स्वर्गो लोको जितो भवति तमयत्येति। शतपथभा. XII. 5 2 6-8 The गौ. चि. सू I 2.31, Śat Sr. 28.2 23-4 and others provide that either gold bits or drops of clarified butter were to be cast over the seven orifices (mouth and others) A comparatively later smṛiti like that of Parāśara mentions this depositing of sacrificial implements on the sacrificer's body (Y. 19-22)

hands (of the deceased) the right kidney in the right hand and left kidney in the left with the mantra 'ati drava' (Rg. X. 14, 10, recited once only). He puts the heart (of the animal) on his heart and according to some also two lumps of flour (of rice or barley); according to others only if there are no kidneys.<sup>492</sup> Having deposited the whole animal limb by limb (on corresponding limbs of the dead body) and having covered it with its own hide he recites when the Pranita water is being carried forward, by way of invocation the mantra 'imam agne' (Rg. X. 16. 8). Bending his left knee he should offer into the Dakṣiṇa fire oblations of clarified butter with the formula 'to Agni svāhā! To Soma svāhā! To the world svāhā! To Anumati svāhā!' A fifth oblation (is to be offered) on the chest of the deceased with the formula 'from this one, indeed thou hast been born! May he now be born out of thee, N. N. To the heavenly world, svāhā' (Vaj. S. 35. 22). He gives the order 'Light the fire together.' Then the Āśv. gr. (IV. 4. 2-5) states what one has to understand if the Āhavanīya or Gārhapatya or Dakṣiṇa fire reaches the dead body first or if all the fires reach the body at the same moment; while the body is burning he recites over it the same texts (Rg. X. 14. 7 and others quoted above in n. 481 from Āśv. Sr. sūtra). Being cremated by a person who knows this he goes to the heavenly world together with the smoke (of the funeral pile)—thus it is known (in the Śruti). After he has recited the verse 'ime jīvāḥ' (Rg. X. 18. 3) they (all relatives) turn round from right to left and go away without looking back. When they have come to a place where there is standing water, having once plunged into it and raised their heads out of it they pour one handful of water, pronounce the gotra name and the proper name (of the deceased),

492. According to Kāt. Sr. quoted above in n. 486 the Anustaraṇi animal was to be struck behind the ear and killed. According to Jātūkarnya the several limbs of the animal were to be placed on the corresponding limbs of the dead body. But Kāt. disapproves of this since when burnt there may be a doubt (in collecting bones) whether they are of the deceased or of the animal (and so only the flesh of the animal was to be placed on the limbs according to Kāt.). Compare Sat. Br. XII. 5. 9-12 for similar remarks. Āśv. gr. IV. 2. 4 (as interpreted by Nārāyaṇa) itself shows that there was an option viz. that the animal may be killed or let off and donated to a brāhmaṇa (vide also Band. P. S. I. 10. 2). The Sāh. Sr. (IV. 14. 14-15) states that the kidneys were to be taken from the killed or living animal from behind and being slightly heated on the Dakṣiṇa fire were to be placed in the two hands of the deceased with the two mantras 'ati drava' (Rg. X. 14. 10-11).

come out (of the water), put on other garments, wring out (already worn garments) once, lay them away with their skirts to the north and sit down until the stars appear or they may enter their houses when a part of the Sun's disc is still visible, the younger ones entering first, the older ones last. When they have come to the houses they touch a stone, the fire, cow-dung, fried barley, sesame seeds and water. Compare Śat. Br. XIII. 8. 4. 5 for bath and offering of water by relatives and touching a bull on returning from cremation and reciting 'udvayam' (Vāj. S. 35. 14 = Rg. I. 50. 10) and applying collyrium and unguent to their bodies<sup>493</sup>.

It is not possible from considerations of space to set out all that is said in the other grhya sūtras. A few interesting points may be noted here. The Śat. Br. XIII. 8. 4, 11, Pār. gr. (III. 10. 10 ff) expressly provide that funeral rites for any one whose upanayana has been performed are the same from the choosing of the site for the burning of the body to the descent into water on the part of the relatives (for bathing themselves) as those prescribed for a person who has set up the śrauta (Vedic) fires, the only difference being that an *ūhatāgri* is cremated with the three Vedic fires kept by him, that one who has kept only the smārta<sup>494</sup> or aupāsana fire is burnt with that and that common persons who have neither kept the śrauta fires nor smārta fire are burnt with the ordinary<sup>495</sup> fire. Devala provides that when using ordinary fire, one should avoid taking the fire from a cāṇḍāla or any unclean fire or the fire in the room of a freshly delivered woman or the fire of a *patita* or fire from a funeral pyre.<sup>496</sup> The Pitrdayitā states that the mantra 'asmāt tram &c' was not to be recited when the deceased was a person

493 अपानार्गिरपमुजते । यत्रोदकं भवति तत्तनान्ति सुमित्रिया आप ओषधयः सन्वित्यश्चालिनाप उपपचति । स्नात्वाहृतानि वासांसि परिधापानहुह पुच्छन्मवारभ्यायन्प्राग्निषो वानपानग्निमुखा एवं तत्पितृलोकास्त्रीगलोकमभ्यायन्ति । उद्वयं समसस्पृशति । एतामुच्चं जपन्तो यन्ति ॥ तस्य आगतस्य आलनाभ्यञ्जने प्रयच्छन्त्येव ए मातृपोलङ्कारस्तेनैव तं मुच्युमन्तर्दधते । शत. मा. XIII. 8.4 4-7. सुमित्रिया 15 पाज. स 35 12 and उद्वयं 15 पाज. सं. 35.14 (= ऋ. I 50 10)

494, अधानग्निचितः । एतदेव भूमिजोषणमेतत्सर्गो न कर्म यदन्यदग्निर्कर्मणः । शतपथभा. XIII 8.4, 11

495 आहिताग्निस्थान्यायं दग्धन्याग्निमिराग्निः । अनारहिताग्निरेकेन लौकिकेनेतरो ज्ञेयः ॥ पुच्छया q. b; मित्ता. on या III 2, अपरार्क p 873 This is कूर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध) 23 67

496, लौकिकाग्निश्च चण्डालादिष्वपि रक्ता ग्राह्य । चण्डालाग्निरेभ्याग्नि स्तिकाग्निश्च कार्त्तिकिव । पतिताग्निश्चिताग्निश्च न शिष्टग्रहणोचिता ॥ इति देवलस्मरणाद् । मित्ता. on या. III, 2, अपरार्क p. 873, परा. मा. I. 2 p. 286,

who had not kept sacred fires.<sup>497</sup> The Pār. gr. further provides that all relatives residing in the same village, if they can trace the relationship, do the same, that they wear only one garment, suspend their sacred thread over the right shoulder, that with the fourth finger of the left hand they spurt away the water with Vaj. S 35. 6 and facing the south plunge into water and pour out one libation of water with joined hands. The Āp. Dh. S. (II. 6. 15. 2-7) lays down a bath when a person's relatives on the mother's side and father's relatives up to the 7th degree or as long as relationship can be traced die, except in the case of children less than a year old. In the case of a child's death before one year, the parents and those who carry the child's body have to bathe. All the above should have dishevelled hair, should throw dust in the hair, wear only one garment, turn their faces to the south, plunge into water, offer water to the dead thrice and then sit down on the bank (of the river or pond), then come to the village and do what the women tell them to do (such as touching fire and bull &c.). Yāj. III 2 also provides the same rules as Pār. gr. and prescribes the recitation of the mantra 'apa nah śośucad agham' ('May evil be burnt away from us,' Rg. I. 97. 1, A.V. IV. 33. 1, Tai. Ā. VI. 10.1). The G. P. S. (II. 23) provides that the funeral pyre is to be made with the wood of sacrificial trees, (II. 37 and 39) that the sapindas of the deceased headed by the women, the youngest being the first, fan the corpse placed on the pyre with the fringes of their garments, that the performer of the funeral rites takes a jar filled with water, places a *darbhendva* (?) on his head and goes round the corpse thrice and the priest gives a light stroke on the jar thrice separately with a stone (*aśman*) or an axe and recites a mantra 'imā āpo &c.' when a stream of water rushes out of the broken jar, (changing the words about 'asmin loke' to 'antarikṣe' and 'svarge' at the 2nd and 3rd perambulations). The performer while standing should drop behind him the jar of water. Then after repeating the mantra 'tasmāt tvam adhiṣṭāsi...asau svargāya lokāya svāhā,' he should set fire to the pyre to burn the body.<sup>498</sup> The Sat Śr 28. 1. 38 provides that the family members

497 अनग्नेर्ब्राह्मणस्य यज्ञपात्राभावात्पात्रस्यासंस्थितिरिक्तसमस्तेतिकर्तव्यतया दग्धव्यः । अस्मात्तत्र ..मन्त्रस्त्वह्निमज्ञपि न प्रयोजकः । पितृदयिता p 78

498. अथ कर्तव्यं दक्षस्मनादाय पत्नी वा । दूर्ध्वं शिरसि निधाय द्युतं पर्येति । तन्मनना परशुना वापत्तात्किञ्चित्पदराति । तां धारामधुमन्त्रयेत् इमा आयो मधुमत्वोर्हिस्ते लोक उपद्रुत्यन्तामक्षीयमाणाः स्वधा नन इति । ..तिष्ठन्नेवोदक्षुम्भं पृथुली विद्युजेत् । ..तस्मात्स्वमधिजाग्रीति त्वदयं जायता पुनरसौ स्वर्गाय लोकाय स्वाहेत्यसौ ज्ञात्वेन प्रैतरय नान संदक्षयन्तेन शुद्धत्वा शरीरेणाग्निं संयोजयेत् । गौ. पि. सू. I. 3.1-13.

beat their right thighs, fan the corpse with the fringes of their garments and go thrice round the corpse with the left side towards the corpse and recite the *mantra* 'apa nah śośnacā-  
agham' (Rg. I. 97 1. Tai. Ā. VI. 10. 1). It further provides (28, 1 37-46) that the corpse is carried in a cart or by (four) men and while being carried four stops are made, at each of which clods of earth are dug up and boiled rice is offered thereon with mantras like 'pūṣā tvetaḥ' (Rg. X. 17 3., Tai. Ā VI. 10 1), 'āyur viśvāyur' (Rg. X. 17. 4, Tai. Ā VI. 10. 2). The Varāha-purāṇa prescribes that a Paurāṇic mantra should be recited, that the performer should go round the pyre and apply the kindled fire towards the part of the pyre where the head is placed.<sup>499</sup>

In modern times the procedure of cremation is generally on the lines of that described in the Āśv. gr. cited above and the procedure described in the Garudapurāṇa II, 4. 41 ff. The following is a summary of the procedure set out in the Antyesti-paddhati of Nārāyanabhaṭṭa which is generally followed by Rgvedins in Western India. The dead body is washed with water, is decked with a *tilaka* on the forehead, is clothed in a garment, is covered with a paste of *Jatāmāṃsi* and a garland of *naladas* is placed round its neck. Then the performer washes his own feet, sips water, performs *prāṇāyāma* without Vedic mantra, then makes a *Sankalpa* (as in note 500),<sup>500</sup> he wears his sacred thread under the left shoulder (and on the right shoulder) and prays to the earth with the mantra 'upasarpa' (Rg. X. 18.10), he then thrice goes round the place dug up (for cremation) and sprinkles water with a *śami* branch at the end of the mantra 'apeta' (Rg. X. 14. 9). This mantra is repeated thrice. Then, he draws three lines on the ground with an iron piece or kuśa roots saying 'I draw a line for Yama, the lord of cremation,' 'I draw a line for Kāla, lord of &c' 'I draw a line for Mrtyu, lord of &c' Then he throws into the dug-up ground pieces of gold and sesame and water mixed with sesame in the middle of the dug up spot for Yama, to the north for Kāla and to the south for

499. कृत्वा सुदुष्करं कर्म जानता वाच्यजानता । सुखकालवशं प्राप्य नर पञ्चत्वमागतम् ॥  
धर्मार्थसमायुक्तं लोभमोहसमावृतम् । दृष्टेय सर्वगात्राणि दिव्यान् लोकान्स् गच्छतु ॥ एवमुक्त्वा  
ततः शीघ्रं कृत्वा श्वेदं प्रदक्षिणम् । ज्वलमानं तथा वह्निं शिर स्थाने प्रदीपयेत् । चतुर्वर्णेषु सरकार  
एवं भवति शुद्धक ॥ ब्राह्मपुराण q. by शुद्धिकृष्ण p. 170 and by शुद्धिकौस्तुभ p. 115.  
These verses occur with variations in ब्राह्मपुराण chap 187.106-108.

500 अथेत्यादि देशजालौ स्मृत्यायुक्तगोत्रस्यायुक्तकर्मणोऽस्मन्निवादे. मेतस्य मेतत्-  
विमोक्षार्थमौर्ध्वदेहि कर्त्तव्ये इति सङ्ग्रहस्य प्राचीनशीती भूमिं प्रार्थयेत् । अन्येऽपि पद्धति  
folio 165 a.



Mṛtyu (each being associated with pits, the formula being 'Yamāya dahanapatāye pītṛbhyaḥ svadhā namaḥ'). He puts sesame in the mouth of the corpse and prepares a funeral pile sufficient for burning the body by means of sacrificial wood brought by the castemen of the deceased. On that pile he spreads kuśa grass and over the latter black antelope skin with the hair outside. Then the corpse is carried to the north of the fire and is placed on the funeral pile with the head to the south. To the north of the dead body, he makes the wife of the deceased sit down. Then the husband's brother, pupil or an old servant makes her get up with the mantra 'udīrsva' (Rg. X. 18. 8). Then the performer puts pieces of gold in the seven holes of the body (vide above note 491) or drops of clarified butter. He then throws on the body of the departed sesame anointed with ghee, he performs *parīsamūhana* (wiping with the wet hand) of the fire, then *parīstarana* (strewing darbha grass) round the fire together with the funeral pile) and *paryuksana* (sprinkling water) and brings to the south of the fire the vessels viz *prokṣaṇī*, *sruva*, *camasa* and the vessel containing clarified butter. Then he puts water in the *camasa* (cup), covers it with darbha grass and carries it forward and invokes the *camasa* with Rg. X. 16. 8 (*imam-agne &c*) He makes a *saṅkalpa* that he would wait upon (or worship) the dead, takes two fuel sticks and offers them into fire and performs the worship of Agni, Kāma, Loka and Anumati by offering clarified butter in fire with the appropriate formula (viz. *agnaye svāhā*, *agnaya idam na mama*). Then he offers on the chest of the deceased clarified butter (or *prṣadājya*) (according to some) with the mantra 'asmādvai &c. (vide above note 498). Then he prepares *apūpas* (balls) with barley flour and mixes them with *prṣadājya* and places portions of the balls on the five parts viz. forehead, mouth, the two arms and chest with the following mantras viz Rg. X. 16. 7 (for the ball on forehead and mouth), Rg. X. 14. 10 (for the two arms) and Rg. X. 14. 11 (for the chest). Then he makes the fire flame up with the mantra Rg. X. 16. 9 (*kravyādam-agnim*) towards the head of a male (and the feet of a woman). Then he should repeat certain mantras while the body is being burnt viz. Rg. X. 14. 7-8, Rg. X. 14. 10-11, Rg. X. 16. 1-6, X. 17. 3-6, X. 18. 10-13, X. 15. 1-6, X. 14. 12. While muttering these mantras he should throw sesame on the body that is being burnt. Then the performer should take a jar (full of water) on his left shoulder, should make a hole in it on the back of the jar with a broken but smooth stone. He should go round thrice with the left towards the

burning body from the spot where the feet of the corpse lie and mutter certain mantras. The jar is struck thrice. All the *sagotra* relatives go round the burning corpse. Then the jar is completely broken near that part of the funeral pyre where the head rests. The relatives without looking back turn to the left and come out of the cemetery with the youngest members first. The performer recites Rg. X. 18.3 (ime *jīvā* &c.). The relatives repair to a spot where water is flowing, wearing only one garment and with faces to the south and hair dishevelled, plunge into the water once, sip water, place on the bank that stone (*aśman*) with which holes were made in the jar, offer water mixed with sesame on that stone with folded hands with the words 'O departed, of such a gotra and of such a name! May this water mixed with sesame reach you'. The performer offers water with the *uttariya* for allaying the thirst (of the departed) due to the burning.

Many rules were prescribed as regards the carrying of the dead body. It has been seen above that the corpse was carried in a cart or on a couch by the relatives or by the servants (*dāsas*). Some *sūtras*, *smṛtis*, commentaries and other works lay down many other rules here. The *Rāmāyana* (Ayodhyā 76. 13 ff) states that on the death of Daśaratha his Vedic fires were carried by his priests before the corpse, that the dead body was placed in a palanquin (*śibikā*), that his servants carried it and that coins of gold and clothes were thrown about on the road in front of the bier (for the poor). The general rule was that members of the three higher varnas alone should carry to the cemetery a dead body belonging to any one of those varnas and a *śūdra* should not carry the dead body of a man of a higher caste (when there were men of the caste of the dead available) nor should a man of one of the three higher varnas carry the dead body of a *śūdra*, and that the impurity in the case of a *śūdra* carrying a dead *dvijātī* or a *dvijātī* carrying a *śūdra's* body is determined by the caste of the dead man. Vide *Viṣṇu* Dh. S. 19. 1-4, *Gaut.* Dh. S. 14. 29, *Manu* 5. 104, *Yāj.* III. 26, *Parāśara* III. 43-45. A *brahmacārin* was not permitted to be a carrier of the dead body of a person or relative even of his own caste, except his parents, *guru*, *ācārya* and *upādhyāya* and he was not guilty of breaking his vows of student-hood if he carried the bodies of any one of the five mentioned above. Vide *Vas.* 23. 7, *Manu* 5. 91, *Yāj.* III. 15, *Laghu-Hārīta* 92-93, *Brahmapurāṇa* (q. by *Par. M.* I. 2 p. 278). *Guru*, *ācārya* and *Upādhyāya* are defined

by Yāj. I. 34-35. If a *brahmacārī* carried the corpse of any one except the above five he was held to have swerved from his *vrata* and he had to undergo the expiation for *vratalopa*. Manu 5. 103 and Yāj. III. 13-14 state that those who merely carry a dead body of their own caste should bathe with the clothes on, then bite off *nimba* leaves, should perform *ācamana*, touch fire, water, cowdung, white mustard, place slowly a foot on a stone and then enter their house. It being the duty of *sapinda*s<sup>501</sup> to carry the dead body of their relative they, after doing so, had simply to bathe, to touch fire and drink clarified butter for being pure (Gaut. 14. 29, Yāj. III. 26, Manu IV. 103, Parāśara III. 42, Devala q. by Par. M. 1 2, p. 277, Hārita q. by Aparārka p. 871). Carrying the dead body of a *brāhmaṇa* who has no relatives is highly extolled by Parāśara (III. 39-41) who says that a person, that thus carries the dead body of a *brāhmaṇa*, secures at each footstep the reward of the performance of a sacrifice and he becomes pure at once simply by plunging into water and performing *prāṇāyāma*, while Manu (5. 101-102) prescribes that if one carries the dead body of a person who is not a *sapinda* through affection he becomes pure after three days. The Hāratalā p. 121 quotes the Ādipurāṇa that if a *ksatriya* or *vaiśya* cremates the dead body of a poor *brāhmaṇa* or of a *ksatriya* who has lost everything or of a poor *vaiśya*, he secures great merit and becomes pure at once after a bath. Even now generally (particularly in villages) men of the same caste carry or follow a dead body and are held to be purified by a bath with clothes on. The medieval commentaries like the *Mitākṣarā* stuck strictly to the extreme exclusiveness of caste by prescribing 'if a man<sup>502</sup> carries a dead body through affection, eats food in that family and dwells in their house he is under impurity for ten days; if he simply stays with the dead man's family but does not eat their food he is impure for three days; these rules apply when the carrier is of

501 विहितं तु सपिण्डानां प्रेतनिर्हरणादिकम् । तेषां करोति यः कश्चित्सत्त्वादिर्व्यं न विद्यते ॥ देवल q. by परा मा I 2 p. 277, विहितं हि सपिण्डस्य प्रेतनिर्हरणादिकम् । दोनः स्यादसपिण्डस्य सत्त्वानाथक्रियां विना ॥ हारीत q. by अपरार्क p. 871.

502. अत्रेवं व्यवस्था । यः स्नेहादिना गवनिर्हरणं कृत्वा तदीयमन्नमश्नाति तदृहे च वसति तस्य दशाहेनैव शुद्धिः । यस्तु केवलं तदृहे वसति न पुनस्तदन्नमश्नाति तस्य त्रिरात्रम् । यः पुनर्निर्हरणाच्च करोति न तदृहे वसति न च तदन्नमश्नाति तस्यैकाह इति । एतत्सजातीयविषयम् । विजानां विषये पुनर्यज्ज्वातीयं प्रेतं निर्हरति तज्जातिमनुक्तमाशौचं कार्यम् । यथाह गौतमः. (१४.२१) ... विमत्स्य शुद्धनिर्हरणे मासमाशौचं शुद्धस्य तु विमनिर्हरणे द्वापरावन्तित्वेन शववदाशौचं कार्यमित्यर्थः । निता. on य. III 14.

the same caste as the dead person. But if a brāhmana carries a śūdra's corpse, the brāhmana is impure for a month, but if a śūdra carries a brāhmana's body the śūdra is impure for ten days.' The Kūrmapurāna prescribes that if a brāhmana carries the dead body of a brāhmana for a fee or from other interested motive he becomes impure for ten days, a ksatriya, vaiśya and śūdra doing the same becomes impure for 12, 15 or 30 days and the Viṣṇupurāna says that the person carrying a dead body for a fee has to become impure for the period of impurity prescribed for a man of that caste. It may be stated that these rules about impurity on the ground of carrying or following the carrying of a dead body of another caste are no longer enforced and it is extremely doubtful whether they were ever strictly enforced or followed. Hārīta<sup>503</sup> prescribes that a dead body should not be carried through the midst of a village if while going to the cemetery a village comes in the way, but it should be carried away from it. Manu, 5.92 and Vṛddha-Hārīta IX. 100-101 prescribed that the dead body of a śūdra, vaiśya, ksatriya and a brāhmana was to be taken out respectively by the southern, western, northern and eastern gates of the town or village. It was provided by Yama and the Garudapurāna II. 456-57<sup>504</sup> that the fuel for the funeral pyre should not be carried (for higher *varnas*) to the cemetery by a śūdra and if a śūdra did so the deceased would always remain in the state of *preta*. The Hārīlatā (p. 121) says that if firewood is carried by śūdras still the pyre should be made by brāhmanas only (for a brāhmana's body). The smṛtis and purānas provide that the corpse<sup>505</sup> should be first bathed with water and then cremated, that the corpse should never be burned naked, but that it should be covered with cloth, decked with flowers and have fragrant unguents (sandalwood

503. तथा हारीतोऽपि न ग्रामाभिमुखं भेतं हरेयुस्ति। मित्ता on या. III. 2, पा. 395, हारलता p. 119 which explains 'निर्हृता यदि बर्त्तन्ति ग्रामं स्यात्तदा तन्मस्ये न वन्तस्यमित्यर्थः' ।

504. यस्यानयति शूद्राग्निं तृणं काष्ठं हवीषि च। भेतत्वं च सदा तस्य स चाग्नेर्जलिष्यते॥ यम p. 4 by मित्ता. on या. III. 2, अपराक p. 871, हारलता p. 120 (reads मन्वते तेष धर्मोस्ति) which last takes स...लिष्यते as referring to the brāhmana who is cremated, तृणकाष्ठतिलाज्यादि स्वयं निष्पु. सुतादयः ॥ शूद्राग्नीते. कृतं कर्म सर्वं भवति निष्फलम्। गच्छ०.

505. चन्दनोक्षितसर्गङ्गं सुमनोभिर्निभूयितम्। निर्हरेत् सुतादयः॥ आगपात्रेऽश्रमादाय प्रेतमग्निपुरं सरम्। एतोलुगच्छन्नस्यार्धमर्धपयस्त्वजेष्टुनि॥ गोभिलस्मृति III. 23-25 q by अपराक p. 873, प्रचेता। स्नानं प्रेतस्य पुत्रादीर्वैद्यायै पूजनं ततः। नम्रदेहं दहेत्तैष किञ्चिद्देवं परित्यजेत्॥ किञ्चिद्देवं पृष्ट्वैके दिपत्नेन ग्रसिर्द्धं तत्परित्यजेत् तत्स्येभ्यश्चण्डालादिभ्यः। अपराक p. 871, मित्ता. on या. III. 2 also quotes प्रचेतम्.

paste &c.), that fire should be carried in front of the corpse and one man should carry cooked food in an unbaked earthen vessel and another should deposit part of the food on the way and one should give clothes and the like to cāṇḍālas and the like (that stay near the cemetery).

The Brahmapurāṇa (q. by Śuddhiprakāśa p. 159) states that when carrying a dead body to the cemetery, a great deal of noise should be created by means of the four kinds of instruments,<sup>506</sup>

There were differing rules laid down about *vapana* (shaving) for the performer as an auxiliary (anga) of the rite of cremation, after the cremation and bath thereafter. A smṛti text provides<sup>507</sup> 'shaving of the head and moustaches is declared in seven cases, viz. on the Ganges, at the Bhāskarakṣetra, on the death of the mother or father or *guru*, on consecrating the śrauta fires and in a Soma sacrifice'. The A. K. D. (p. 19) prescribes that the son or other performer of the rites of cremation should first perform *vapana* and then bathe, then carry the dead body to a sacred spot, bathe it there, or if such a spot is not at hand should invoke the presence of the Ganges, Gayā and other *tīrthas* in the water to be used for washing the dead body, then anoint it with ghee or sesame oil, again bathe it and put on it a fresh garment, should deck it with *yaśnopavīta*, *gopīcandana*, garland of basil leaves and then should apply to the whole body fragrant substances like sandalwood paste, camphor, saffron, musk &c. But if the cremation took place at night, there was to be no *vapana* at night, but on the next day.<sup>508</sup> Other smṛtis allowed *vapana* on the 2nd, 3rd, 5th or 7th or any following day up to the offering of śrāddha on the 11th day.<sup>509</sup> Āp Dh. S. I. 3. 10. 6

506. The four kinds of वाद्य were enumerated by भरत as 'तत् चैवावनर्तं च वपनं सुविमेव च' and the अमरकोश illustrates them as follows: 'तत् वीणादिकं वाद्यमानञ्चं सुरजादिभ्यः। वंशादिकं तु सुविरे कालपतालदिकं वनम् ॥.'

507. गङ्गाया भास्करक्षेत्रे मातापित्रोर्होराहुती । आधानकाले सोमे च वपनं सप्तस्रुतम् ॥ q by मिता. on या III 17, परा. मा I 2, p. 296, शुद्धिमकाश p, 161। माय तत्र p 493 (from स्मृतिसमुच्चय) भास्करक्षेत्रे is प्रयाग

508. राज्ञो दग्ध्वा तु पिण्डान्तं कृत्वा वपनवर्जितम् । वपनं नेष्यते राज्ञौ श्वस्तनी वपनक्रिया ॥ संह प in शुद्धिम p 161

509. अलुप्तकेनो यः पूर्वं सोऽत्र केनान् प्रवापयेत् । द्वितीयेऽह्नि तृतीयेऽह्नि पञ्चमे सप्तमेऽपि वा । यावच्छ्राद्धं प्रदीयेत तावदित्यपरं मतम् । चौधापनं q by. परा मा I. 2, p. 2. वापनं दशमेऽह्नि कार्यम् । तद्वाह देवल । दशमेऽह्नि संयाति स्नानं ग्रामाहं बहिर्भवेत् । तत्र त्याज्यानि वासतांति केशाश्च नक्षानि च ।; this verse is q. by the मिता on या III. 17; the मद पा. p 416 after quoting देवल and other authors remarks 'प्रथमादिदिनेषु कृतसौर-स्यापि शुद्धयर्थे ब्रह्मादिनेषु वपनं कर्तव्यम् ।.'

provides<sup>510</sup> *vapana* for all sapindas that are younger than the deceased. The Madanapārijāta holds that the performer of cremation rites had to undergo *vapana* on the first day and also on the expiry of the period of impurity, while the Śuddhiprakāsa (p 162) following the Mit on Yāj. III 17 states that the day on which *vapana* is to be undergone is determined by the usage of each country. This difference in usages has been even judicially noticed. In *Chandra choora Deo v. Bibhuti Bhushan Deva* A.I.R. 1945 Patna p. 211 at p. 219 it has been stated that according to the Benares School the person who performs the cremation shaves his head at the time of cremation, whereas under the Mithilā school there is no such shaving at that time.

The Garudapurāṇa (II. 4. 67-69) provides that loud weeping may be indulged in when the body is burning but there should be no weeping after cremation and the offering of water to the departed.

There was some difference of opinion as to the offering of water (*udakakriyā* or *udakadāna*) to the deceased by his sapindas and *samānodakas*. Āśv gr. quoted above (p 209) speaks of offering water once, but the Sat. Śr 28 2. 72 and others prescribe that water mixed with sesame is offered thrice with joined hands on the day of death to the deceased after reciting his gotra and name and every day thereafter up to the 11th.<sup>511</sup> Gaut Dh. S. 14. 38, Vas. 4 12 prescribe that water should be offered by sapindas to the deceased with their faces to the south on the first, third, seventh and ninth days of death and Haradatta says that in all 75 *añjals* of water were to be offered (three on 1st day, 9 on 3rd, 30 on 7th and 33 on 9th), but that the usage in his country was that on the first day water was offered three times with joined hands and then one more *añjal* on each succeeding day from the 2nd. On the other hand, Viṣṇu Dh S. 19. 7 and 13, Pracetas, Paithinasi (both quoted by Aparārka p. 874)

510. अनुभाविना च परिवापनम्। आप घ सू I. 3.10 6 For explanation of this sūtra, vide मित्ता on या III 17.

511. केशाच्च प्रकीर्य पांसुलोप्यैकवात्सलो दक्षिणाशुक्ला सकृदुन्मज्ज्योत्तीर्य सत्यं जात्वाच्य वासः पीडयित्वापविशन्त्येवं निस्तम्भत्ययं गोत्रनामधेयं तिलमिश्रमुदकं त्रिरुत्तिचपादर-  
हरञ्जलिनेकोत्तरद्विज्वरेकादशाहात्। सत्याषाढश्रौत 28 2 72 The सू. सि. सू I. 4.7 is almost in the same words. The water would be offered in the form 'काश्यपगोत्रं देवदत्तशर्मन्, एतत्ते उदकम्' or 'काश्यपगोत्राय देवदत्तशर्मणे प्रेतायैवति-  
लोदकं वदामि' (हरदत्त) or 'देवदत्तनामा काश्यपगोत्रं प्रेतस्तुप्यतु' (मित्ता. on या III. 5.).  
Vide गोमिलस्तुति III 36-37 also, q by अपरार्क p 874 and पुरा मा I. 2 p 287.

prescribe that water and pinda were to be offered to the deceased for ten days.<sup>512</sup> The Śuddhiprakāśa (p. 202) quotes verses from Gṛhya-pariśista, one of which says that some declare that only ten añjalis were to be offered, some say 100 were to be offered and others that 55 were to be offered and that one should follow the usage settled in one's vedic Śākha. The Āśv. gr. pariśista 3. 4 has a similar rule in prose. The Garuḍapurāṇa (Pretakhanda chap. 5 verses 22-23) also refers to the offering of 10, 55, or 100 añjals. Some smrtis prescribed that the number of añjalis of water were dependent on the caste of the deceased. Pracetas (q. by Mit. on Yaj. III. 4) provides that 10, 12, 15, 30 añjalis should be respectively offered to a deceased person of the brāhmana, ksatriya, vaiśya or śūdra varṇa. Yama (verses 92-94) states how water is to be offered to the deceased standing in navel-deep water and (98) prescribes that water is to be offered in water to gods and pitris but on the ground to those that died without upanayana being performed. In a smṛti quoted by Devayājñika<sup>513</sup> it is stated that six pindas were to be offered from the day of death as follows: at the place where the death occurred, at the door of the house, where four roads meet, where the funeral procession on the way to the cemetery rested, on the pile of wood arranged for burning (*citā*), and at the time of the collection of the burnt bones. It was further provided that for the benefit of the departed a lamp fed by sesame oil was to be kept burning continuously for ten days after death and an earthenware vessel was to be kept filled with water and a handful of cooked rice was to be offered on the ground at the time of the mid-day meal after uttering the name and gotra of the departed. This was called *pūṭheya śrāddha* because it helped the departed to go on his way from the earth to the world of the departed (vide Dharmasindhu p 463). According to some of the digests

512. दिनेदिनेऽजलीन् पूर्णान् मद्यात्मेतकारणात् । तावद्विंश्रि कर्तव्या यावत्पिण्डः समाप्यते ॥ मेतत्स q. by मिता on या III. 3; 'यावदाक्षौचं तावत्प्रेतस्योदकं पिण्डं च दद्यात्' निष्कर्मसूत्र 19.13 If water is offered only once a day for ten days there would be only ten añjals in all, but if 10 were offered on each day there would be 100, if one was offered on first day and one more added on each succeeding day to the 10th there would be 55 añjals.

513. अन्नं च आद्धीतरं पिण्डदानमुक्तं देवयाज्ञिकोदाहृतायां स्थितौ । घृतस्योत्क्रान्तिसम्पाद्यद् पिण्डाच्च कमशी दिशेत् । घृतस्थाने तथा हारे चत्वरं तदर्थं कारणात् । विश्राप्ते काष्ठचपने तथा सज्जपन्ने च पट् । q. by बुद्धिमतासा p. 158. Vide शब्दप्रकरण II. 4 48 for a similar provision.

a śrāddha called Nagna-pracchādana was to be performed on the day of the death of a person after his sapindas undergo shaving and bath, enter the village and the house. It consists in filling a jar with grains of rice wound round with a piece of cloth and putting clarified butter in a vessel of bell-metal and some gold (or coins) thereon according to one's ability. The whole was to be given to a poor brāhmana of good family after remembering Viṣṇu for the benefit of the departed Vide Smṛti-muktāphala (on śr ) pp. 595-596, Sm C (on Āśauca p. 176 ).

The smṛtis and purāṇas (like Kūrma, uttarārḍha 23. 70) prescribe that after offering with joined hands water to the deceased a ball of rice or barley flour with sesame was to be presented on darbha grass. There are two views on this point. According to Yāj. III. 16 a *pinda* was to be offered for three days after death according to the procedure prescribed for Pinda-pitr-yajña (such as wearing of the sacred thread on the right shoulder and under the left shoulder), while according to Viṣṇu 19. 13 one *pinda* was to be offered every day as long as impurity on death lasted. The *pinda* was to be offered on darbhas spread on the ground if the deceased had his upanayana performed, but without mantras or may be offered on a stone<sup>514</sup>. While water could be offered by any and every sapinda, *pinda* was to be offered only by the son (and when there were many sons, by the eldest if free from defect); in default of a son the nearest sapinda like a brother or brother's son was to offer it and in default of such then the sapindas of the mother (maternal uncle, his son or the like) could<sup>515</sup> offer it. Even when *pindas* were to be offered for three days or *āśauca* lasted only for 3 days the *pindas* were prescribed to be ten by Śatātapa and Pāraskara distributed them as follows: three on the first day, four on the 2nd and 3 on the third and Dakṣa<sup>516</sup> distributed them as follows: one on the first day, four on the 2nd and five on the 3rd. Pāraskara prescribed that 10, 12, 15, 30 *pindas* were to be offered according to the varṇa of the deceased. In the case cited above from A. I. R. 1945 Patna p. 211 at p. 219 it has been stated that according to the Benares school 4, 5 or 6

514. शुनौ मालयं पिण्डं पानीयमुपले वा दद्यात् : शङ्ख व. by मिता. on या. III. 16.

515. पुत्राभावे सपिण्डाः सावृतपिण्डाः शिष्याश्च वा दद्यात् : तदभावे त्रिभिर्गोत्राणां शौ. व. सू. 15.13-14.

516. प्रथमेऽहनि सप्तपिण्ड द्वितीये चतुरस्रतया । तृतीये पञ्च वै दद्यादेव पिण्डविधिः स्मृतः ॥ शङ्ख व. by अपरार्क p. 688.



pindas are offered at the time of cremation, while according to the Mithilā school only one pinda is offered. Everybody, whether a person of the same gotra as the deceased or of another gotra, had to carry out all the rites up to the tenth day when he once began them on the day of death, as stated by the Grhya-parisista<sup>517</sup> and Garudapurāna. It is further prescribed that when the funeral rites are begun by a person and then a nearer relative such as a son comes, even then the former is to carry on all the rites up to the 10th day, but the rites of the 11th and later days are to be performed by the son and in default of him by a near sapinda. The Matsyapurāna states<sup>518</sup> that pindas should be offered to the deceased for twelve days; they become his food on his journey (to the other world) and they give him satisfaction; since the deceased is taken to the abode of departed spirits after twelve days, he (his spirit) sees his house, sons and wife for twelve days. Rśyaśrngā quoted by Aparārka (p. 889) specifies the limbs of an ethereal body with which the deceased is endowed on each day of the ten days after death when a pinda is offered. The Garudapurāna (pretakhanda chap. 5. 33-36) says the same.

Just as sapindas of the same gotra and *samānodakas* were bound to offer water to the deceased, a person was bound to offer water to his maternal grandfather and to the two further ancestors and to his ācārya on their death. Every man, if he so desired (i. e. he was under no religious duty), could offer water to his friend, to his married sister or daughter, to his sister's son, father-in-law and his sacrificial priest on their death (Pār. gr. III. 10, Śankha-Likhita, Yāj. <sup>519</sup> III. 4) Pāraskara (III. 10) refers to a peculiar practice. When the sapindas are about to enter water for bathing and thereafter offering water to the deceased they pray to their relatives or brother-in-law for water with the words 'we shall perform udakakriyā', where-upon

517. असगोत्रः सगोत्रो वा यदि स्त्री यदि वा पुमान्। मथ्येऽहनि यो दद्यात्स दशाहं समापयेत्॥ शुद्धपरिशिष्ट q. by मिता on वा. I. 255 and III 16, अपरार्क p 887, नव. पा. p. 400, हारलता p. 172. This is लघ्वश्वलायन 20.6 and बृहस्पराण (प्रेतखण्ड) 5 19-20.

518. नेताय पिण्डदानं द्वादशाहं समाचरेत्। पाथेयं तस्य तत्पुत्रो यतः प्रीतिकरं महत्॥ यस्मात् नेतुं द्वादशाहं नीयते। शुद्धपुत्रकलत्रं च द्वादशाहं प्रपद्यते। नक्षत्रपुराण q. by अपरार्क p 889. These two verses are the same as पद्मपुराण, सुद्विखण्ड 10.5-6.

519. 'उदकक्रियां कौमं श्वशुरमाहुलयोः शिष्ये सदाध्यायिनि राजाने च।' बृहत्संहिता p. 4 by दीपकालिका on वा III. 4.

the other replies 'do so but don't come again (with a similar request),' if the deceased was less than one hundred years of age, but the reply would be simply 'do so' if the deceased was hundred years of age or more.<sup>520</sup> The G. P. S. (I, 4, 4-6) has a somewhat similar symbolic dialogue. A king's officer, a *sagotra* or a brother-in-law takes a branch having thorns and prevents them from entering water with the words 'don't enter'; then the sapindas should reply 'we shall not again enter water'. The probable significance of this was that they thereby would be able to escape from another death in the family soon after.

There were rules prohibiting certain persons from offering water to the deceased and also directing that water should not be offered to certain deceased persons. Impotent<sup>521</sup> persons and the like, thieves of gold, *vrātyas*, those who follow forbidden conduct and women that kill their own foetus or husband and that drink the kind of liquor (forbidden to them) should not offer water to a deceased person. Yāj (III. 6) provides that water should not be offered to and no āśauca observed for heretics, for those who do not belong to one of the four āśramas, to thieves, to women who kill their husbands or who are guilty of prostitution or who drink *surā*, or who commit suicide. Manu (V. 89-90) is to the same effect. Gaut Dh. S.<sup>522</sup> 14. 11 provides that in the case of those who start (through anger) on the Great

520 संयुक्त मेधुनं बोदकं याचेरकुदकं करिष्यामह इति। कुरुष्व मा चैव पुनरित्यशक्तं वर्षे मेते। कुरुष्वमित्येवेतरस्मिन्। पाररकरदृष्ट्या III 10, which are included in the procedure of *udakadāna* even by such a late writer as Govindānanda (S. K. p. 122) and explained by छुद्धिमकाश pp 199-200, अप' प्रतिपद्यन्ते। अत्र राजपुरुषः सगोत्रमिधुनी (सगोत्रो मेधुनी?) वा कण्डकिनीं शास्त्रमादाय मावतरतेति वारयेत् न पुनरवतरिष्यान् इति प्रतिब्रूयः। गौ पि छ I 4 3-6.

521 क्लीबाद्या नोदकं कुर्युः स्तेना व्रात्या विधर्मिणः। गर्भभर्तृमुहश्चैव शूराप्यश्चैव योवित्॥ बृह्मेध q. by कल्पतरु (छुद्धि) p. 89, छुद्धिमकाश p 203. The word क्लीबाद्याः probably includes all those mentioned by Yāj II. 140 For *vrātya* vide H. of Dh. vol. II, pp 96, 386

522 प्रायानाशकशस्त्राग्निविषोदकोद्वन्धनभपतनैश्चेच्छताम्। गौ 14 11; कोषात्प्राये विषं वदतिः शस्त्रद्वन्धनं जलम्। गिरिवृक्षमपात च ये कुर्वन्ति नराधमाः। ब्रह्मदण्डहता ये च ये चैव ब्राह्मणैर्हताः। महापातकिनो ये च पतितस्ते प्रकीर्तिताः। पतितानां न दाहः। स्यात्त च स्यादस्थितश्चर्यः। न चाश्रयतः पिण्डो वा कार्पा आह्निकिया न च॥ ब्रह्मपुराण q. by हेरदत्त on गौ 14 11 and by अपरार्क pp. 902-903, quoting many more verses; similar rules are laid down by *Aśvaśāsanasmṛti* VII. 1. p 539 (Jiv.), सर्वर्ष verses 178-179; Atri 216-217, कूर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध chap. 23. verses 60-63) q. by हारलता p. 204, छुद्धिम p. 59.

Journey, who commit suicide by fasting or by means of a weapon or by fire, by poison, in water, by hanging or falling from a precipice or tree, there is no cremation, no āśauca, no offering of water or pinda. Haradatta on Gaut, 14. 11 quotes three verses from Brahmapurāṇa that those who die of a brāhmana's curse or black magic and those who are *patitas* are dealt with in the same way. But Angiras (q. by Mit. on Yaj. III. 6) says that if one dies by water or fire or the like through inadvertence, there was āśauca for him and *udakakriyā* was performed. Vide Vaik. Sm S. V. 11 for a long list of persons who must not be cremated. In the Mahābhārata the rites of cremation have been described frequently e. g. the cremation of Pāṇdu in Ādiparva, chap 127 (the body was carried in a *śīrikā* covered on all sides, there were musical instruments, the royal parasol and chowries were carried in the procession, distribution of wealth to mendicants, carrying the dead body to the bank of the Ganges on a charming sylvan spot, bathing the body, applying sandalwood paste to it), of Drona in Striparva, chap 23.38-42 (three *Sāmans* were sung, his pupils with Droṇa's wife in front went round the funeral pyre, going to the Ganges); of Bhīṣma in Anuśāsana 169 10-19 (fragrant resins were used on the pyre, his body was covered with fine clothes and flowers, an umbrella and chowries were held over the body, Kaurava women fanned the body with fans, *sāmans* were sung); of Vasudeva in Mausalaparva 7. 19-25; of killed warriors in general in Striparva, chap. 26. 28-43 and of Kuntī, Dhṛtarāṣṭra and Gāndhārī in Āśramavāsikaparva, chap. 39. In the Rāmāyana (Ayodhyā, chap 76 verses 16-20), it is said that the funeral pyre for Daśaratha was made with sandalwood, *aguru* and fragrant resins, with Sarala, Padmaka and Devadāru (pine) wood and various fragrant substances were heaped thereon, then Daśaratha's body was placed on the pyre and that Kausalyā and other women followed the corpse in *śīrikās* and conveyances according to their status.

If an *āhitāgni* died away from home, the Śat. Br. (XII. 5.1.13-14) provides that, having brought his bones home they were to be spread on a black antelope skin and arranged in imitation of the human frame, were to be covered with wool and ghee and burnt with his *śrauta* fires and sacrificial implements. Similar rules are laid down in Kat. Śr. 25.8-9, Baud. P. S. III 8, Gobhilasūrti III.47, Vas. Dh. S. IV. 37.

If even the bones could not be found, then the sūtras following the Ast Br. (chap. 32.1) and similar ancient works<sup>523</sup> provide that on a skin of black antelope one should make the effigy of a human frame with *palāśa* stalks (leaves) 360 in<sup>524</sup> number, the effigy should be bound round with woollen thread, should be covered with *yava* flour mixed with water and anointed with clarified butter and cremated with his fires and sacrificial implements. The Brahmapurāṇa (q. by Suddhiprakāśa p. 187) contains similar rules about burning an effigy and ordains three days' impurity thereafter. Acc. to a smṛti (q. by Aparārka p. 545), the *palāśa* leaves were to be 362. They were to be distributed according to Baud. P. S. and Gaut. P. S. as follows: 40 represent the head, 10 the neck, 20 the chest, 30 the abdomen (*udara*), 50 each of the arms, 10 the fingers of the two hands, 70 each of the two legs, 10 the toes of the feet, 8 the male organ, 12 the testicles. This is also the enumeration in Sat Śr. 29.4.39. Vide also Śān. Śr. IV 15.19-31,<sup>525</sup> Kat. Śr. XXV. 8.15, Baud. P. S. III 8, G. P. S. II 1.6-14 Gobhila-smṛti III 48, Harita q. by Suddhiprakāśa p. 186, Garudapurāṇa II. 4. 134-154 and II.40 44 ff. It may be stated here that all the sūtras and smṛtis do not entirely agree as to the number of *palāśa* leaves taken as representing the several parts of the body, as may be seen from a comparison of the Śān. Śr. quoted in the note with Baud. P. S. set out here. A smṛti quoted by Aparārka (p. 545) gives the numbers as follows: 32 for the head, 60 for the neck, 80 for the chest, 20 for the hip and loins, 20 each for the two arms, 10 for fingers, 6 for testicles, 4 for the penis, 60 for the two thighs, 20 for the knees, 20 for the

523. The *दे जा* reads यदि शरीराणि न विद्येरन् पर्णैश्च. यदि शरीराणि च शतान्याहृत्य तेषां पुरुषरूपकमिव कृत्वा तस्मिन्स्थानादृतं कुर्युरथैनान्छरीरैराहृतं संस्पृश्यैद्वांसयेत्युरभ्यर्घ्यशतं काये सन्निधनी द्विपञ्चाशो च विंशे चौरु द्विपञ्चविंशे शेषे तु शिरस्तुपदध्यात् सा तत्र प्रापञ्चिन्तिः।

524. शरीरनाशे त्रीणि यदि शतानि पलाशवृक्षानां कृष्णाग्निने पूर्ववत्। कात्या औ 25. 8 15, on which the com. remarks 'पुरुषविध्यादि पूर्ववत् ब्राह्मणम्। तेषामेव सञ्चयनं पितृमेधश्च तैरेवेति।'।

525. चत्वारिंशद्विंशतिः। शीवाया दश। अंशान्वस्योर्षादो शतम्। उरसि विंशत्। जठरे विंशतिः। बह्वृषणयोः। शिश्ने चत्वारि। ऊर्वो शतम्। त्रिंशज्जाड्यज्जाड्यवतो। पादाङ्गुलीषु

विंशतिः'। एव त्रीणि यदि शतानि भवन्ति। पुरुषाकृतिं कृत्वोर्णसूत्रैः परिवेष्ट्य यवपूर्णैः प्रलेप्य सपिपास्यज्याग्निभिः संस्कुर्वन्ति। शा औ. च. IV. 15. 20-31 Each stalk of *Palāśa* has three leaves, ऊर्णसूत्राः will represent the muscles and यवपूर्णलेपः will represent flesh. It will be seen that as enumerated in Śān. S. the *palāśa* stalks are exactly 360. The कूर्मपुराण (उत्तर) 23.68 refers to it as 'देहाभावात्पलाशैश्च कृत्वा प्रतिकृतिं पुनः।'।

lower parts of the legs, 10 for toes of the feet. *Jātūkarnya* (q. by *Aparārka* p. 545) and *Bhaviṣyapurāṇa* (q. by *Śuddhiprakāśa* p. 187) say that when a son does not hear for 15 years about his father who had gone to a distant land, he should perform the cremation of the effigy (called 'ākṛtidahana'). *Bṛhaspati* advises waiting for 12 years before resorting to *ākṛtidahana* (*Śuddhipr.* p. 187). The *Vaikhānasa-smārta-sūtra* V. 12 regards the burning of the effigy as a meritorious act for every one and does not restrict it to the case where the body or bones are not found. The *Śuddhiprakāśa* p. 187 quotes several verses from the *Brahmapurāṇa* that the procedure of burning an effigy of palāsa stalks was to be followed even in the case of one who has not consecrated *Śrauta* fires and *āsauca* for three days has to be observed, while the *āsauca* for burning the effigy of an *āhitāgni* was ten days.

It is further provided in *Sat. Śr.* 29. 4. 41, *Baud P. S.* (II. 7. 4) and *Garudapurāṇa* II. 4. 169-70 that, if after the effigy is cremated in the belief that a person died in a foreign land, he returns alive, then he is plunged in a pit containing clarified butter and then he comes out of it, takes a bath, then all the *samskāras* from *jātakarma* are performed on him, then he marries the same wife again or if she be dead, he may marry another girl, then consecrate again *śrauta* fires. Some *sūtras* provide that if the wife of an *āhitāgni* dies before him, he may, if he so desires, cremate her with his *śrauta* fires or he may cremate her with fire prepared from cowdung and some easily inflammable things (like straw) placed in three *sthālis* (cooking pots 526). *Manu* (V. 167-168) provides that if the *savarnā* and virtuous wife of a twice-born person who had consecrated sacred *śrauta* fires died before him she was to be cremated with his fires (*śrauta* and *smārta*) and with the sacrificial implements. Then he may marry again and consecrate *śrauta* or *smārta* fires again. To the same effect are *Yāj. I.* 89, *Baud. P. S. II.* 4, 6, *Gobhila-smṛti* III. 5, *Vaikhānasa-smārtasūtra* VII. 2, *Vṛddha-Hārta* XI. 213, *Laghu-Āśv.* 20. 59. 527 *Viśvarūpa* on *Yāj. I.* 87 quotes a *Kāthaka-śruti* to

526. दृष्टव्यं परीक्षां पूर्वमारिणीमग्निमिः संस्कृत्य सान्तपनेन वाग्यामानीय ततः पुनरा-  
दधीत । श्रौतं चैव IV. 15.32. How the सान्तपन fires are produced is stated in *Sat.*  
*Br.* XII. 5. 2. 3 'इत्यमेव क्षुर्यात् । तिस्र एव स्थालीरेष्टवै त्रयास्तान् गोमयानि च क्षुम्बलानि  
वावधाय नाना त्रिविधेषु प्रवृज्यन्ते ये ततः सन्तापादग्रयो जायेरंस्तेरेन दहेयुः ।' *क्षुम्बल*  
means some material which is easily inflamed such as straw.

527. तस्माद्यावत्प. पत्न्यः सर्वा एवाग्निहोत्राद्यर्थेनाग्निना दग्धव्या इति स्थितम् ।  
तथा च काठके श्रुतिः 'शवाग्रयो या एते भवन्ति ये पत्न्यां प्रमीतायां धार्यन्ते' इत्युपक्रम्य 'तस्मात्  
पत्नीमग्निमिदंहेत्' इति विस्पष्टो विशेषाविधिः । त्विष्यत् on या I. 87.

the effect that if a person keeps the same śrauta fires after the death of his wife they are (impure like) the fires used for burning a corpse and adds that even if a brāhmana āhitaṅni had a wife of the ksatriya class and she died before him, she was to be cremated with his śrauta fires. This view is opposed to that of many other commentators and he explains Manu V 167 (where 'savarnām' occurs) as merely illustrative and that if it were interpreted as restricted to a savarna wife alone, there would be the fault of *vāhyabheda*. Some of the smrtis provide that he may remain a widower and perform his Agnihotra by having a golden effigy of the wife or one made of kuśa grass, as Rāma did. Vide Gobhilasmṛti III, 523 9-10, Vṛddha-Hārīta XI 214. If the householder did not marry again (when his wife died before him and was cremated with his śrauta fires) and did not consecrate fresh vedic fires he was to be cremated with ordinary fire. If the householder was unable to marry again, he may cremate his wife with fire kindled by means of the kindling sticks (*arams*) and keep his śrauta fires and carry on *agnihotra* with the image or effigy of the wife. If the āhitaṅni died first and his wife then died as a widow she was to be cremated with fire (*ni manthya*) kindled by attrition of the *arams*. Vide Baud. P. S II, 4 6-8, Kāt. Śr. 29 4 34-35, and Trikāṇḍa-māṇḍana II, 121, 523a. When the wife was cremated the mantra 'Asmāttvam-abhijātosi' quoted above was not to be recited (vide Gobhilasmṛti III, 52). It was only a virtuous wife and not an unchaste one that was cremated with śrauta or smārta fire (Gobhilasmṛti III, 53). Kratu (q. by

528 सुतायामपि भार्याया वैदिकाग्निं न हि त्यजेत् । उपाधिनापि तत्कर्म यावज्जीवं समा-  
पयेत् ॥ रामोऽपि कृत्वा सौवर्णीं सीता पत्नीं यज्ञस्विनीम् । ईजे यज्ञैर्वहुविधैः सह ब्राह्मिणैर्विहितैः ॥  
जोभिलस्मृति III 9-10, the first being quoted by अपरार्क p 114 as विष्णु's. It  
is also quoted by गृहस्थरत्नाकर p 110. अपरार्क does not accept the interpreta-  
tion that the verse सुतायां etc. allows the householder to have an image of his  
deceased wife beside him while performing a Vedic sacrifice. The words  
'उपाधिनापि' according to अपरार्क mean that he may marry a woman not of  
the same varṇa. Both verses are q. by शुद्धिप्रकाश (pp. 164-165) which  
summarises various views on this point.

528a तयोर्यं पुत्रौ भ्रियेत तस्याग्निनेत्रया यज्ञपात्रैश्च पितृमेधः । य. पश्चात्तरयौपासनेन ।  
औपासनेऽविद्यमाने निर्मस्येन पितृमेधः । चौ. पि. सू. II 4 6-8, compare सत्या. औ.  
29 4 34; 'पत्नीं चैद्धिषवा भूत्वा ममीयेत कदाचन । तदा औतासिश्च यत्वाभिर्मस्येनैव दूषते ॥'  
त्रिकाण्डमण्डन II 121.

Sūddhiprakāśa p. 166) <sup>528b</sup> and Baud P. S. III. 1. 9-13 state that a widower and a widow were to be cremated with fire generated on a *kapāla* (made red hot and then cow-dung thrown thereon), a brahmachārin and yāti were to be cremated with *uttapana* (or *kapāla*) fire, an unmarried girl and a boy whose Upanayana is not performed are to be cremated with fire produced from chaff. If an *āhitāgni* became *patita* or guilty of suicide in various ways or met death by challenging animals or snakes, his *śrauta* fires were to be cast into water and *smṛta* fire was to be cast on the place where four roads meet (or in water), his sacrificial implements were to be burnt (a *smṛti* q by Par. M. I. 2. p. 226, Parāśara V. 10-11, Vaik Smṛta V. 11) and he was to be cremated with ordinary fire.

Manu V. 68, Yāj III. 1, Parāśara III. 14, Visnu Dh. S. 22. 27-28, Brahmapurāṇa quoted by Par. M. I. 2 p. 238 provide that in the case of abortion, the foetus, and a still-born child, and a child that has not yet struck teeth should be decked with clothes and the like and should be buried. Children of tender years were not to be cremated, but there was some difference of opinion among ancient writers on the exact age at which one or the other method of disposal was to be resorted to. Parāśara-gr. <sup>528c</sup> III. 10, Yāj III. 1, Manu V. 68-69, Yama and some others provide that a child that had not completed two years at death was to be buried under ground in an unsullied spot outside the village (other than the usual cemetery), the dead body being anointed with ghee and decked with flowers and sandal paste and that no burning nor offering of water nor the collection of bones was to be performed in this case. The relatives may all follow the body or not

528b विधुर विधवा चैव कपालस्याग्निना दहेत् । ब्रह्मचारियती चैव दहेदुत्तपनाग्निना ॥  
हवतिना च दग्धस्य कन्यका बाल एव च । अग्निवर्णं कपालं तु कृत्वा तत्र विमिश्रयेत् ।  
कारीयादे ततो यस्तु जातः स तु कपालजः ॥ कठ q. by छुद्धिमकाश p. 166 The उत्तप-  
नाग्नि is explained as दग्धस्य अग्निं तु भज्वालय पुनर्दग्धैस्तु संयुत । पुनर्दग्धै वृत्तीयेतिनरेण  
उत्तपनं स्यूतः ॥ स्मृत्यन्तर q. by छुद्धिमकाश 166, अथाहिताग्निः यज्ञपात्रैश्च । गृहस्थ-  
सौपातनेन । ब्रह्मचारिणं कपालसन्तपनाग्निना ॥ उत्तपनीयेनेतरान् । एव स्त्रियम् । चौ पि छ.  
III. 1 9-13.

528c. अधोदककर्मादिवर्षे मेते मात्रापिचोरागौचं शौचमेवेतरेषामेकरात्र त्रिरात्रं वा  
शरीरमदग्धं निखनन्ति । .. नात्रोदककर्म । पारस्करगृह्य III. 10, ऊनद्विवापिकं मेत वृत्ताक्त  
निखनेद्भुवि । यमगाथा गायमानो यमस्तुक्तमनुस्मरन् । यम q. by मितः on य. III. 1. यमगाथा-  
are verses addressed to यम such as 'nāke suparnam' (Rg X. 123 6 acc to  
दीपकालिका), or तै. आ. VI. 5. 3 अहरहर्नयमानो गामश्च एरुपं जगत् । वैरस्वतो न तु यति  
पञ्चभिर्मानवैर्यतः ॥, or योस्य कौट्य जगत्. and the two following verses from तै. आ.  
VI. 5.2 (acc. to अपराक p. 871) and स्मृतिच. (आशौचकाण्ड p. 201)

and Yama allows the recital of the Yamasūkta (Rg. X. 14) and the verses in honour of the god Yama. Manu V 70, however, states other optional provisions viz. that the offering of water may be done (and therefore the cremation also of the dead body) in the case of infants that have struck teeth or after *nāmakarana*. Therefore there is an option as to cremating an infant of less than two years, viz. it may be buried or cremated after *nāmakarana* or after the appearance of teeth. In this case it is not necessary that all the sapinda relatives should follow the dead body. If a child is two years old or more at death and *upanayana* has not been performed it must be cremated with ordinary fire and water must be offered silently. The same rule applies to a child whose *cūḍā* (tonsure) had been performed before death as stated by Laugākṣi.<sup>528a</sup> The Vaik. Sm. S. V. 11 lays down that there is no burning with fire until the 5th year for a boy and the 7th year for a girl. After *Upanayana* the child was to be cremated according to the rites prescribed for an *āhitāgni* so far as they could be applied (i. e. there would be cremation without sacrificial implements and the mantra 'asmāt tvam-abhijātosī' was not to be recited). The Band<sup>529</sup> P. S. (II 3.10-11) provides that there is no cremation for children dying before the performance of *cūḍā* (tonsure) and there is no *pitrmedha* for those whose *upanayana* had not been performed at death or for unmarried girls. It also provides that infants that have struck no teeth are to be buried with syllable 'om' and those that have had teeth with the *Vyāhrtis*. The Mit. on Yaj. III 2 summarises the rules as follows: Before *Nāmakarana* there was to be only burial and no offering of water and the like; after *Nāmakarana* up to the third year cremation and offering of water are optional with burial, from the third year up to *upanayana* there is cremation and also offering of water but silently (without mantras), if *Cūḍā* ceremony was performed before the 3rd year and the child died then also the same rule applied. After *Upanayana* the deceased was to be cremated with ordinary fire but the procedure was to be the same as for an *āhitāgni*.

528d. दूष्णीमेवोदकं कुर्यान्दूष्णीं सस्कारमेव च । सर्वेषां कृतचूडानामन्यत्रापीच्छया हव्यम् ॥ लौगाक्षि q. by मिता. on या III 1

529. न प्राक् चोलात्मनीतानां दहनं विद्यते । नादृपनीतानां कन्यानां वा पितृमेघः । जी. पि. सू. II. 3. 10-11. सायण on ते आ III 21 explains 'आहितान्निवले सति धो ब्रह्मतत्त्वं जानाति तस्य दहनवासिस्कारो ब्रह्ममेघः । आहितान्निवर्तो दहनवासिस्कारः, सोऽर्थं पितृमेघः ।'



A yati (sannyāsin) was and is even now buried. In a previous note (n. 528b) a verse of Kratu is quoted that a brahmacārin and yati are to be cremated with *uttapana* fire. The explanation of the Śuddhiprakāśa (p. 166) is that the word yati here means an ascetic of the Kūṭicaka kind and quotes a<sup>530</sup> verse as to how the dead bodies of the yatis of four grades are to be disposed of. The<sup>531</sup> Baud. P. S. III.11 gives a brief description which is adopted with some variations by the Smṛtyarthasāra (p. 98) that contains a description of the death rites of a *parivrajaka*.<sup>532</sup> One should go to the east or north of the village, he should dig a pit (lit. a sacrificial place) as deep as the staff (carried by the yati) under a palāśa tree or on a river bank or on some other pure spot to the accompaniment of the *vyāhrtis*; then he should sprinkle water thereon thrice repeating the seven *vyāhrtis* each time, should spread darbha grass on the bottom of the pit, should deck the dead body (with garlands, sandal paste), deposit the body in the pit with the *mantra* (Tai S.I.1.3.1) 'O Viṣṇu! guard this offering (the dead body).' He should place in the right hand the staff of the *parivrajaka* (breaking it into three parts) with the *mantra* 'Viṣṇu took strides over this' (Rg. I.22.17, Vāj. S. V. 15, Tai. S. I.2.13.1). He places the *śikya* (loop of strings) in the left

530 कुटीचकं तु प्रदहेत्पूरयेच्च बह्वदकम् । हंसो जले तु निक्षेप्य. परहंस प्रपूरयेत् ॥  
q. by स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 98, शुद्धिप्रकाश p. 166. For the four kinds of sannyāsins, vide of H. of Dh vol II. pp. 338-342.

531 अथ परिव्राजकस्य संस्कारविधिः व्याख्यास्यामः । पृथिव्या 'अक्षिण्यामोषधीभ्याम्' इति शरीरं निधाय 'भूमिर्भूमिमगात्माता मातरमप्यगात् । भूयास्म धुञ्चैः पशुभिर्वा नो द्वेष्टि स भिद्यताम्' इत्युदरे पात्रं निधाय वा होतारमधीत्य तस्य दक्षिणे हस्ते कमण्डलुं निदधाति व्याहृतिभिर्देवयजनं पूरयेत् 'अग्निनाग्निं. समिधयेत्' इत्यशेषसंस्कारोऽन्वेषफलम् । तत्रोदाहरन्ति । शृगालश्च वायसा. खादन्ति चेदोषमाहारयेत्कर्तुं. तस्माद्विशङ्कां वेदिं प्रच्छादयेदिति बोधायनः । औ पि. सू. III 11. अग्निना अग्निः is Rg I. 12.6 (= Tai. S. I. 4.46 3). The *mantra* भूमिर्भूमिः occurs in औ. सू. I. 4.9 also,

532. अथ परिव्राजकस्य संस्कारविधिः । ग्रामात्माचीमुदीचीं वा गत्वा ब्रह्मबृक्षस्याधस्तात्तन्दीवीरे वा शुचौ देशे वा दण्डप्रमाणं देवयजनं व्याहृतिभिः खत्वा त्रिं सप्तव्याहृतिभिः प्रोक्ष्य दर्भासंस्तीर्णालङ्कार्य श्वं निदधाति श्वं विष्णो हव्यं रक्षस्वेति । इदं विष्णुर्विचक्रमे इति दक्षिणहस्ते दण्डं निदधाति । यदस्य पारे रजस इति सव्यहस्ते शिखयम् । येन देवाः पवित्रेणेति शुक्ले जलपवित्रम् । सावित्र्या उदरे ब्रह्मभाजनम् । भूमिर्भूमेति शुक्ले कमण्डलुम् । चित्तिः सुगिति दशहोत्रिभिरुमन्त्रयते । नात्र शेषसंस्काराः पूर्वमलुपितत्वात् । सर्वसङ्गनिवृत्तस्य ध्यानयोगरतस्य च । न तस्य दहनं कार्यं नाशीर्चं नोदकक्रिया ॥ स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 98. The Baud. Gr. Śeṣasūtra IV. 17.9 reads 'शुक्ले कमण्डलुं चैव भूमिर्भूमिमगादिति'. The verse सर्वसङ्गः occurs in Baud gr. Śeṣasūtra IV 17. 17-18. According to the Baud Dh. S. II. 10 11 the paraphernalia of a yati is चटयः शिखरं जलपवित्रं कमण्डलुं पात्रमिति

hand with the mantra 'what is beyond this world' (Tai. S. IV 2.5.2), the piece of cloth used as a water-strainer on the mouth with the words 'by which strainer the gods' (Tai. Br. I 4.8.6), the pot on his belly with the Gayatrī stanza (Rg. III.62.10, Vaj S III. 35, Tai S. I 5 6 4), his water pot near his private parts with the mantra 'earth went to earth'. He then invokes with the mantras beginning with 'cittih sruk' (ten sentences in Tai. Ā, Maṭrayanī S I 9 1 which are called 'caturhotārah')<sup>533</sup> The other rites are not performed here as they were performed before. No cremation should be done, no *āśauca* should be observed nor should water be offered to (an ascetic who is dead) who was free from all attachments and who had given himself up to meditation. The Smṛtyarthasāra adds that no *ekoddīsta śrāddha* nor *sapindikarana* is performed for an ascetic, but only *pāvana* on the 11th day, that a *kuticaka* should be cremated, the *bahūdaka* should be buried, *hansa* should be thrown into water and *paramahansa* should be thoroughly buried. The Nīrṇayasindhu (pp 634-635) quotes the Smṛtyarthasāra and then adds a few details from Brhat-Śaunaka, viz that the dead body of a *yati* should be bathed with the Purusasūkta (Rg X, 90), then the pit (dug for burial) should be sprinkled eight times with the syllable 'Om' on all sides; having deposited the body in the pit with the Yajus formula 'O Viṣṇu! guard this offering' (Tai S I 1. 3.1) and with 'Om', he should place in the right hand the staff with the mantra 'Viṣṇu took strides over this' (Rg. I 22. 17), then pierce the crown of the head with a conch by repeating the mantra 'bhūr-bhuvah-svah', he should fill up the pit with salt to the recitation of the Purusasūkta (Rg. X. 90). He should fill up the pit thoroughly (with sand) in order to guard against jackals and dogs and the like (exhuming the body with their paws) The Dharmasindhu (p 497) adds some details particularly as to the number of hymns and mantras to be repeated. It states that the crown of the head should be pierced with a conch or an axe, that one who is unable to do this should smash a ball of jaggery placed on the head. It adds that no *yati* except *kuticaka* should be cremated. In modern times a *sannyāsin* is always buried and not cremated, since *kuticaka* and *bahūdaka* kinds of *yati* are no longer in vogue and it is only the *paramahansa* that is prevalent in the whole of India. The reason why ascetics were buried and not cremated

<sup>533</sup>. Vide H of Dh. vol. II. p. 993 notes 2247 and 2248 for the *Dakṣhotārah* and their relation to *caturhotāra*.

appears to me to be as follows; part of the procedure of becoming an ascetic consisted in giving up his śrauta fires and throwing in fire his sacrificial wooden implements (vide H. of Dh. vol. II, p. 954). One of the rules for ascetics is that he should not kindle śrauta or smārta fires nor kindle ordinary fire for cooking his food but was to subsist on cooked food obtained by begging (H. of Dh. vol II pp. 933-934). The householder was cremated with his śrauta or smārta fire but the ascetic, having abjured these, was without any fire and was therefore buried. The Vaikhanasasūtra X. 8 (ed. by Caland) contains a brief description of the burial of an ascetic who was not an ahiṭāgni and the cremation of an ascetic who was ahiṭāgni.

Special rules were laid down about the cremation of women dying in or immediately after child-birth and women dying while still in their monthly illness. A smṛti quoted by the Mit and the Smṛti-candrikā (I p. 121) provides that in the case of a *sūtikā*, one should take water and *pañcagavya* in a jar, should repeat holy texts (such as 'apo hi sthā' Rg. X. 9. 1-9, verses addressed to Varuna) over them, should then bathe the *sūtikā* with water and *pañcagavya* and then cremate the body. A woman in her monthly illness was to be similarly bathed and she was to be covered with another garment and then cremated. Vide Garudapurāṇa II, 4. 171 ff and Nirṇayasindhu p. 621. Similarly, elaborate rules are prescribed about the rites of cremation in relation to the death of a pregnant woman (vide Baud P. S. III, 9, Nirṇayasindhu p. 622) which are passed over here.

Dead bodies were disposed off in different ways at different times and in different countries. The various methods of disposal were cremation, burial underground, water burial, exposure of the body for being destroyed<sup>534</sup> by vultures and other birds (as among Zoroastrians) or beasts, being preserved in

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534. According to the Parsi scriptures burying a human corpse in the earth was a grave sin and if the body was not disinterred there was no atonement in the case of a professor of the law of Mazd or one who had studied it and if he did not disinter it within six months or within a year, he was liable to receive five hundred or a thousand stripes respectively. Vide Vendidad, Bāgard III (S B E Vol. 4 pp 31-32). Corpses were to be laid down on the summits of mountains to be devoured by birds and dogs and the exposure of corpses was the most striking practice of the Mazdean profession (S B E Vol IV part I Intro p XLV).

caves,<sup>535</sup> or being mummified (as in Egypt). The general rule in India from times of which we have literary evidence was cremation; though burial took place in certain exceptional cases such as in the case of infants, ascetics &c. How the ancient Indians hit upon this scientific though rather heart-rending method of the disposal of dead bodies it is difficult to say<sup>536</sup>. Burials were not unknown in India even in very early times, as Atharvaveda 5. 30 14 (*mā nu bhumigrho bhuvāt*) and 18 2 34 show. The last may be rendered as follows: 'O Agni! bring all those *pitr*s here in order that they may partake of the offering, those (*pitr*s whose bodies) were buried or cast aside (exposed) or burnt or deposited above (on trees or in caves?)'<sup>536a</sup>. In the word '*anagnidagdhāḥ*' occurring in Rg. X. 15. 14, scholars see a reference to burial. But it is quite possible that no burial is referred to. If some ancestors were killed far from home in a fight or if they were kidnapped and killed by enemies, their bodies might have been left uncared for in a distant land and not cremated nor buried. A passage in the Chāndogya<sup>537</sup> Up. (VIII. 8. 5) is construed by some scholars as referring to burials. It may be rendered as follows: 'Therefore they designate even now a man, an *asura* who does not make gifts, who has no faith and who offers no sacrifices; for this is the esoteric doctrine of Asuras. They deck out the body of the dead with *bhiksā* (perfumes and flowers?), with a raiment by way of decoration, and think that they will thus conquer the next world. Though the passage is not quite clear, the reference to Asuras, their usage of decorating the dead body and thereby being able to gain the next world render it probable that the usage of the burial of the body among Asuras is referred to. In Rg. VII 89. 1 the sage prays 'O Varuna!

535 In Rome the bones of over 4000 monks are preserved in the walls of the subterranean burial chapels in the Capuchin Church near the Piazza Barberini. For a description of the catacombs in Rome, vide Puckle's 'Funeral customs' p. 136 (quoting from Frothingham)

536. Vulliamy in 'Immortal man' [p. 34] throws out the suggestion that one of the purposes of cremation may have been the complete destruction of the human aspect of the ghost or its transference to a region from which contact with mankind in any material sense was impossible

536 a. ये निगता ये पतोता ये दग्धा ये चोद्विता । मर्त्यानाम् आ रा भित्तुर्विणे अन्तरे ॥ अथर्वः 18 2 34.

537 तत्तावत्पथेहादवानमभ्युपगममप्यगमनादुरागुणे यत्तावत्पराजः । तेषां तेषां स्मृतये इतिरे भिक्षया गमनेनालङ्कितेभिः संरुप्यतेता एषां तेषां स्मृतये तत्तावत् । छा. उप VIII. 8.5.

may I not go to the earthen house'. This is probably a reference to burial. Besides, after the charred bones were collected, they were placed in an urn or pot, which was buried in the ground and after a good deal of time a mound (*śmaśāna*) was built upon the bones as will be seen immediately from a passage in the *Sat Br.* and other sources. In A. V. XVIII 2 25 it is said, 'may the tree not oppress them, nor the great goddess Earth'. This is probably a reference to a coffin and burial.

It is somewhat curious that the progressive nations of the West, believing in a literal interpretation of the Biblical words (such as Matthew 22. 23-33, Mark 12. 18-27 and Luke 20. 37-38, John 5. 19-31 and 6. 32-56) about physical resurrection of the dead, held fast by burial alone and up to the end of the 19th century people in Christendom would not allow the cremation of a dead body. The case of *Reg. v. Price* illustrates how deep the sentiment against cremation was and how popular fury prevented Price from disposing of the body of his dead child of five months by petroleum fire in a field, how he was prosecuted for two offences viz. misdemeanor at Common Law for burning a dead body instead of burying it and misdemeanor on the ground that he attempted to burn the body with intent to prevent an inquest being held on it by the coroner.<sup>538</sup> It was only in 1902 that the Cremation Act (2 Edw. 7 Ch. 8) was passed empowering burial authorities to establish crematoria on plans approved by the Minister of Health. The Catholic Church does not even now allow cremation. The ancient Romans on the other hand held cremation as the honourable means of the disposal of the dead body but reserved burial for the suicide and the murderer.

Embalming the dead for some time at least was not quite unknown in India. The *Sat. Śr.* 29. 4. 29 and *Vaik. Śr.* 31.23<sup>539</sup> prescribe that if an *ahitāgni* died away from his people his corpse should be laid down in a tub or trough filled with sesame oil and brought home in a cart. In the *Rāmāyana* it is several times said that the body of *Dāśaratha* was placed for several

538 (1884) 12 Q. B. D p 247. Ultimately Price was acquitted on both charges.

539. आहिताग्निमज्जेन प्रसीतं तैलद्रोण्यामवधाय शकटेनाहरन्ति निर्मल्येन वा वृक्षेण कृष्णाजिनेऽप्यग्निं निधायान्नं वाससा संवेष्ट्य दीर्घवंशे प्रवक्ष्यामधो निवृत्तानां प्रयत्नां पुन्यभाजना आहरन्ति । सत्या ओ 29 4. 29; almost the same words occur in वैश्वानसस्मृति 31.23 p. 312 (Caland's ed.).

days in a tub containing oil till the arrival of Bharata (vide *Ayodhya* 66. 14-16, 76.4). In the *Visnupurāṇa* <sup>510</sup> it is stated that the body of Nimi being covered with oil and fragrant substances did not become decomposed and looked as if the death was recent.

What the state of things was before the composition of the *R̥gveda* cannot be said with certainty. There is no general agreement as to the age of the *R̥gveda* and of the ruins found at Mohenjo-daro and Harappa. Sir John Marshall (in *Mohenjo-daro* vol. I. p. 86) refers to complete burials, partial burials and post cremation burials. The excavations at Lauriya <sup>541</sup> Nandan-garh have brought to light supposed Vedic burial mounds in which has been found a small *repousse* golden plaque bearing the figure of a nude female, the Earth Goddess. These and the disposal of corpses in paleolithic ages are matters for archaeologists and are outside the proper scope of the present work.

The *Hāratalā* (p. 126) quotes a passage from the *Ādipurāṇa* to the effect that Magas (Magians) are buried underground and that Daradas and Luptrakas (?) go away after placing their dead relatives on trees. <sup>541a</sup>

It appears that among early Buddhists in India hardly any religious ceremony was performed, whether the person deceased was a layman or even a member of the Order. In the *Mahāparinibbāna Suttanta* the death and the funeral ceremonies of the great founder of Buddhism are described in chapter VI (Section 14 ff.). All that is gathered from that chapter is that the favourite disciple of the Buddha, Ānanda, uttered a stanza, some of the disciples that were not free from passion wept and fell headlong on the ground, while others (who were Arāhants) bore the grief with composure, that next morning Ānanda went to the Mallas of Kusināra, that the Mallas took perfume,

540. निमेषे तच्छरीरमतिमनोहरं तैलमन्वादिभिर्दयस्त्रिपुमां नैव क्लृप्तादिकं दोषमवाप सद्यो मृतमिव तस्थौ । विष्णुपुराण IV. 5. 7.

541 Vide T. Bloch in *Z. D. M. G.* vol. 60 pp 227-232 for the excavations at Lauriya, also Bulletin of the Archaeological Survey of India for megalithic burial and urn fields in South India, Prof V G Childe in 'Man' for 1945 p 13 ff for the disposal of corpses in Paleolithic, Neolithic and Bronze ages and Prof. E. O. James in 'Christian Myth and Ritual', chap' VII on 'Last rites'

541a. मया मृतौ निवृत्त्यन्ते ब्रह्मांशं मृतान् सदा । आसद्य (ज्य?) हस्ते मण्डपितं  
लुप्ताकाश्च स्वयन्धवम् ॥ अद्विपुराण q. by हारतला p. 126 which explains 'ब्रह्मदंश'  
धर्मस्तु धनञ्जयपुत्रे मन्त्रादितमदेशे बर्धनिकसमलङ्घ्य स्थापयन् । ततो मन्त्राज्जगन्निर्गम्य ब्राह्म ।

garlands, all musical instruments and five hundred suits of apparel, the Mallas passed seven days in paying homage to the body of the Buddha that lay in the śāla grove with dancing, hymns, music, garlands and perfumes, in making canopies of their garments, that on the 7th day they carried the body of the Blessed One to the south but owing to a miracle (described in sections 29-32) they carried it through the city by the north gate and laid the body to the east (the general rule was that a dead body was not to be carried through the middle of a village, and was to be carried to the south but as Buddha was so extraordinary and holy the above was allowed to be done). The body of the Buddha was then wrapped in a new cloth, then with cotton wool, then in a new cloth and so on till 500 layers of cloth and cotton wool covered the body. The body was then placed in an oil vessel of iron which was covered with another oil vessel of iron. Then a funeral pile of all kinds of perfumes was built upon which the body was placed. Then Mahākassapa and five hundred brethren accompanying him arranged their robes on one shoulder (representing the way in which the sacred thread is arranged among the brāhmanas), bowed down with clasped hands, went round the body reverently thrice. The body was then burnt and only bones remained. Then the narrative states that Ajātaśatru, king of Magadha, the Licchavis of Vesālī and several others claimed portions of the relics of the Buddha. Then the relics were divided into eight parts. Those who received them built mounds (*Thūpas*) over the relics and the Moriyyas who got only embers also built a Thūpa over them and a brāhmana Dona (Drona) built a mound over the jar (*kumbha*) in which the bones were collected. Mr. Rhys Davids remarks (S. B. E. vol. XI Introduction p. XLV) 'though funerals are naturally not infrequently mentioned in the historical books and in the Birth stories there is nowhere any reference to a recognised mode of performing any religious worship'. It will be noticed that the Buddhist ritual<sup>542</sup>, though simple, agrees closely with some of the rules of Āśv. gr.

542. Vide Fleets' papers in J. R. A. S. for 1906 pp 655-671 and 681-913 on the disposal of the bones and ashes of Buddha based on the Mahāparinibbāna-sutta, the Divyāvadāna, Fa Hian's work, the Sumangalavilāsinī and other writings. He therein states his view that the Piprahava relic vase, on which there is an inscription that is the oldest Indian Inscription found up to date (it is about 375 B. C.) and in which 700 articles were

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After the relatives (sons and the like) of a deceased person have offered water, have taken a bath and after they emerge from the water (of a river or the like) and are sitting on a plot of soft green grass, elderly persons should talk to them (in order to lessen their grief) about ancient narratives (Yāj. III 7 and G. P. S. I 4.2<sup>543</sup>). Viṣṇu Dh. S. 20. 22-53 contain a long disquisition on the grip that *Kāla* (Time, Death) has on every body including even Indra, gods, *dāityas*, great kings and sages, how everyone that is born is sure to die (i.e. Death is inevitable), and how no one (except the wife) can follow the departed on his journey to the other world, how the good actions and bad actions will accompany the spirit of the dead, how śrāddha confers great benefit on the departed; it winds up that therefore the surviving relatives should offer śrāddha and give up lamentations that help no one, that it is *dharma* that alone follows the soul through his wanderings<sup>544</sup>. Yāj III 8-11 (=Garudapurāṇa II. 4. 81-84) are verses in a similar strain and are intended to serve the same purpose. They are: 'He, who seeks everlastingness in this human life that is as devoid of strength as the stock of a plantain plant, and that is as inconstant as a bubble of water, is a deluded person. What is the use of lamentation if the body, created out of the five elements by reason of actions performed in a former life, returns to those five elements? The earth, the ocean and the gods

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found, enshrines the relics, not of the Bhagavān Buddha, but of his kinsmen. Fleet further refers to the tradition that the great emperor Aśoka dug up seven out of the eight mounds of the relics of Buddha and transferred almost all their contents to 84000 boxes of gold and silver and distributed them throughout India and built monuments (stūpas) over them. Rhys Davids in 'Buddhist India' (pp. 78-80), after stating that deceased persons of distinction either by birth or wealth or official status or as public teachers were cremated and the ashes were buried under a *foṭe* (Pāli: thūpa), remarks 'The dead bodies of ordinary people were disposed of in a unique way. They were put away in a public place. There as a rule the bodies or the remains of the pyre were not buried but left to be destroyed by birds or beasts or dissipated by the process of natural decay'.

543. शोकमुत्पद्य कल्याणीभिर्वाग्भिः सात्त्विकानि कृपाणि इत्यनैः सुहृदिभिः शुद्धा धोमुखा व्रजन्ति। गोतनपितृनेघद्य I. 4. 2.

544 It may be noted that Viṣṇu Dh. S. 20. 29, 45-49 and 51-53 are the same or almost the same as Bhagavadgītā II. 27, 28, 13, 23-25 respectively. Viṣṇu Dh. S. 20. 47 (yathā dhenusahasreṇa &c.) is the same as Sāntiparva 181, 16, 187.27 and 323.16 and Viṣṇudharmottara II 78 27; and Viṣṇu Dh. S. 20.41 is the same as Sānti 175. 15 and 322, 73. The *Śaṅkha* (Śaṅkha) pp 91-97) quotes वाङ्म. (III. 7.11), विश्व 20.22-53 and नील II. 13, 28.



are destined to go to destruction (at some future date when *pralaya* takes place). How is it possible that the world of mortals which is (evanescent) like foam will not meet with destruction? As the departed spirit, being helpless, has to swallow the tears and phlegm cast by kinsmen, they should not weep but should perform (obsequial) rites according to their ability.' Gobhilasmi III. 39 urges 'do not lament for what is perishable and what is the characteristic (destiny) of all beings. Exert yourselves in the performance of meritorious acts which will accompany you' Gobhila then quotes Yāj. III. 8-10 and one verse from the Mahābhārata <sup>54a</sup> viz. 'All collections are to end in dissipation, all rise is to end in fall, all unions in separation and life in death'. Aparārka quotes the Rāmāyana and Vāsudeva's words from the Śalyaparva to Dhrtarastra on the death of Duryodhana. The Par. M. I. 2 pp. 292-93, the Śuddhi-prakāśa pp. 205-206 and several other works quote the verses of Viṣṇu, Yāj. and Gobhila.

The Garudapurāṇa here (II. 4. 91-100) waxes eloquent over the immolation of a wife on her husband's funeral pyre, over the miraculous power of a *pativrata*, and states that a brāhmaṇa woman should not burn herself apart from her husband's body (or after he is cremated), but that ksatriya and other women may do so, that the practice of *sati* is common to all women even including chāṇḍāla women, but pregnant women or those that have young children should not do so and that a woman does not become free from the liability to be born again and again as a woman until she becomes a *Sati*.

After listening to the philosophical discourse of elders the relatives return to their house, placing children in front and standing at the door of the house, they with minds under control bite the leaves of the *numba* tree, perform *ūcamana*, touch fire, water, cowdung, white mustard; then they should enter their house after slowly (firmly) planting their foot on a stone. According <sup>54b</sup> to Śaṅkha the relatives should touch the tendrils of *Dūrvā*, fire and a bull, should offer a *piṇḍa* to the departed at

54a. सर्वे क्षयान्ता निश्चयाः प्रतनान्ताः समुच्छ्रयाः । संयोगा विप्रयोगान्ता मरणान्तं च जीवितम् ॥ This is Śāntiparv 331.20 (in 330. 20 in Citraśāilā edition).

54b. पूर्वोक्तमालम्बितं वृषभं चालय्य एतद्वारे प्रेतस्य पिण्डं दत्त्वा पश्चात्प्रविशेत् । शङ्खं च निक्षिपेत् ॥ या. III. 13, परा म. I 2 p. 293.

the door of the house and then enter it. Baijavarāpa<sup>546</sup> by Śuddhisūtra prescribes the mantras to be recited in touching *samī*, the stone (*aśmū*), fire and provides further that a cow and a goat should be touched holding fire between themselves and these animals: food should be purchased or obtained from another's house, it should be of one kind only without salt, that they should for one day eat only by day and stop all actions for three days. Yaj III. 14 prescribes that the actions prescribed by him in III. 12 for relatives (viz. biting *nirṛā* leaves up to entering the house) must be done by others who, though no relatives, carried the corpse or decked it &c.

The Śāh. Śr. IV. 15.10, the Āśv. gr. IV. 4.17-27, Band, P. S. I 12.10. Kausikasūtra 82.33-35 and 42-47, Par. gr. III 10. Āp. Dh. S. I 3.10.4-10, Gaut Dh. 14.35-35 Manu V. 73, Vas. 4.14-15, Yaj III 16-17, Visnu Dh S 19.14-17, Sankhara 38-43, Śāṅkha 15.25, Garuḍapurāṇa (Pretakhaṇḍa chap. 5 1-5) and others lay down several rules for those (both men and women) who have lost a near *saṃyoga* by death to be observed immediately after they return from the cremation and for three more days<sup>547</sup>. The Śāh. Śr. provides that they should sleep on the bare ground (not on a cot), they should subsist on sacrificial food, they should give up the performance of their usual religious duties (except in relation to the vedic fires) for one night, three nights or nine nights or till the day of the collection of the bones. The Āśv. gr. (IV. 4.17-24) provides these observations viz. 'Let them not cook food during that night, let them subsist on bought food or on food received from others,

546. शमीमालमन्त्रे शमी पार्प शमयति अश्मानश्चेति स्थितौ दूषणमिति अग्नि-  
मग्निर्नः शर्म यच्छलिति ज्योतिर्द अन्तरा गमनञ्छुपस्युस्तत् क्रौत्वा तन्नाश वा वाप्य दत्ते-  
काशनलवणमेकाराव दिवा भोक्तव्यं चिरात् च कर्मोपलभ्यम् । पैबवार quoted in  
कल्पतरु (शुद्धि p 100), शुद्धितत्त्व p 319, the शुद्धितत्त्व itself being q. by निरूपितम्  
III p 580 (which reads तन्नाश वाप्यमेवदेकारः).

547. अथ श्रद्धा दृष्टिपमहपता प्रत्यहं च कर्मणां वैतानजनेकराव चिरात् नराव  
वा, वासयपनाद्वृत्तानि । शां. औ IV. 15.10, नातरि पितृभ्याम् इति विराजन्तारत्ता-  
भोजनमथ रूपं प्रह्वयर्च्य पटं पटं द्वादशाहं संपत्तौ वाक् च दत्तं द्वादशाहवाराव दत्तं  
शुद्धेवमथोदकानितरेषु विराजं वाक्जीवं मेवपत्नी । यो पि द्वा I 12.10 ; न नरापाम-  
धीयीत् । नित्यानि निवर्तन्वैतानवर्च्य । शाङ्गान्नी चिन्ते । अन्य एतानि कुर्वे । धार इ  
III. 10 (ascribed to वैतान्ति in निता on वा III. 17) ; उभयव दशरानि इत्येताव  
न शुच्यते । द न प्रविशते होमो स्वाध्यायश्च निवर्तते & cited as ननु in अपराधे p 892,  
परा. मा I 2. p 211 Aparāḍha and others explain that the cessation of home  
refers to smāritā and not to śrauta home. The last verse is ascribed to दश  
by निता on वा III. 17, where it adds the half verse सुते च कुलराजमदौ नरा-  
वर्तते । The निरूपण III. 13 reads दूषणमोदकारानि कुलराजं निवर्तते & .

let them eat no mineral salt or ordinary <sup>548</sup> salt for three nights, let them optionally avoid for twelve nights the distribution of gifts and the study of vedic texts if one of the principal gurus (father, mother or the teacher who performed upanayana and taught the whole Veda) dies. Pār. gr. III 10 adds that they should remain chaste, eat food only once in the day and that they should not repeat Veda study, and should give up the daily obligatory duties except those connected with Vedic fires. Manu (V. 73) adds that they should not eat flesh for three days. Vas. (4.14-15) lays down that the relatives who returned from the cemetery should sit down for three days on mats and fast, that if they are unable (to fast for three days) they should subsist on food bought in the market or obtained unasked. Yāj. III 17 and Pār. III 10 <sup>549</sup> provide that for the night they should put milk and water in an earthen vessel in the open space (on a *śūkyā*) with the words 'O departed one! bathe here (in the water) and drink this milk'. Yāj. III 17, Paithinasi, Manu V. 84, Pār. gr. III 10, and others state that the relatives of the departed should perform their own daily rites to be performed in the *śrauta* fires (such as Agnihotra and Darśapūrnāmāsa) and in the *smārta* fire (such as morning and evening *homa*) on account of the peremptory dictates of the Veda (such as 'one should perform Agnihotra as long as one lives'). The commentators have added several limitations and restrictions. The Mīt. <sup>550</sup> on Yāj. III 17 states that, as Manu V. 84 only prohibits the stopping of the rites in (Vedic and Smārta) fires, such religious duties as the five daily *Mahāyajñas* are excluded, that Vaiśvadeva, though performed in fire, is excluded because there is an express text of Samvarta a brāhmaṇa should be without Vaiśvadeva for ten days (after the death of a sapinda), that the Śrauta and Smārta rites should be got performed by another, as Pāraskara (III 10 'anya etāni kuryuh') expressly lays down. Only *ntyā* and *namitika* acts to be performed in Vedic and Smārta fires are allowed and so *kāmya* rites cannot be performed. Even at present Agnihotritins

548. For the different explanations of 'ksāra-lavana' vide H of Dh vol II, p. 304 n 723.

549. मेनात्र स्नाहीत्युदकं स्थाप्यं पिब चेद्वनिति क्षीरम् । पार यु III. 10.

550. द्यूतके कर्मणा त्याग सन्ध्यादीनां विधीयते—इति यद्यपि सन्ध्याया विनिवृत्तिः श्रूयते तथाऽल्लिप्रक्षेपादिकं कुर्यात् । द्यूतके सतिःस्या चाऽल्लिप्रक्षेप्य मद्रक्षिणं कृत्वा सूर्यं श्याय-  
जनस्तुपादिति वैडीगहस्मरणम् । मिता on या III. 17. द्यूतके कर्मणा त्यागः 18 गोमिल-  
रुदति III. 60. Vide निष्कृष्टपुराण III-13 18 'दानं प्रतिग्रहो होम. स्वाध्यायश्च निवर्तते'

perform their *śrauta nitya homa* during days of impurity themselves, though some get it performed by another (Vide Yāj. III. 17, Manu V 84). Although there is a text of Gobhila-smṛti (III 60) prohibiting the performance of *sandhyā*, yet relying on a sūtra of Paithinasi the Mit says that a man can offer water to the Sun in worship; others like the Smṛtimuktāphala (p. 478) say that *sandhyā* mantras may be revolved in the mind, except the *prāṇāyāna* mantras. This is followed in modern times in many parts of India. Viṣṇu Dh. S. 226 prescribes that in impurity due to birth or death *homa* (Vaiśvadeva), giving and accepting gifts and the study of Veda cease. The Vaik Sm. S. VI.4 states that the performance of *sandhyā* adoration, all rites for the gods and manes, gift and acceptance and Veda study should be given up during impurity on death. Gautama 14.44 appears to hold that a *brāhmana* is not affected by impurity on birth and death for the purposes of Veda study. On the other hand Samvarta<sup>551</sup> (43) affirms that on the days of impurity on birth and death there is no performance of the five *Mahāyajñas* nor of Veda study. The *Nityācāra-paddhati* p 544 states that even in *āśauca* the thousand names of Viṣṇu may be recited.

*Asthisaṅcayana* or *Saṅcayana* means that rite in which the (charred) bones (of the cremated person) are collected. This rite is dealt with in many sūtra and smṛti works, such as Śān. Śr. IV. 15. 12-18, Sat Śr. 28. 3, Āśv. gr. IV. 5 1-18, Gaut P. S I. 5, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 19. 10-12, Baud P. S I. 14, Kausika-sūtra 82. 29-32, Vaik. Smṛta Sūtra V. 7, Yama 87-88, Samvarta 38, Gobhila-smṛti III. 54-59 (q. by Hāralatā p. 183). There is great divergence of views about the day on which this was to be done. For example, Sat Śr. 28. 3. 1 provides: <sup>552</sup> 'bones are collected on the next day (after cremation) or on the 3rd, 5th or 7th.' Samvarta (verse 38) and Garudapurāṇa (Pretakhanda 5 15) prescribe that collection of bones should be made on the 1st, 3rd, 7th or 9th and (particularly) on the 4th by twice-born persons. The Vāmanapurāṇa (14 97-98) allows it on the 1st, 4th or 7th day. Yama (87) requires the relatives to collect bones from the 1st to the 4th day after cremation and also provides (verse 88)

551. पञ्चपञ्चविधानं तु न कुर्वन्मृत्युजन्मनोः । वनाहातु परं सम्पत्तिमोऽपीवीर्यमर्हति ॥ संवर्त 43.

552. अपरेद्युस्तृतीयस्यां पञ्चम्यां सप्तम्या वास्थानि सञ्चिनोति । सत्या. अं 28. 3. 1. अथ सञ्चयनं स्युष्टे द्विरात्रं त्रिरात्रं चत्वारत्रं वा । गौ. पि. सू. I 5 1, प्रथमेद्वि चतुर्थे वा सप्तमे वारिपञ्चम्यम् । ऊर्ध्वं सञ्चयनात्तेषामङ्कुराणां विधीयते ॥ बामनपुराण 114. 97-98.

that the four varpas should respectively perform *sañcayana* on the 4th, 5th, 7th and 9th day. The Āśv. gr. S. IV. 5. 1 states that *sañcayana* should be performed after the 10th day from cremation in the dark half, but on uneven *tithis* (i. e. 1st, 3rd, 11th, 13th, 15th) and on a *nakṣatra* which bears a name not applicable to two or more *nakṣatras* (i. e. except on the two Āśādhās, two Phalgunīs and two Bhādrapadās). Visṇu Dh. S. 19. 10, Vaik. Smārta-sūtra V. 7, Kauś. 82. 29, Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 13. 14, Kūrmapurāṇa (uttara) 23 and a few other works lay down that *sañcayana* must be done on the 4th day after cremation. The various texts differ a good deal in details. The following is the procedure in the Āśv. gr. IV. 5:—The bones of a male should be collected into an urn that has no special marks (protuberances), those of a woman in an urn that has protuberances but no other special marks. Aged persons, odd in number<sup>553</sup> not being together with women, (i. e. not as a mixed assemblage) collect the bones. The performer walks thrice round the spot (where the body was burnt) with his left side turned towards the spot, sprinkles on it with a śami branch milk mixed with water with a verse 'śitike' (Rg. X. 16. 14). With the thumb and the 4th finger they (gatherers) should put each single bone into the urn without making a rattling noise (of the bones in the urn), the bones of the feet being taken first, those of the head last. Having well gathered the bones and having purified them with a winnowing basket (i. e. removing the dust attaching to them) they should put the urn in a pit at a place where the waters from different sides do not flow together except rain water with the verse 'upasarpa' (Rg. X. 18. 10) and he should throw earth (into the pit) with the following verse (Rg. X. 18. 11) After having thrown (earth) he should repeat the next verse (Rg. X. 18. 12). Then covering (the mouth of the urn) with a lid with the mantra 'ut te stabhnāmi' (Rg. X. 18. 13) (he fills up the pit) Then without looking back they return (towards the house), bathe in water and then offer śrāddha to him alone (the departed). Dr. B. N. Datta in his paper 'Vedic funeral customs and Indus Valley culture in 'Man in India', vol. 16

553. The Hāratalā (p 184) explains अयुजो मिथुनाः प्रवयसः (in आश्व. सू.) as 'मिथुनं पुरुषद्वयं बहुवचनात् त्रयो मिथुनाः बह्व पुरुषा इत्यर्थः. पञ्च वा मिथुना दश पुरुषाः प्रवयसः प्रकृतवयसः'. It is probable that women also accompanied the *cortege* to the cemetery in ancient times, that gradually they ceased to do so and by the time of the Hāratalā only men comprised the funeral procession and so it explained the words of Āśv. as above.

pp. 223-307 regards (p. 285) Rg. X. 18 as a hymn dealing with burial of the whole body (and not of ashes), while he admits (p. 287) that Rg. X. 16 is a cremation hymn. I dissent from him for various reasons; the most important is that if his theory be correct a period of several centuries must be postulated between the two hymns. This is inadmissible.

The Kausikasūtra (82. 29-32) prescribes certain details differently. It says that the bones are collected with A. V. 18. 2. 24, 26, then they are consigned to a jar over which all fragrant powders are scattered, then the jar is raised with the Utthāpani verses and carried with the verses called Harinis (i e. A. V. 18. 2. 11-18). He (the performer) deposits (in the earth the urn) at the root of a tree with the verse 'mā tvā' (A. V. 18. 2. 25 'May the tree not injure thee all round, may not the wide goddess Earth also injure thee').<sup>551</sup>

The other sūtras present several variations which are passed over here, excepting one or two matters. The Sat. Śr. provides that the twig should be of the Udumbara tree, that the bones are collected by women of the family of the deceased (his wife and others) odd in number (five or more), or other women (in the absence of women of the family). A woman who is not likely to have a child should tie in her left hand a Brhati fruit with two threads, blue and red in colour, should step on a stone with her left foot, collect the bones first from the teeth or head with the mantra 'uttisthata' (Tai. Ā. VI. 4. 2) and she should deposit those bones in a jar or garment, then a second woman of the same type collects bones from the shoulders or arms, a third woman from the sides or hips, a fourth from the thighs or legs, and a fifth from the feet. They or more women collect the bones completely. The urn is deposited at the root of a *śamī* or *palāśa* tree.

In modern times, particularly in towns and cities, the collection of bones has to be done immediately after cremation. The Antyesti-paddhati closely follows the procedure prescribed in the Āśv. gr. quoted above. It says. the performer goes to the place of cremation, sips water, mentions the time and place, makes a *saṅkalpa* (declaration) that he will perform the collec-

554. मा ते मनो यत्ते अङ्गमिति साञ्चिनोति पच्छ । प्रथम शीर्षकपालानि । पश्चात्कलशे समोत्प सर्वहृत्तमिच्छन्ति हविर्होतृणां निरुत्थापनीभिरुत्थाप्य हरिणीभिर्हरेत् । मा त्वा वृक्ष इति वृक्षमूले निदधति । कौशिकसूत्र 82 29-32. It appears that the sūtras are not properly arranged by Bloomfield. They should be read as पच्छ प्रथमम् । शीर्षकपालानि पश्चात् । कलशे etc. For the उत्थापनी verses see n. 474. The हरिणी verses from अथर्ववेद are 18.2. 11-18 and are the same as Rg. X. 14 10-12 and X. 154. 1-5.

tion of the bones of the departed naming him and his gotra. He walks thrice round the place of cremation with his left towards it and sweeps it with a śami branch and sprinkles it with milk mixed with water with the mantra 'śitike' (Rg X. 16. 14). Then old men odd in number with the performer collect the bones (as stated by Āśv. gr. above) and place them in a new jar and if they are of a woman in a jar with protuberances. They also winnow the ashes with a śūrpa and place in the jar even small bones and throw the ashes into the Ganges. Then at some time other than the rainy season a pit should be dug in a pure spot whereon water would not flow and the performer deposits the jar in the pit with the mantra 'approach this mother, Earth' (Rg. X. 18. 10). With Rg X. 18. 11, he throws earth in the pit all round the jar and murmurs with folded hands the mantra (Rg X. 18. 12) and he closes the jar with a new earthen disk with the verse Rg. X. 18. 13. Then he should put earth on the jar in such a way that it may not be seen by anybody and without looking back should go elsewhere and bathe. The Nirṇayasindhu (p. 586) expressly states that the procedure for the collection of bones may be gathered from one's sūtra or from the work of Bhaṭṭa (i. e. Nārāyaṇa, Kamalakara's grandfather).

The Viṣṇudharmasūtra (19. 11-12) and Anu. 26. 32 state that the collected bones should be cast in Ganges water, since as many particles of the bones of a mān remain in Ganges water for so many thousands of years he dwells in heaven. It was provided in the Purāṇas that a virtuous son, brother or daughter's son or a relative on the father's or mother's side should cast the bones in the Ganges, that one not so related should not do it and that if he does it he has to perform cāndrāyana prāyaścitta. Even in modern times many Hindus take the charred bones of their parents or other dear relatives to the Ganges at Prayāga (Allahabad) or some other holy river<sup>554</sup> or cast them into the sea. The Nirṇayasindhu (p. 587) quotes an elaborate rite of casting the ashes in the Ganges from Śaunaka. It is briefly as follows: The performer should go out of the village, bathe with clothes on, sprinkle the earth where the ashes are deposited with the Gāyatri and the other mantras usually repeated over

554 a. The स्मृतिच (आशौच) p. 190 quotes several verses on this point तत्र स्नापित्वः । हारवर्षां सेतुबन्धे गोदावर्यां च पुष्करे । अस्थीनि विस्फेद्यस्य स मृतो मुक्तिमाप्नुयात् । शङ्खलिखितौ । गङ्गायां च प्रयागे च केदारे पुष्करोत्तमे । अस्थीनि विधिवत् स्पर्शत्वा ययायां पिण्डदो भवेत् । पित्रोर्कणात्मशुच्येत तौ नित्यं भोजनगामिनी । इति । योगयाज्ञवल्क्यः । गङ्गायां यमुनायां वा कावेरीं वा शतमृतौ । सरस्वत्यां विज्ञेयेन ह्यस्थीनि विस्फेद्यस्तुतः ॥

pañcagavya. With the four mantras 'upasarpa' (Rg. X. 18.10-13) he should respectively pray to the earth, then dig it, take out the earth, and then the bones. Then he should bathe and purify the bones by touching the bones again and again and repeating the mantras 'eto nvindram stavāma śuddham &c' (Rg VIII. 95. 7-9). Then he should bathe with pañcagavya and become pure. Then he should bathe ten times with cow's urine, cow's dung, cow's milk, curds, clarified butter, water in which kuśas have been dipped, ashes (of sacred fires), earth, honey and water. Then he should sprinkle (with kuśas) water on the bones with the mantras, viz. Rg. I.22.16. Rg VIII. 95.7-9,<sup>555</sup> Rg VII. 56.12-14, Rg. X. 126.1-8, Rg. X. 119.1-13, Rg. IX. 1.1-10 (called Pāvamāni verses), Rg. X. 128.1-9, Rg. I. 43.1-9 (a hymn to Rudra); then he should offer a *hīṇya śrāddha* for the deceased, offer *pinḍa* to him and perform *tarpana* with sesame. Then he should cover the bones in seven ways viz. by deer-skin, woollen blanket, *darbhās*, cow's hair, hempen cloth, birch leaf and palm leaf. He should cast among the bones pieces of gold and silver, pearls, coral and sapphire for the purification of the bones, then he should offer into fire 108 oblations of clarified butter and sesame with the hymn beginning with 'udiratām' (Rg. X. 15). Then he should cast the bones in holy water; thereby he does not incur the fault of touching an unclean object. While answering the calls of nature or performing *ācamana* one should not hold the bones.

The Nirṇayasindhu adds (p. 588) that there is no *asthi-saṅcayana* for one whose upanayana had not been performed.

The Āśv. gr. IV.6, the Sat. Sr. 28.4, Śān. Śr. 4.6 (called *parudhikarma*) and some others prescribe a *Śānti* rite after collection of the charred bones of a deceased person. The Baud. P. S. (II. 3.3) and Visnu Dh. S. 19.19 appear to prescribe the *Śānti* rite after the ten days of impurity have expired ('daśarātre saucam kṛtvā śāntiḥ'). It is described by Āśv. gr. as follows: They who have lost a *guru* (father or mother) by death should perform on the new moon day an expiatory ceremony. Before sunrise they should carry fire together with its ashes and with its receptacle to the south with the half verse 'I send away the flesh-devouring Agni' (Rg. X. 16.9). Having cast that fire down at a place where four roads meet or somewhere else, they

<sup>555</sup>. It should be noticed that in Rg. VIII. 95.7-9 the word 'śuddha' (pure) occurs thirteen times and hence it is appropriate that those verses are employed as purificatory ones. Similarly, in Rg. VII. 56.12 the word 'śuci' (pure) occurs six times.



walk round it thrice, with their left side turned to it and beating their left thighs with the left hand. They should then return home without looking back, bathe in water, have their hair, beards and hair on the body and nails cut, furnish themselves with new jars, pots, vessels for rinsing the mouth, with garlands of śamī flowers, with fuel of śamī wood, with two pieces of śamī wood for kindling fire<sup>556</sup> and with branches for encircling the fire, with bull's dung and hide, fresh butter, a stone and as many bunches of kuśa grass as there are young women (in the house). At the time of the Agnihotra (in the afternoon) he should kindle fire (by means of the aranis) with the half verse 'Here may this other Jātavedas' (Rg. X. 16.9 latter half)'. Keeping the fire burning they sit till night silence falls, repeating tales of old men (of the family) and stories of auspicious contents, *Itihāsas* and *Purāṇas*. When all sounds have ceased or when the others (members of the deceased's family) have gone to their houses or resting place, (the performer) should pour out a continuous stream of water beginning at the south side of the door with the verse (Rg. X. 53.6) 'spreading the thread follow the light of the world' and go round the house ending at the north side of the door. Then having placed the fire and spread to the west of it a bull's hide with neck to the east, with the hair outside, he should cause the people of the house (including women) to step on that hide with the verse 'Arise to long life'<sup>557</sup> (Rg. X. 18.6). He should place twigs round the fire with 'Here do I deposit an encircling thing' (Rg. X. 18.4). Having placed a stone to the north of the fire with the words 'May they place a mountain between themselves and death' (Rg. X. 18.4 last *pāda*) and having sacrificed with four verses 'Go hence, O Death' (Rg. X. 18.1-4), he should look at his people with the verse 'as days follow each other' (Rg. X. 18.5). The young women (belonging to the house) should with each hand separately with the thumb and 4th finger salve (at one and the same time) their eyes with fresh butter by means of young *darbha* blades and cast

556. Nārāyaṇa explains that the fire means ordinary kitchen fire and he seems to be right in spite of Oldenberg's note to the contrary on p. 246 (of S. B. E. vol. 29). The deceased sacrificer is cremated with his śrauta fires (vide Āśv. gr. IV. 4) and smārta fire (if any) and on his death the śāntikarma is performed by the son or other relative who may have no consecrated fires at all or, if he has, he cannot cast them away as long as he lives. The Com. on Sat. Sr. 28. 4, 1 states that it is the adhvaryu priest that kindles the fire and not he who performed the cremation.

557. Most of these mantras occur also in Tai. Ā. VI. 10

away the blades turning their faces away. The performer should look at them while they are salving their eyes, with the verse 'these women, being no widows and having good husbands' (Rg. X. 18.7). The former should first touch the stone with 'the stream containing stones flows' (Rg. X 53 8). After that, stationing himself to the north-east, while others go round with the fire, bull-dung and a continuous stream of water he should, after repeating the three verses (apo hi sthā, Rg X. 9.1-3), murmur the verse 'these have led round the cows' (Rg. X. 155 5). A tawny-coloured bull should be led round. They then sit down at a place where they like to stop, having put on fresh unwashed garments and they sit there till sunrise avoiding sleep. After sunrise, having murmured the hymns sacred to the sun and auspicious hymns, having prepared food and made oblations with the hymn beginning 'May he burn away evil from us' (Rg. I. 97.1-8), verse by verse, having given to the brāhmanas to eat, he should cause them to pronounce auspicious words. A cow, a cup of metal and a fresh unworn garment are the sacrificial fee for each of the brāhmanas.

A few details may be added from other sūtras. The Sat Śr. (28.4.1) provides that the Śānti is performed on the 10th day after cremation by a priest, that in the folded hands of the wives (of the members of the family) he puts the remains of the material used for oblations with the verse 'these women, not being widows' (Rg. X. 18.7=Tai. Ā. VI. 10 2), that the priest plants in the earth the stalk of a plant with the verse 'yathā tvam' (Tai. Ā. VI. 10 2) <sup>558</sup>, that after they return home, they cook goat flesh and boil *yava* grains and eat them and then may occupy couches and cots (i. e. give up the observances of mourning)

Interesting information is furnished by the Sat. Br. about graves (XIII. 8. 1-4) and Kat Śr <sup>559</sup> It is said in Sat. Br that

558 The mantra is very significant, यथा स्वर्गं नृणां तस्मिन् ओषधे पुष्टिर्वा अपि । एवमिह उद्भिर्नृणां कीर्त्या यज्ञात् ब्रह्मचर्यसेन ॥ ते आ VI. 10. 2

559. अथैकेषा कुम्भान्त निधानमनाहिताग्ने त्रियाश्च निवपनान्त हविर्वाजिन पुनर्दधानान्तं सोमयाजिनश्च यनान्तमग्निचित इति । सत्या औ 28 4, 28, almost the same words occur in बौ पि. सू II 3 2 This passage refers to four modes of the disposal of the charred bones viz. burial in the earth of the urn for women and men who had not consecrated śrauta fires, depositing the bones alone on the earth for him who performs havir-yajñas (in which only boiled rice and clarified butter are offered, vide Gaut 8 20), re-cremation for one who had offered soma sacrifice and building a brick or clod structure for him who

the grave <sup>560</sup> or monument should not be built too soon after death, lest he (the performer) freshen up the sin of the deceased ; that he should make it a long time after and when people do not even remember the years (that have elapsed since the decease). He should make it in uneven years and under a single nakṣatra (i. e. containing a single star such as Citrā and Pusa, and not dual such as Punarvasu and Viśākhā or plural such as Kṛttikā) and on the New Moon day. Let him make it in autumn or in Māgha or in summer. The sepulchral mound should be four cornered, because the people who are worshippers of gods (or godly) make their burial mounds four-cornered, while those who are followers of Asuras, the Easterns and such like people, make them round. As to the choosing of the ground, the Śat. Br. states several views viz. he makes it on ground sloping towards the north or, according to some, to the south ; but the Śat. Br. disapproves of both the views and prescribes that he should make the burial mound on any level ground where the waters flowing from a southerly direction come to the east and stand still without dashing forward and on such a ground one may make it (burial mound). Let him make it on a pleasant and peaceful spot, but not on a road nor in an open space lest he should make the deceased's sin manifest. It should have the sun shining on it (at mid-day). It should not be made at a place

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had performed the solemn rite of Agnicayana. Modes of urn burial, earth burial and re-cremation resemble the funeral customs of the copper age folk of the lower Indus at Mohenjo-daro and Harappa. Vide Memoir No 31 of the Archaeological Survey of India by Ramprasad Chanda at pp. 13-14

560. अथास्मै इमं शानं कुर्वन्ति । तद्वै न क्षिप्रं कुर्यात् । नेम्वमचं कर्त्तव्यमिति चिर एव कुर्यादयमेव तत्तिर. करोति यत्र समा नाड्य च न स्मरेयुः ... यद्यस्मरेयुः । अयुग्मेषु संवत्सरेषु कुर्यात् । एकनक्षत्रे . अमावास्यायाम् । शरदि कुर्यात् । ... माघे वा मा नोऽथं भूदिति निदिधे वा नि नोऽप घीयाता इति । चतु स्त्रक्तिः । तस्माद्या दैव्य. प्रजाश्चतुःषक्तानि ताः इमं शानानि कुर्वन्तेऽप या आहव्यं. मात्स्यास्तव्यत्वे परिमण्डलानि । ... अथातो भूमिजोषणस्य । उदीचीनप्रवणे करोति । दक्षिणाप्रवणे कुर्यादित्याहुः । ... यस्यैव समस्य सतः दक्षिणतः पुरस्तादाप एव्य संस्थायां प्रसव्य एतां दिक्षमभिनिष्ठाक्षय्या अपोऽग्निपथेरस्तकुर्यात् । ... कञ्चित् कुर्यात् कं मेऽ सदित्यथो शंवति शं मेऽसदिति नापिपथं कुर्यान्नाकाशो नेदाविरथं कर्त्तव्यमिति । ... आदित्यज्योतिष-मेवेन करोति । न तस्मिन् कुर्यात् । यस्येत्थादन्तुकाश. स्यात् । चित्रं पश्चात्स्यात् । ... यदि चित्रं न स्यादाप. पश्चाद्दोचरतो वा स्युः । ... ऊर्ध्वे करोति । समूले . . । न भूमिपाशानाभिविद्धयात् । न शर नाश्मगन्धा नाध्याण्डा न पुश्चिपणी नाश्वत्थरयान्तिके कुर्यान्न विभीतकस्य न तित्वकस्य न रुक्मकस्य न हरिद्रोनं न्यग्रोधस्य ये चान्ये पापनामान . । अग्निविधयाग्निचितः इमं शानं करोति । ... तद्वै न सहकुर्यात् । नेम्वमचं कर्त्तव्यमिति । ... उरुषमाचं त्वेव कुर्यात् ... पश्चाद्दरीयः ... उत्तरतो वशीयः । तदिधायपसलविद्धदामिः स्पन्थाभिः पर्येतनेति . . । शतपथत्रा XIII 8. 1 ; compare कौशिक 83. 5-7 for similar derivations of माच, निदाच &c

where it would be visible from the village and there should be charming objects to its west (woods, gardens &c.). If there be no charming objects there should be waters to its west or north. He makes it on salt (barren) soil, on such ground as abounds in roots. Let him not make it near where grows the Bhūmipāśa plant or where reeds grow, or Aśvagandhā or Adhyandā, or Prśniparnī grows. He should not make it near an aśvattha tree or near a vibhitaka tree or a tilvaka, a sphūrjaka or a haridru or nyagrodha tree or other trees that have an evil name (like slesmātaka or kovidāra) For one who has performed Agnicayana, he makes a tomb after the manner of the fire altar. One must not make it too large lest he should make the sin (of the deceased) large. He should make it just a man's size, broader behind (to the west) and broader on the north side. He encloses it with cords twisted in the non-sunwise way. He then bids them to cut out the earth which would be just sufficient for making the mound of a man's size.

The Kāt Śr. (21. 3. 1 and 6) closely follows the above directions contained in the Śat Br. The Śat. Śr. 29. 1.2 provides that when the day of cremation is not known or remembered one may erect a mound over the bones (with clods of earth or bricks) on the New Moon day that comes immediately after the Full Moon day of Māgha, Phālguna, Caitra, Vaisākha or of the summer months (Jyestha and Āsādhā)

The Śat. Br. (XIII. 8 2-4) pursues the subject of sepulchral monuments as follows: Godly people make their sepulchres so as not to be separate from the earth; while those who are of the Asura stamp, the Easterns and others, make the sepulchral mounds so as to be separate from the earth, either on a stone basin or a similar thing. He then encloses it with an undefined number of stones silently. He then sweeps the sepulchral site with a palāśa branch with (Vāj. S. 35.1 'May the niggardly god-haters go away') and prays that Yama may grant him (the deceased) an abode. He throws out the branch to the south side. He then yokes the team of six oxen to the plough on the south side or on the north side, as he chooses. Having given the order 'Yoke' he (the performer) utters the

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561 The grave is to be constructed in such a way that the four corners would lie in the direction of the four quarters, as Kāt. Śr. (21. 3. 28-29) states 'dikṛakṣi puruṣamātram mimīte uttarataḥ pṛthu pascācca'.

mantra (Vāj. S. 35. 2).<sup>562</sup> Having turned round the plough from right (south side) to the north, he ploughs the first furrow with Vāj. S. 35.3 'May Vāyu purify' along the north side towards the west; with 'May Savitr purify' along the west side towards the south; with 'Agni's lustre' along the south side towards the east, with 'Sūrya's brilliance' along the front side towards the north. Four furrows he ploughs with a Yajus formula. He then ploughs across the body (of the sepulchral site) silently with an undefined number of furrows. He then unfastens the team of oxen. To the right side (south-west) he removes this (the plough and the team).

He then sows seeds of all kinds of herbs with a single verse (Vāj. S. 35.4); for long life he thereby prays for these (the performer's family) and accordingly each subsequent one of them dies of old age. He then pours out that (jar of bones). He does so before sunrise so that the sun should rise over him while he is doing it. He does so with Vāj. S. 35.5-6. He then says to some one 'Proceed in that (southern) direction without drawing breath and having thrown down the jar, return hither without looking behind.' He then mutters Vāj. S. 35.7. He then arranges the dead man (the bones) limb by limb with Vāj. S. 35.8-9. Now thirteen unmarked<sup>563</sup> bricks each measuring a (human) foot (*pada*) have been made and are laid down

562. It is not possible, owing to considerations of space, to set out all the verses of the Vāj. S. chap. 35 mentioned as mantras by the Sat. Br. Only a few are set out here in order to show how appropriate they are as referring to the actions prescribed by the Sat. Br. Verse 1 first half is 'अपेतो यन्तु प्रणयोऽ-सन्मा देवपीयवः'. सविता ते शरीरेभ्य इयिष्याल्लोकमिच्छतु । तस्मै यज्यन्तामुजियाः ॥ वाज. सं. 35.2. वायु इनातु सविता पुनात्वग्नेर्भोजसा सूर्यस्य वर्चसा । विमुच्यन्तामुजियाः ॥ वाज. सं. 35.3

563. The bricks of the fire altar are marked with lines (vide H. of Dh. Vol. II, p. 1248). The bricks in Agnicayana are as long as the foot of the sacrificer. Thereon gods have to be worshipped. Here it is the fathers to be honoured. Throughout Sat. Br. XIII. 8.2-3 a distinction is drawn between what is done for the gods and what is to be done for pitrs in order to keep the divine distinct from what belongs to the fathers. In Agnicayana a bird-like pattern is the most frequent (vide H. of Dh. vol. II, p. 1249). It is hence that the Sat. Br. speaks of wings and tails. The heights prescribed for men of the several varnas and for women are symbolic. Ksatriyas, brāhmanas and vaisyas represent the arms, the mouth and thighs of the Puruṣa (as stated in Rg. X. 90.12). The Kāt. Sr. (21.4.13-14) gives an option in the case of a ksatriya viz. the mound may be as high as the chest or as high as a man with upstretched arms.

silently (and not with mantras as in the case of the Agnicayana). One of the thirteen he places in the middle, with the front towards the east (this represents the trunk), three are placed in front (representing the head), three on the right (that is the right wing); three on the left (that represents the left wing); three behind (representing the tail). He then directs them to bring some soil from a cleft in the ground. Some dig in the intermediate (south-eastern) quarter and fetch it from there; others dig in the south-west and fetch it northwards; he may do as he likes (there is an option) Let him not make the sepulchral mound too large For a ksatriya he may make it as high as a man with upstretched arms, for a brāhmaṇa reaching up to the mouth, for a woman up to the hips, for a vaiśya up to the thighs, for a sūdra up to the knee, or let him rather make it so high (for all) as to reach below the knee. While the mound is being made, they hold a bundle of reed grass to the north of it. Let him not throw it down after holding it up or after bringing it, but let him set it up in the house (as it represents offspring) Having prepared it he sows barley grain, thinking 'May they ward off (*yaśa*) sin from me!' He covers it over with *Avakā* plants in order that there may be moisture (*ka* or joy) for him and with *daubha* grass for softness.

They fix pegs round it, a *palāśa* one in front, a *śami* one on the north corner, a *vratana* one behind and a *vrtra*<sup>564</sup> peg on the right (south corner). On the south side they dig two somewhat curved furrows and fill them with milk and water and they dig seven on the left (north) side and fill them with water for sin not to pass beyond They throw three stones each into the northern furrows and pass over them with *Vāj* S 35 10 (= *Rg. X. 53 8*) They cleanse themselves with *Apāmārga*<sup>565</sup> plants with *Vāj* S 35 11; they thereby wipe away sin They bathe at any place where there is water. With *Vāj* S 35 12 he takes water with his joined hands and he throws it in the direction in which he who is hateful may be and thereby overthrows him<sup>566</sup> Having bathed and put on garments that have never yet been washed they hold on to the tail of an ox and return to their

564 The meaning of *Vrtra-Sanku* cannot be stated *Kūṭi Sr 213 31* reads *देवशङ्कु* for *वृत्रशङ्कु* and the *Com* explains *वृत्रशङ्कु* as *पापाणशङ्कु*

565 *अपाचमप किल्बिषमप कृत्यामपो रिप । अपामार्ग त्वमस्मदप वृत्रघ्नं सुहृ* *वाज स 35 11.*

566 *सुमित्रिया न आप ओषधय मन्तु दुर्मित्रिपान्तरमे सन्तु योऽन्तद्वेदि य च वयं द्विष्टम्* *॥ वाज सं 35 12.*

home. They proceed towards the village muttering Vaj. S. 35.14 (ud vāyam). When they have arrived, ointments for their eyes and feet are given to them; such indeed are human means of embellishment and therewith they keep off death from themselves. Then in the house having kindled (domestic) fire and laid enclosing sticks of *varana* wood round it he offers by means of a *śruva* (spoon) an oblation to Agni Āyusmat. Vaj. S. 35. 16 serves <sup>567</sup> as a *puronuvākya* (invitatory formula). He then offers with Vaj. S. 35.17. He says this so that Agni may guard and protect these men. The sacrificial fee is an old ox, old barley, old chair with a head cushion. He may give more if he desires. This is the procedure in the case of one who has performed *Agnicayana*.<sup>568</sup> In the case of him who has not performed *Agnicayana*, there is the same procedure for selecting a site and the same performance save that of the fire-altar. Having fetched a clod from the boundary he deposits it midway between the sepulchral mound and the village with Vaj. S. 35. 15 (imam <sup>569</sup> jivebhyah). He then makes this a boundary between the Fathers and the living, so as not to commingle the two.

The Sat. Śr. 29. 1 3 ff. and Baud. P. S. I. 17-20 provide a lengthy procedure for erecting a mound over the bones of one who has performed the special rite of *agnicayana* which is passed over here. In building a mound the urn deposited under a tree is taken out and after the bones are purified in various ways (such as the spilling on them of curds mixed with *vājina* from a jar, the digging up of the clods by means of a plough to which a certain number of oxen are yoked). The Sat. Śr. (29. 1. 3-12) deals with one kind of procedure in which there is no *dhavana*, while 29.1. 13-32 deal with the procedure where *dhavana* is employed and sūtras from 33 deal with procedure common to both *paksas* (viz. one without *dhavana* and the other with *dhavana*) The building of a mound with clods (*lostaciti*) in which there is *dhavana* is rather an obscure matter in its nature and had some symbolic significance which is now lost. It may be briefly described as follows.—The members of the deceased's house

567. अग्न आसूयि पवस आ सुवोर्जमिद च न । आरे बाधस्व दुच्छुनाम् ॥ वाज. सं. 35 16.

568. आयुष्मानगने हविषा दधानो दूतयनीको दूतयोनिरेषि । दूतं पीत्वा मधु चाप गन्धं पितेव पुत्रमभिरक्षतादिमान् स्वाहा ॥ वाज. सं. 35 17.

569. इमं जीवेयं परिधिं दधामि मैवा न्न गावंपरो अर्थमेतम् । दातं जीवेन्नु हारदं पुरुषीरन्मृशं दधतं पर्वतेन ॥ वाज. सं. 35. 15.

build a shed or a seat for a bed. They drive in the eastern half or middle or western half of it a three-pronged palāśa peg. In front of it one born of a sūdra woman or a *brahmabandhu* (a brāhmana only in name) sits down for a dialogue. He asks the principal wife (of the deceased) 'will you dwell with me.' That woman replies to him 'I shall not give (what you ask).' The same dialogue takes place on the 2nd day. Then on the third day she replies 'I shall give for one night.' Or if this peculiar practice (of talking about dhavāna, which literally means 'sexual intercourse') was intended to last for more days than three she was to give a suitable reply (viz. for three nights or for five nights &c). When the words of the reply are uttered by the wife, the performer deposits the bones (of the deceased) at the root of the peg and places between the three prongs of the peg a jar having a hundred holes at the bottom. The mouth of the jar is covered with a hide and *kuśa* grass. On that jar he sprinkles curds mixed with *vājina* with the mantra 'Vaiśvānare haviridam' (Tai. Ā. VI. 6. 1). When the liquid oozes from the jar on the bones he invokes the two verses 'drapsaś-caskanda' and 'imam samudram' (Tai. Ā. VI. 6). Then the Sat Śr. (29.1. 26-29) provides that four *brahmacārins* or other brāhmanas, that are pure, tie up their locks on their heads that are to the right and keep dishevelled those on the left side of the head, they strike their right thighs and also the hide that is wound round the jar of bones, fan it with the fringes of their garments, go round the peg thrice with their left side towards the jar and the people living in the same house (with the deceased) and women also do the same,<sup>570</sup> that lutes (*vinā*) are played upon and also conches are blown and other instruments like *nāhla*, *tūna*, *panava* are beaten and there is also dancing, singing and playing on musical instruments. This practice of *dhavāna* (symbolic) may go on for five, seven, nine, eleven days, half a month, a month or a year during which time one has to donate food and money (gold &c) according to one's ability or on the last day according to some.<sup>571</sup> If one may offer a conjecture, this rite was intended to assure the deceased man (represented by the charred bones) that his wife had remained faithful and

570 Compare कौशिकसूत्र 85 10-11 'कस्ये सृजाना इति त्रि मसच्य प्रकीर्णकिय. परिपन्ति दक्षिणादूर्ध्वान्धनाना । एवं मध्यरात्रे अपररात्रे च ।', कस्ये सृजाना is अवयवेव 18, 3, 17

571. On एकरात्राय वदामीति वृत्तिये (सत्या औ 29. 1 19.) the वैजयन्ती remarks 'एतच्च वचनमात्रम् । न तु तेन सह वासः कार्य एवमेतेनाह'.



unattached to any one else even long after his death. The Baud. P. S. (I. 17.8) also states that female dancers dance in this rite. Various measurements are given in the sūtras for the mounds that are constructed over the bones. Sat. Śr. (29.1 5-6) says <sup>572</sup> that the site of the mound (*śmaśānūyatana*) is five *prakramas* on all four sides (or six on the east and five in the other directions, acc. to some). The height of the mound is variously given even in the same sūtra. <sup>573</sup> Sat Śr. states that the height may be two finger-breadths, or three or four or a *prādeśa* (the distance between the thumb and index finger when both are stretched away) or a *maṣṭu* (twelve finger-breadths), or it may be up to the knee or thighs or buttocks. The Baud P. S. I. 18 gives different <sup>574</sup> measurements. It states 'if the mound to be raised is as high as the neck towards the west, then it is up to the navel on the east, if it is as high as the navel on the west, then it is as high as the knee on the east; if up to the knee on the west then on the east it is level with the ankle'. The Kauśikasūtra <sup>575</sup> (85 4-10) gives certain options viz. the mandapa on which the mound is to be erected is either 7, 7, 5, 3 *prakramas* on the south, north, east and west or 9, 9, 7, 5 on the same sides in order or 11, 11, 9, 7; that in the case of those who worshipped the gods, the length was eleven on all sides; that in the case of the Śaunakins the sides (of the mound) are to be measured in odd numbers (of *prakramas*) and the mounds are either round or four-cornered; that such mounds are seen (in those days) and that the grave built for one who had set up vedic fires was to be of the height of a man with arms upraised. These passages show that the graves were generally

572. अपराद्धे श्मशानायतनं विनिर्मिते पञ्च पञ्च प्रक्रमान् सर्वतः । पदं पुरस्तादित्येके । सत्या. औ. 29 1. 5-6, the Com. वैजयन्ती explains 'तथा च पञ्च प्रक्रमसंमितं सम-चतुरक्ष लोष्टचित्तेरायतनं भवति । प्रक्रमो द्विपदस्त्रिपदी वेत्युक्तं श्रुत्येषु'.

573. श्मशानस्य मात्रा द्व्यङ्गुलं त्र्यङ्गुलं चतुरङ्गुलं यादेको वितस्तिजाह्वदन्मुरुद्वन् रिक्तद्वन् वैपौत्तमा मात्रा श्मशानस्य । सत्या. औ. 29 1 70. The com says 'इदानी-मूर्ध्वप्रमाणहृत्पते । तत्र द्व्यङ्गुलादीनामष्टानामन्यतममूर्ध्वप्रमाणं स्थलस्य तस्योपरीद्वका-श्वेत्याः ११'.

574. तस्य मात्रा यदि शीवद्वन् पश्चात्पुरस्ताज्जामिद्वन् यदि नाभिद्वन् पश्चात्पुरस्ताज्ज-ह्वद्वन् यदि जाह्वद्वन् पश्चात्पुरस्ताह्वलद्वन् &c. । कौ. पि. छ. I 18 6, Dr Caland's text reads the exact opposite (I 15 p. 21) 'यदि शीवद्वन् पुरस्ताज्जामिद्वन् पश्चात्त्रादि नाभिद्वन् पुरस्ताज्जह्वद्वन् पश्चात्त्रादिजाह्वद्वन् पुरस्ताह्वलद्वन् पश्चात्'.

575. एकादशभिर्द्वेदक्षिणात् । अयुग्ममानानि परिमण्डलानि चतुरस्राणि वा शौनकि-नाम् । सथाहि दृश्यन्ते । यावाप्युदय ऊर्ध्वयाह्वस्तावानग्निचितः । कौशिकसूत्र 85. 7-10.

quadrangular but sometimes round also (acc. to certain schools). The mounds at Lauriya referred to above are round.

Another feature to be noted is that clods were employed (and so the mound was called *loṣṭakāṇi*) or baked bricks in building the mound or grave over the bones by piling up layers of clay or bricks. In laying down the bricks first on the east, then on the north, then on the west and then on the south, the sūtras such as Sat. Śr. (29.1.53), <sup>576</sup> Baud. P. S. (I 19.4-7) four verses were respectively employed that are (in order) Rg. X. 18.13, 10, 11, 12 (which are also A. V. XVIII 3.52, 49 50, 51 and Tai. A. VI 7.1). One of these (Rg. X. 18.12) speaks of pillars and the other (Rg. X. 18.13) of a post (*sthūnā*). Vide above p. 189. The discovery of two wooden posts in two mounds (at Lauriya above) in which the bones were deposited indicates that the Lauriya mounds followed a vedic custom which is mentioned by the *śrautasūtras*. The main difference between the Vedic and sūtra ritual on the one hand and the Lauriya mounds on the other is the height of the latter, which betokens a later age than that of the sūtras.

The Sat. Śr. describes in the 28th *prāśna* what is called *pitr-medha* while in *prāśna* 29 it describes the *brāhmaṇīka*. The difference between the two is pointed out in Sat. Śr. 29.3.4-18 and it is stated <sup>577</sup> (in Sat. Śr. 29.3. 20, 22) that the mantras called 'catur-hotārah' are spoken of as *brāhmaṇīka* (in Tai. Br. III 12.5) and that the procedure of *Brahmamedha* is to be employed only for an *uśārya* or a *śrōṣṭrya* and for no one else. The *Vaijayanṭī* by Mahādeva states (in the Introductory verses) that *prāśnas* 28 and 29 of Sat. Śr. are taken from *Bharaḍvāja*. It may be stated here that the procedure of *dharmā* described above in Sat. Śr. is no longer followed in India in

576 विधितिलोदात्तप्रतिदिग्मानन्विशमाण उपदधात्युत्ते सन्नीमीत्येते प्रतिमन्त्रं लि-  
प्तिभिर्भाषाभिस्त्रि मन्त्राणि परितिरित्येकीर्षाणा इति। सत्ता. श्री. 29 1. 53, 0-11312  
the Com. says अत्रापि पूर्वत्वा दिग्पारम्भः । अथ क्षेत्रविद्वन्नी चतुरो हीदादुपदधात्युत्ते  
सन्नीमन्ति.. निनीक्षिन्ति पुरस्तादुपदधाति । उच्छुभ्रमाना पृथिवी हि निक्षिप्तं सत्त्वं त्वि उप हि  
अपन्नात् । सत्त्वत्रेति दक्षिणतः । नौ पि ह

577. On 29.3 2 (च ब्रह्ममेव इत्याचक्षते) of सत्या. श्री the वैजयन्ती exp. 125  
'अत्र सदेवकोऽधिकारः । यस्माद् ब्रह्मसंज्ञो मेघ इति विग्रहः । चक्षुषादिना मेघसंज्ञेन रूप-  
देशसंज्ञातिः । चतुर्होतृसंज्ञो दहनकल्प इत्यर्थः । On 'ताव परं ब्रह्मोपाचक्षते' सत्या श्री  
29.3. 20, the वैजयन्ती says 'तावत्तुहोतृत्वं । परब्रह्ममेव सारभूतमन्त्रवाची । ब्रह्म ह वै चक्षु-  
होतार इति ।'

modern times. In the Baud. <sup>578</sup> P. S. I. 17 there are passages that bear a close resemblance to some passages of the Sat. Śr on *dhavana*. Similarly, Kāt Śr. <sup>579</sup> 21. 3. 6 provides (immediately after the months in which mounds were to be constructed) that as many jars should be taken as there are persons performing *dhavana* (or *dhurana*) and the commentator explains that word as meaning 'fanning'.

It will be seen that the disposal of the dead in ancient India was divided into four stages viz. cremation, collecting the charred bones and depositing them underground in an urn, expiatory rites (called Śāntikarma) and erection of a monument over the bones. The last was not necessarily done in every case. The Andhau Inscription of the time of Rudradāman in the year 52 (probably of the śaka era) refers to the erection of a staff (lasti i e. yasti) as a funeral monument to the memory of a sister, brother and wife by Madana son of Sihila (vide E I. Vol. 16 pp. 23-25). In a long passage of the Brahmapurāṇa quoted by Aparārka (pp. 885-886) it is stated that the charred bones of a cremated person should be collected in an urn and deposited at the root of a tree or cast in the Ganges, that the place of cremation should be purified with cowdung and water, that a puskaraka tree should be planted there or an eḍuka (a structure) should be built over it. <sup>580</sup>

The Sat Śr 28. 4 28 and Baud P S. II. 3. 2 state as shown above that the rites immediately after death were performed only up to the depositing of the urn (containing the bones) underground in the case of those householders who had not set up the vedic fires and in the case of married women and that in the case of him who had performed the solemn rite of Agnicayana a mound with bricks or clods was built up on the bones.

578 एकाहं धुतुर्लघ्वहानि धुतुः पञ्चतन्त्रैकादशाहान्यर्चमासं धुतुरगुम्ना रात्रीर्यमासान् मासादहत्वं संवत्सरं वा संपाद्य संधुतुरिति । अष्टावन्तरे शानं च द्वाविंशतिं वा विमितं वा कारितं भवति । को वि. सू I 17. 1 and 3, compare सत्य. औ noted above p. 252.

579. यावन्तो धुनियन्तः स्युस्तन्वत्. कुम्भानादाद्य दद्याणि चापरिनिवर्तानि । कात्या. औ. 21. 3. 6 On this the com says 'अत्रे अनात्माना पुत्रपौत्रादीनामुपवाजनं वक्ष्यति । उपवाजनं धवनम्'

580. गृहीत्वास्थीनि तद्गुरुम नीत्वा तोये विनिसिषेत् । ततः संमार्जनं भूमेः कर्तव्यं गोमया-  
भूमिः । ..यस्मैपाश्चाद्वनार्थं तु इक्ष. इष्करकोऽथवा । एडुको वा प्रकर्तव्यस्तत्र सर्वैः स्वबन्धुभिः ॥  
ब्रह्मपुराण q. by अपरार्क p 886, the same passage is quoted in रघुनाथ's Com-  
mentary on त्रिंशच्छ्लोको (verse 28 p. 253) which explains पुष्करकः as पुष्करिणि  
and reads पट्टक for एडुका and explains it as अन्तरः.

It is remarkable that while slaves and even attendants were often buried with the master in Babylon and Celtic Britain, there is no similar reference to the burial or cremation of anybody with the deceased even in the ancient procedure found in the *Sat Br*. It is only possible to say that in some cases in the pre-Vedic age the wife might have burnt herself along with the deceased husband on the funeral pyre. There is no doubt that later works like the *Visnudharmasūtra* recommended to women the practice of *Sati* as an option to leading the life of perfect celibacy after the husband's death.

The persons entitled to perform the funeral rites after death (*antyakarmādhikārin*) are the same as those entitled to offer *śrāddha*. There is a good deal of difference as to the order of the persons so entitled. For example, Gautama (*Dh. S* 15 13-14) states 'On failure of sons the sapindas (e.g. brother, brother's son), the sapindas of the mother (e.g. maternal uncle or his son) and pupils may perform *śrāddha* for the deceased; in default of these the family priest and the *ācārya* (veda teacher).' Śankha says<sup>581</sup> 'The offering of pinda and water should be done by the son for the father; in default (i.e. absence or death) of the son, the wife (of the deceased) should offer, but in default of her the full brother.' The *Visnupurāṇa*<sup>582</sup> provides 'the son, grand-son, great grandson (of the deceased), the offspring of the brother (of the deceased), the offspring of a sapinda become entitled to offer (pinda)'. The *Mārkandeyapurāṇa* provides (30. 19-21, chap. 27. 19-23 of the Venk. ed.) 'On failure of the sons, sapindas, on failure of them the *saṁānodakas*, then the sapindas of the mother, and *saṁānodakas* of her, should perform these rites, a daughter's son should perform them (if the man dies sonless), the *putrikāputra* should perform them for his maternal grand-father; in default of all these, women should perform these rites for their husbands but without Vedic mantras; in default of wife the king should get the rites performed by some one belonging to the family (of the deceased)'

581. पितुः पुत्रेण कर्तव्या पिण्डदानोदकाक्रिया । पुत्राभावे तु पत्नी स्वयत्न्यभावे तु सोदरः ॥ शङ्ख p by स्मृतिच. II p 335, निरयसिन्धु III p 380

582. पुत्रः पौत्रः प्रपौत्रो वा तद्वद्वा भ्रातृसन्ततिः । सपिण्डसन्ततिर्वापि क्रियार्हा दृष्य जायते ॥ तेषामभावे सर्वेषां सप्तानोदकसन्ततिः । मातृपक्षस्य पिण्डेन सञ्चारा ये जलेन च । कुलद्वयेपि चोत्सवे स्त्रीभिः कार्या क्रिया दृष्य । सङ्घातान्तर्गतैर्वापि कार्या मेतरस्य च क्रिया । उत्सवः कन्युरिक्षया ना कारयेद्वनीपतिः । विष्णुपुराण III 13 31-33 q by अपराकै p 433, स्मृतिच II p. 336, परा भा I. 2 p 461, बृहत्सत्त्व p 363. The *विष्णुपुराण* mentions the king as the अधिकारी in v. 34.

or by persons of his caste, since the king is the relative of all varnas<sup>583</sup> There was a close connection between taking the estate of a man and performing the rites after death up to the 10th day. For the doctrines represented by the Mitaksarā and the Dayabhāga, vide H. of Dh. vol III pp. 734-743. Even those that regarded that inheritance was based on relationship by blood and not on the capacity to offer pindas held that it was obligatory on everyone who took the estate of another (including the king who took as the ultimate heir by escheat) to arrange for the rites after death and śrāddha. Visnu<sup>584</sup> Dh. S. XV. 40 declares 'whoever inherits the estate of a deceased person has to offer pinda to him.' Yāj. II 127 says the same thing about the Kṣetrāja son (ubhayorapyasau rikthī pinda-dātā ca dharmataḥ).

The Smṛtyarthasāra (p. 94) states the order of *adhikārins* as follows; a competent son is the first *adhikāri* for offering pinda; in default of a son, husband, wife and co-wives; in default of these, the brother's son, the brother, daughter-in-law, daughter, daughter's son, any other *sagotra*, a *sapinda*, a fellow-student, a friend, a pupil, the teacher, any relative and anyone who takes the wealth of the deceased may offer *pinda*. The father is not competent to perform śrāddha rites for his (deceased) son, an elder brother for his younger brother; these may even do so through affection but they cannot perform the *sapindikarana*. Parents may offer pinda to unmarried daughters, and even to married daughters in the absence of another (proper) giver. The daughter's son and the maternal grandfather may offer to each other; the daughter's son to maternal grandmother; the son-in-law and father-in-law to each other, the daughter-in-law to her mother-in-law, brothers among themselves, teacher and pupil to each other. For the order of śrāddhādhikārins, according to the Dāyabhāga, vide H. of Dh

583. शुत्राभावे सपिण्डास्तु तदभावे सहोदकाः । मातुः सपिण्डा ये च स्वयं वा मातुः सहोदकाः ॥ कुडुरेन विधिं सम्यगुत्तरं हताहत । कुडुरीतामहायैवं शुक्रिकातनयास्तथा । सर्वभावे स्त्रियः कुडुः स्वभर्तृणाममन्त्रकम् । तदभावे च द्रुपतिः कारयेत् स्वकुडुम्बिना । तज्जातीयेनैव सम्यग्दाहाद्या सकला क्रिया । सर्वेदात्रिवर्णानां बान्धवो द्रुपतिर्यतः । मार्कण्डेयपुराण 30 19-24 (B I. ed) q by स्थुतिच II. p 336, परा. मा I 2 p 463 (reads कारयेत्स्व स्त्रियं). These verses (शुत्राभावे . द्रुपतिर्यत) occur with the addition of a few half verses and variants in the ब्रह्मपुराण 220 76-80 and the reading of the ब्रह्म . (द्रुपतिः कारयेत्स्वकुडुम्बिना by someone who does not belong to the family of the deceased) is better and makes good sense

584. मृतस्य रिग्यथाहिणा येन केनापि राजपर्यन्तेनौषधेहिना दशहान्तं कार्यम् । तथा च विष्णुः । यथापहंरः स पिण्डदायी स्थुत इति । व्यवहारमयूख p 145.

vol. III p. 739. The Nirṇayasindhu<sup>585</sup> says that in the Kali age only two kinds of sons viz. *aurasa* and *dattaka* are allowed (out of the twelve mentioned by Yāj. II 128-132) and the order of śrāddhādhikārins is given by it as follows: *aurasa* son, then grandson, then great grandson, then adopted son. If there are many sons then the eldest alone is the *adhikārī*; if the eldest be not present or is *patita*, then the son next to the eldest is the *adhikārī* (and not the youngest). If the sons are divided from each other, then all the rites up to *sapindikarāṇa* are to be performed by the eldest alone who may make the other sons contribute to the expenses, but the yearly śrāddha may be performed by each son separately. If the sons (of the deceased) are not divided, then all rites including the yearly śrāddha also are to be performed by the eldest alone. When the eldest son not being present, the younger one or the youngest performs the cremation, he should perform all rites up to and including the sixteen śrāddhas, but not *sapindikarāṇa* and he should wait for one year for the arrival of the eldest. If the eldest comes to know of the death within one year, he alone should perform the *sapindikarāṇa*. If the eldest son does not come even at the end of one year, then even the youngest may perform *sapindikarāṇa*. If before the expiry of one year the youngest son or some one other than a son performs the monthly, *anumāsika*, *sapindikarāṇa* śrāddhas, then the eldest son or a son should again perform these. If there is a grandson who has his *upanayana* performed and there be a son whose *upanayana* is not performed it is the latter who is a preferable *adhikārī*, provided he is either three years old or has the *cūḍā* ceremony performed as stated by Sumantu<sup>586</sup>. Manu II. 172 states that a boy should not repeat the Veda before the performance of *Upanayana* except the mantras that are required for the śrāddha of his deceased father or mother. Such a son may perform with Vedic mantras the funeral rites on the death of his father or mother and their yearly and other śrāddhas. If he is unable to repeat the Vedic mantras, he may simply perform the cremation with mantras and the rest may be got performed through another person. In the

585 औरसाभावे पौत्रः तदभावे प्रपौत्रस्तदभावे दत्तकादप इति ज्ञेयम् । निर्णयसिन्धु p 381, which relies on Manu IX 137 (= Vas 17 5 and Visnu 15 46) and Yāj. I. 78 This is opposed to the धर्मसिन्धु p 368 'दत्तकाभावे पौत्रः पौत्राभावे प्रपौत्रः । अन्ये तु औरसाभावे पौत्रः तदभावे प्रपौत्रः प्रपौत्राभावे दत्तका इत्याहुः'

586. अनुपेतोऽपि कुर्वीत मन्त्रवद् पितृभ्योऽधिकम् । यद्यसौ कृतचूडः स्याद्यादि स्याच्च विवस्वतः ॥ शुभ्रम् p. by परा. मा I 2 p 465, निर्णयसिन्धु p 382, मद पा. p 403.

same way he should make only the declaration (*saṅkalpa*) of *darsaśrāddha* and *mahālaya* and the rest may be performed by some one else. An adopted son becomes an *adhikārin* for funeral rites and the like only if the upanayana has been performed. If there be no lineal descendant up to a great-grandson and also no adopted son, then the wife should perform with mantras the funeral rites and yearly and other śrāddhas but if she is unable to repeat the Vedic mantras, then the same rules apply as in the case of an *anupanita* son. Even if the husband be not divided from his brother, or he be re-united with his brother, it is the wife and not the brother who is to be preferred as having *adhikāra* for śrāddha, though the brother gets all the property. Though some of the latest works on *dharmaśāstra* like the *Nirṇayasindhu*<sup>587</sup> and *Dharmasindhu* (*bhāryayāpi samantrakam-eva-aurdhva-dehikadikam kāryam*) allowed the wife to perform rites after death with vedic mantras, several works such as the *Mārkandeya-purāṇa* and the *Brahmapurāṇa* did not allow the wife to repeat Vedic mantras (vide note 583 above). In default of the wife, the daughter has the right to perform rites after death if the deceased was separated and not re-united. But if the deceased was joint then his full brother would be the proper *adhikārin* after the wife. Among daughters the married one is preferred, though an unmarried daughter is a preferable heir. In default of daughters, the daughter's son is an *adhikārin*; then a brother, then a brother's son. Among brothers a full brother is preferred to a half brother and if there be both elder and younger brothers, then the younger is preferred for performing rites after death (in order to make as near an approach as possible to the relation of father and son). If there be no younger brother, then even an elder one could be *adhikārin*; in default of full brother, a half brother. Some held that even if the deceased was separate from his brother and had a daughter or daughter's son as heir the funeral rites were to be performed by the brother (and not by the daughter or her son), since a *śaṅgotra* is to be preferred as an *adhikārin* to one of a different *gotra*. If there be no brother, then a full brother's son was to be preferred, then the half brother's son, then father, then mother, then daughter-in-law, then sister. In case of there being

587 असंस्कृतेन पत्न्या च ह्यग्निदानं समन्त्रकम् । कर्तव्यमितरत्सर्वं कारयेदन्त्यमेव हि ॥ कात्यायन १. १०. ११. वा pp 402-403, which remarks 'यदा स्वपुत्रीत पुत्र संस्कर्तव्यो पत्नी वा वदाग्निदानमेव समन्त्रकं कार्यम् ।' This is opposed to the view of the *Nirṇayasindhu*, *Dharmasindhu* and other works.

full sisters, half sisters, younger and older sisters the same rules apply as in the case of brothers; in default of any sister, sister's son. If there be many sister's sons, the rules as to brothers would apply. Then come paternal uncle, his son, other sapindas;<sup>588</sup> then samānodakas, then other persons born in the same family. In default of these, the sapindas of the mother, such as the maternal grand-father, maternal uncle, maternal uncle's son in that order; in default of the sapindas of the mother, the sons of the deceased's paternal or maternal aunt; in default of these the *pitṛ-bandhus* such as the sons of the father's father's sister, of the father's mother's sister, of father's maternal uncle; then the *mātṛ-bandhus* such as mother's father's sisters's son; in default of these, a disciple (of the deceased); in default of disciple, son-in-law of the deceased (or the father-in-law of the deceased); in default of these, a friend; in default, any one who takes the wealth of a brāhmana (deceased); if the deceased was other than a brāhmana the king (who took the wealth of everyone dying heirless, except the wealth of a brāhmana) who arranges for funeral rites through another.

In the case of women the following order of those entitled to perform rites of a deceased woman is given in the *Dharma-sindhu* (p. 370); If the female be unmarried then her father is the *adhikārin*, then her brother and the like; if the woman was married, her son, then her co-wife's son, then co-wife's grandson and then great-grandson; in default of these, the husband; in default of husband, daughter, then daughter's son; then husband's brother; then husband's brother's son; then daughter-in-law; then (the deceased) woman's father, then her brother; then her brother's son and the rest.

An adopted son should perform the śrāddha of his natural father if the latter left no son or other *adhikārī*. If a brahmacārin dies, his monthly, yearly and other śrāddhas should be performed by his father and mother. A brahmacārin may carry the dead body of his parents, or of his maternal grand-father, *upādhyāya* and *ācārya* and perform the cremation and other rites; but if another *adhikārin* is available, he should not do these even for the parents and the other three. A brahmacārin

588. The word *sapinda* here means a man of the same gotra as the deceased but within seven degrees of the common ancestor, tracing relation ship through males only, a *samānodaka* means one of the same gotra from 8th to the 14th degree descended from a common ancestor tracing descent through males only and *gotraja* means a relative of the same gotra as the deceased but beyond the 14th degree from the common ancestor.



should not at all carry the dead body of any one except of the above five or perform the cremation and other rites for any one else. If a brahmācārin performed all the rites for ten days he had to observe āśauca for ten days, but if he performed only the cremation he had to observe āśauca only for one day. Even while in mourning his obligatory acts do not stop; but he should not eat the food cooked for his relatives that are in mourning nor should he dwell among them; if he did (both these) he had to undergo prāyaścitta and perform upanayana again.

It is somewhat curious that Baudhāyana, the Lingapurāna (quoted in Śrāddhaprakāśa pp. 361-371), the Mārkaṇḍeya-purāna, the Pitrdayitā (p 82) and several other works allow man himself while living to perform his own rites after death (antyesti).<sup>589</sup> This will be dealt with briefly later on under śrāddha. Further, if a man became *patita* and refused to undergo *prāyaścitta*, he was driven out of the Hindu fold by the procedure of ghatasphota (vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 387-388), and Gaut. Dh. S. 20 2 and Manu XI. 182-183 provide that such a man was to be held to be dead and his relatives were to perform all rites for him such as offering water and śrāddha and were also to observe āśauca for him.<sup>590</sup>

Many commentators and digests quote certain verses of the Viṣṇupurāna (III. 13. 34-39) wherein the rites (*krtyāḥ*) after death performed for a person are enumerated as falling into three classes, viz. *pūrva*, *madhyama* and *uttara*. The rites from cremation up to the end of the 12th day are called *pūrva*, the śrāddhas performed monthly and *sapindikarana* and *ekoddista* are called *madhyama* rites and those that are performed after *sapindikarana*, when the deceased has reached the position of *pitr* after being a *preta*, are designated *uttara*.<sup>591</sup> The *pūrva* and

589 अन्येष्टिमात्मनः कृत्वा शास्त्रतश्चैव देहि कर्म ॥ मार्कण्डेयपुराण 3.45 (B. I. ed.).

590. तस्य विद्यायुक्त्यन्योनिसम्बन्धाश्च संनियत्य सर्वाण्युदकादीनि प्रेतकार्याणि कुर्युः । गो ध सू 20 2.

591. पूर्वा क्रिया मध्यमाश्च तथा चैवोत्तरा क्रियाः । त्रिप्रकाराः क्रिया ह्येतास्तासां भेदं शृण्वन् मे ॥ आद्याहाद् द्वादशाहाद्य मध्ये याः स्युः क्रिया मताः । पूर्वास्ता मध्यमा मासि मास्येकोद्विदसंज्ञिताः ॥ प्रेते पितृत्वमापन्ने सपिण्डीकरणादुत्त । क्रियन्ते याः क्रियाः पित्र्याः प्रोच्यन्ते ता द्व्युत्तरा ॥ पितृमातृसपिण्डेश्च समानसलिलैस्तथा । तत्सङ्घातान्तर्गतैश्चैव राज्ञा वा धनहारिणा ॥ पूर्वा क्रिया मध्यमाश्च पुत्राद्यैरेव चोत्तरा । दोहित्रैर्वा नरश्रेष्ठ कार्यास्तत्तनयैस्तथा ॥ मृताहनि च कर्तव्याः स्त्रीणामप्युत्तरा क्रियाः । प्रतिसवत्सरं राज्ञैकोद्विदविधानतः ॥ विष्णुपुराण III. 13. 34-39, q. by अपराकी pp 433-434, स्मृतिचं II, p 336, परा. मा I. 2 p 464, नद. पा. pp 478-79, निर्णयसिन्धु p 387. The printed विष्णुपुराण reads आद्याहर्मास्युदकादिस्पर्शान्तास्तथा क्रियाः । It has been provided in विष्णुपुराण III 13 21 that after the brāhmanas are fed on the 11th day after death the relatives should touch water, weapons, whip or a staff respectively according as they belong to the four varṇas and then they become pure.

madhyama rites of the deceased may be performed by the father, the mother, sapindas, samānodakas and those belonging to the deceased's group (gotra) or by the king if he takes the wealth of the deceased. But the rites called *uttara* are to be performed only by the son, grandson, great-grandson, daughter's son or the latter's sons. Even in the case of women, on the day of the anniversary of death every year an *ekoddista śrāddha* may be performed for them. There is also another classification of *śrāddhas* viz. *Navasrāddha* (those rites up to ten days after death), *Navamiśra* (those performed after ten days up to six seasons), *Purāna* (those performed after a year).<sup>591 a</sup>

As stated above, for ten days after death a handful of water mixed with sesame was to be offered to the deceased on a stone (*aśman*) placed on kuśa grass and one large pinda (called *pūraka-pinda*) was to be offered on kuśa grass everyday with the face to the south and the sacred thread on the right shoulder (*prācināvṛti*) for the purpose of freeing the departed from the state of being a *preta*. On the pinda, water mixed with sesame was to be offered and leaves of *Bhrngarāja* (called *mākā* in Marathi) and *Tulasī* also. The verse '*anādi-nidhano*' was to be repeated<sup>592</sup>. The performer throws the pinda in water and then bathes. Vide A. K. D pp. 43-50 and *Antyesti-paddhati* of Nārāyaṇa for detailed treatment of the procedure of these ten days. Besides this, the *Āśvalāyana-grhyaparīśista*<sup>593</sup> III, 6 speaks of five *śrāddhas* called '*navas-*

591 a नवश्राद्ध दशाहानि नवमिश्रं तु षड्विंशत्युत्तरं । अतः परं पुराणं वै त्रिविधं आशु-  
मुच्यते ॥ आश्वलायनगृह्यपरिशिष्टे ५. by अपराकं p 525, निर्णयसिन्धु III, p 395.  
अपराकं (p, 521) says 'एकोद्विंशत्युक्तं तच्च त्रिविधम् । नवं मिश्रं पुराणं च । तत्रैकादशाहान्तं  
नवम् । तद्वर्धमा संवत्सराग्निमभ्युत् । तत उत्तरं पुराणम् । The printed आश्व गृ परि. III 9  
(B. I edition) reads अथैकोद्विंशं तत् त्रैधा भवति नवं मिश्रं पुराणं चेत्यन्तर्दशाहं नव  
मिश्राणि मासिकानि चतुर्विंश्यादौ पुराणानि । The सृष्टिच. on आश्वोच p 175 quotes  
प्रजापति 'नवश्राद्ध दशाहान्तं मिश्रं संवत्सरादधि । एकादशाहमारभ्य कुर्यात्तत्तत्संस्तुतये ॥'  
592. अनादिनिधनो देव इन्द्रचक्रगदाधरः । अक्षय्य पुण्डरीकाक्षः प्रेतलोकादो भव ॥  
quoted by अन्वेदिपद्धति of नारायण

593. अथ नवश्राद्धानि दशाहेषु विषमदिनेभ्यमेव कुर्यात्तमेतमभिसन्धाय माह्वण-  
मुद्वह्यमुत्सृज्य तस्मिन्सृष्ट्यां तिलान्नचर्कैश्च काश्यपगोत्रं देवदत्तासुभिमन्त्रेण एतद्वर्धमासु-  
तिष्ठतामिति तदहं सन्ध्यन्तेनोत्सृज्य पिण्डं चामन्योक्तवन्महायज्ञनायवेप विधिरन्तर्दशाहकर्मणि ।  
आश्वलायनगृह्यपरिशिष्टे III, 6. The नवश्राद्धः are एकोद्विंश and several details  
which occur in other श्राद्धः are omitted here and the word चितु is not to be  
employed, but only the word जेत. The गृह्यपुराण (II, 29 35-37) enumerates  
eighteen details that were to be omitted in नवश्राद्धः Vide छान्दोग्यभाष्य pp 215,  
221 ; 'तथाचाक्षराः । प्रथमेहि त्वीयेहि पञ्चमे सप्तमे तथा । नवमेकादशे चैव तत्रश्राद्ध-  
मुच्यते ।' ५. by मव. पा p 618, the मितः on च I 252 (without name) and  
भट्टोजि on चटुर्विंशः p. 168.

śrāddhas' (or Visamaśrāddhas) performed on the uneven days (i. e. 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th) with uncooked food. According to the Garuḍapurāṇa (Pretakhanda 34, 36 which speaks of six śrāddhas on uneven days from 1st day to 11th) and Āpastamba they are six (Dharmasindhu p 464, Nirṇayasindhu p 588, Śuddhiprakāśa pp. 214-216, Śrāddhatattva p. 619) and according to others there is an option. Aṅgiras and Vasistha speak of six Navaśrāddhas on uneven days from the 1st to the 11th, while Baud Pitrmedha S. II. 10. 6 speaks of five. Some prescribe the placing of some cooked food sprinkled with ghee on the hand of a brāhmaṇa. Others do not approve of this. They prescribe the placing of uncooked corn in front of a brāhmaṇa or in front of a figure of a brāhmaṇa made with kuśas (called *cata* in Marathi). The Garuḍapurāṇa (II 5, 67 ff) holds that the navaśrāddhas are those performed at the place where a man died, where the funeral procession rested on the way, when the bones were collected and those performed on the 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th day. The Śuddhiprakāśa p. 214 quotes similar views from Kātyāyana and the view of Yrddha-Vasistha that the deceased does not become free from the status of a *preta*, unless the *navaśrāddhas* are performed. The Garuḍapurāṇa, Pretakhanda (chap. 34, 27-28, 44, 48) states that by the pindas offered for ten days the several limbs of a subtle body are provided for the departed spirit which at first wanders like thin air. There are several differing views on the navaśrāddhas which are passed over here. On the uneven days if navaśrāddha is performed two pindas will be offered (one the daily one and the other, of the navaśrāddha). The Padma (Śrstikhanda 10, 19) prescribes that one should not partake of the food at *navaśrāddha* and on doing so should undergo the cāndrāyana expiation.

In modern times, after the rites of the first day of cremation and of the collection of the bones, the rites for the dead generally begin on the 10th day. The performer goes to the place where the rites of the first day were performed, makes a *sankalpa* and offers a pinḍa with the words 'May this pinḍa wait upon the *preta* named N. N. and of the gotra (Kāśyapa &c) in order that hunger and thirst affecting the *preta* may be removed'. Then he offers water mixed with sesame, places leaves of *bhrīgarāja* and *tulasī*, repeats the verse 'anādinidhano' (note 592), removes the pinḍa to another place from the place where it was offered. Then he prepares a *vedi* with

loose earth with a triangular shape, purifies it by means of cowdung, decks it with turmeric powder and places thereon five jars full of water and on each of them a ball of rice. Then he offers a request to the middle jar with the words 'May this pinda together with the jar of water wait upon the *preta* by name N. N., of such and such a gotra in order that his hunger and thirst may be allayed'. There is a prayer before the jars to the east, south, west and north respectively to those whom the *preta* had befriended, to Yama, to crows, to Rudra respectively. There is a difference of view here, some prescribing four jars, some three, while others offer a pinda with the jar of water only on the place meant for the *preta* and mere pinda to others. Then water is offered over the pinda and to each of the above he offers sandals, umbrella, banner, bread. Then the performer waits till a crow seizes or eats the pinda placed to the west<sup>594</sup>. Then the *asman* (stone) is anointed with oil and cast in water. Then the performer requests the relatives, who offer one handful or three handfuls of water to the *preta* on the bank of the reservoir of water. Then the sons and others according to usage cut their hair and nails. Then all persons of the same gotra, according to the custom of the country, bathe with sesame and myrobalan, wear pure and dried garments, go home and take their meals there.

594 In modern times great importance is attached by many people to a crow touching and pecking at the pinda food. There is a common belief that if a crow does not touch the pinda then the deceased had some intense wish at his death that was unfulfilled and it is certainly heart-rending and a source of poignant sorrow even for passers-by to see the relatives waiting for hours and tempting the crow or crows to come down from trees with dainty pieces of *copra* and other things and also loudly declaring that they would do this or that and fulfil the last desire of the deceased. Often it so happens that no crow touches the pinda food in honour of the deceased, a very old and venerable man, and relatives are very much distressed to find that their venerable ancestor who could have hardly any ambition or desire at the advanced age of 50 or 90 (except to die speedily), judging from the reluctance of the crow, had some unfulfilled desire. Often the crow immediately touches the pinda offered to one who died very young (say 25 or 30 years old) and who would naturally be presumed to have many unfulfilled desires. In such cases the relatives feel very much relieved at the thought that their young relative passed away without any unfulfilled desires. The *Suddhikāumudī* refers to this offering to crows as a usage *स्थाचारात् काकचलिदानम्* । पिण्डक्षेपनं यात्रे कृत्वा अनुकमोत्रस्य प्रेतरपादुकासर्पणं क्षेपेत्तुमये यमहारावस्थितवायसाय एष बलिर्नम इत्युत्सवस्य कृताञ्जलि — ताक त्व यमदृष्टोऽसि शुभाय बलिद्वयम् । यमलोकगतं प्रेतं त्वमाप्पायितुमर्हसि ॥ काजाय काकपुरुषाय वायसाय महात्मने । तुभ्य बलिं प्रयच्छामि प्रेतस्य वृत्तिहेतवे ॥ इति पठेत् । शुद्धिकौमुदी p. 135.

Some of the Purāṇas and medieval digests assert that after a man dies, the soul or spirit assumes what is called an *ātivāhika*<sup>594a</sup> body consisting of three of the five elements (viz. fire, wind and *ākāśa*) that rise up from the dead body (while two viz. earth and water remain below), that such a body is obtained only by men and not by other beings, that with the aid of the *pindas* that are offered to the departed at the time of cremation and during ten days thereafter, the soul secures another body called *bhogadeha* (a body for enjoying the *pindas* offered) and that at the end of a year when *sapṇḍīkarana* is performed, the soul secures a third body wherewith the spirit reaches heaven or hell according to the nature of his actions. The word '*ativāhika*' is comparatively an ancient one. It occurs in *Vedāntasūtra* IV. 3.4 (*ativāhikāśa-tal-lingāt*). But there the meaning is somewhat different. The Upanisads speak of the soul as going by the path of *arcis*, day &c. The *sūtra* says that these (viz. *arcis*, *āhā* &c.) are superintending deities that take the soul gradually onward by the path that leads to *Brahma*. Govindānanda in his commentary on the *Prāyaścittaviveka* (pp. 13-14) holds that there are only two bodies (and not three as appears at first sight), viz. the *ātivāhika* or *pretadeha* and the *bhogadeha*. The belief was that the man on whose death no *pinda* was offered or the sixteen *śrāddhas* (to be described below) were not performed remained for all time in the condi-

594 a. तत्क्षणादेव शुक्लाति शरीरमातिवाहिकम् । ऊर्ध्वं ब्रजन्ति भूतानि त्रीण्यस्मात्संस्थ विग्रहात् ॥ आतिवाहिकसंज्ञोऽसौ देहो भवति भार्य । केवलं तन्मध्यवर्णा नान्येषां माणिनां कचिद् ॥ मेषपिण्डैस्ततो दत्तैर्देहमाप्नोति भार्य । भोगदेहमिति मौक्तं क्रमादेव न संशयः । मेषपिण्डा न दीयन्ते यत्प तत्प विमोक्षणम् । इमं प्राणिकेभ्यो देवेभ्य आकर्षणं नैव विद्यते ॥ तत्रास्य यातना घोराः शीतवातातपोद्भवाः । ततः सपिण्डाकरणे चान्धर्वैः स कृते नरः । पूर्णे संवत्सरे देहमतोऽन्यं प्रतिपद्यते ॥ ततः स नरको याति स्वर्गे वा स्वेन कर्मणा । विष्णुधर्मोत्तरपुराण quoted by प्राय वि. pp. 13-14, and अश्विस्तत्त्व p. 324. गोविन्दानन्द explains त्रीणि भूतानि as 'शुचिप्लवङ्गांसि' and thus differs from रघुनन्दन. The गरुडपुराण (मेषपिण्ड chap. 10 79. ff) says the same. 'उत्क्रामन्ते.. ज्ञानचक्षुषः ॥ आतिवाहिकमित्येवं वायवीयं वदन्ति हि । ...पुत्रादिनि कृताश्चेत्यु. पिण्डा दद्याद् दशाहिकाः । पिण्डजेन तु देहेन वायुजश्चैकतां ब्रजेत् । पिण्डतो यदि नैव स्पृहायुजोर्जाति यातनाम् ॥' The first verse (उत्क्रामन्ते) is गीता 15 10. The ब्रह्मपुराण states विहाय शुनहत्कृत्स्नं शरीरं पाञ्चभौतिकम् ॥ अन्यच्छरीरमादत्ते यातनीयं स्वकर्मजम् ॥ स्वशरीरं सद्युत्पन्नं वायुभूतं गच्छति । chap 214 29-30 and 51 ; निमित्तं किंचिदासाद्य देही प्राणैर्विमुच्यते ॥ अन्यच्छरीरमादत्ते यातनीयं स्वकर्मभिः । अग्निपुराण 230. 2-3, शुक्लाति तत्क्षणाद्योगे शरीरं चातिवाहिकम् । आकाशवायुतेजांसि विग्रहाद्भ्रमन्ति ॥ अलं मही च पञ्चत्वमायकाः पुरुषः स्थितः । आतिवाहिकदेहं तु यमवृता नयन्ति तम् ॥ अग्नि. 371. 9-10. The मार्कण्डेय (10 63-64) says 'वायव्यसारी तद्भ्रमं देहमन्यं प्रपद्यते । तत्कर्मजं यातनार्थं न मातापितृसम्भवं ॥'.

tion of a *piśāca*, from which he would not be freed even if numerous other śrāddhas were later on offered for him.<sup>595</sup> The Brahmapurāṇa calls the body 'yātāniya' (i. e. one that has to undergo trials and torments), while the Agnipurāṇa calls it 'yātāniya' or 'atīvāhika' and asserts that this body is made up of the elements of *ākāśa*, *vāyu* and *tejas*. The Padmapurāṇa (II. 67. 98) states that persons who commit certain sins secure after death a body similar in shape to the physical body for undergoing torments. The underlying conception was that when the gross body was destroyed after death by cremation, burial or other methods an intermediate subtle body had to be built up before the departed soul was compelled to assume another body in a fresh incarnation. The subtle body was gradually built up, as stated by the Mārk. 10.73, by the rites performed on death and on several days after death. Though this conception is very clearly set forth in the Purāṇas it should not be supposed that it was altogether a new one. It had its roots deep down in the earliest Vedic period and was implicit in some of the hymns as indicated by Rg. X. 15. 14, X. 16. 4-5 translated above. Though in the Tai. S. I. 8. 5 1-2 and in passages of the Tai. Br. and Śat. Br. to be set out later on it is said that the offerings are made to the paternal ancestors, it does not follow that the brāhmanas were not fed at the same time on the food prepared for being offered to the ancestors, just as in the solemn Vedic sacrifices offerings were made to the gods, Agni, Indra, Prajāpati, Viṣṇu and others and at the same time priests engaged in the sacrifices were fed and given presents (*dakṣiṇā*). Therefore, it need not be necessarily supposed that feeding the brāhmanas at śrāddha was a later idea and offering food to the dead was the original idea.

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595. यस्मैतानि न दीयन्ते मेतआङ्गानि षोडश । पिशाचत्वं भुवं तस्य दत्ते आङ्ग-  
 शतैरपि ॥ यम. q. by आ. क्रि. कौ. p. 362 and तत्त्वार्थकौमुदी on यम. वि. p. 14. Almost  
 the same verse is लिखितस्मृति V. 16 and गरुडपुराण, मेतखण्ड 34. 131.

## CHAPTER VIII

### SUDDHI

Śuddhi (purification) is a very comprehensive topic including within it purification after āsauca (impurity on birth and death), purification of a person after contact with an impure object or on account of certain occurrences, purification of pots, wells, food &c., after they are polluted. Āsauca, however, is the most important subject under śuddhi and therefore the Śuddhi-kaumudī defines 'śuddhi' as 'the state of being fit for or capable of performing the rites that are understood from the Veda'<sup>596</sup> The Smṛtis employ the word śuddhi in relation to purification after āsauca. For example, Manu V. 57 starts by saying that he will expound purification after a man is dead (pretasuddhi) and purification of things (dravyasuddhi). Manu V. 83 (= Dākṣa VI. 7) avers that a brāhmaṇa becomes pure after ten days (on the death or birth of a relative), a kṣatriya after twelve &c. The Parāśara-smṛti starts chapter three by declaring 'I shall expound śuddhi on birth and death.' Yaj. III. 14, 25 also employ the word śuddhi. Therefore āsauca on birth and death will be first dealt with.

The word āsauca is formed from śuci (pure) according to Pān. V. 1. 131<sup>596a</sup> and Pān. VII. 3. 30 (vide note below) with the negative particle *na* (a). In some smṛtis such as that of Devala the form 'āśucya' also is found (see Hāratalā pp. 2, 9, 36 in quotations from Devala<sup>596b</sup>). Another word which is often used as a synonym for āsauca is 'agha'. It has been seen above (p. 6) that the word *agha* means 'sin' in the Vedic Literature (as in Rg. I. 97. 1-8, X. 117.6). But in the Śān. Śr. IV. 15. 11,

596 वेदोपधितकर्मार्हता शुद्धिः । छ. कौ. p. 1.

596 a इगन्ताच्च लङ्पूर्वात् । पा. V. 1. 131 (अण् अङ्गुत्तरे) — शुद्धेर्भावः कर्म वा शौचम् । न शौचमशौचम् । This is one way of explaining the word. We may also explain न शुचि अशुचि, अशुचेर्भावः कर्म च आशौचं or अशौचं according to नञः शुचौचस्तेत्रजकुशलनिपुणानाम् । (पा VII 3. 30).

596 b. जनने मरणे नित्यमाशुच्यमनुधावति । देवल q. by हारता p 2. आशुच्यं दशरात्रं तु सर्वत्राप्यपरे विदुः । देवल q. by शुद्धिम. p. 41.

Manu V. 84 (na vardhayed-aghāhāni) the word 'agha' has come to mean the same thing as āsauca.<sup>597</sup> The Padmapurāna II. 66. 73-74 states that since the outlets of the body always emit mucus, urine &c. it is always impure.

The Mit. on Yāj. III. 1 defines<sup>598</sup> āsauca as an emergent attribute attaching to a person, which is got rid of by lapse of time or a bath and the like and which is the cause of the positive direction to offer (to a deceased person) pinda, water and the like and of the cessation of Vedic study and other actions. The Mit. adds that āsauca is not merely the absence of the privilege or power to do religious acts, since even those who have incurred impurity (on death &c.) are enjoined to do certain religious acts such as offering water (to the deceased). This definition of the Mit. appears to be an echo of the Garudapurāna (pretakhanda) 5. 9 and is probably based on a verse of the work called Sangraha. Haradatta<sup>599</sup> on Gautama 14. 1 states that āsauca may be defined as 'the absence of the privilege to perform religious acts, unfitness for being one whose food may be partaken of, untouchability and the loss of the privilege to make religious gifts.' A comparatively early writer Bhattācārya,<sup>600</sup> appears to have defined 'śuddhi' as the 'removal of sin' or as 'being fit for performing religious acts.' This was accepted by the Smṛti-candrikā, but rejected by Nandapandita, commentator of Śaṣāṣīti (pp. 2-3). Even the Mit. (on Yāj. III. 18) emphasizes that āsauca has two characteristics, viz. it takes away the privilege of performing

597 नाघाहानि वर्धयेयुरिति ह स्माह कीर्षीतकि । शं औ. IV. 15 11. The com. says 'अघशब्देनात्र मरणमुच्यते । येष्वहं तु सपिण्डमरणं सवृत्तं तान्यघाहानि मरणादारयै-करात्रादीनि यानि व्रतैर्व्योक्तान्युक्तानि तानि न वर्धयेयुः । नाभ्यधिकारानि कुर्वुः । कर्मानधिकार-व्रतैर्न व्यामयुः ।'.

598. आशौचशब्देन च कालस्नानाद्यपनोद्य. पिण्डोदकदानादिविधेः अध्ययनादि-पर्युदासस्य च निमित्तभूत पुरुषगतः कश्चनातिशयः कथ्यते न पुनः कर्मानधिकारमात्रम् । मित on या. III. 1. अपनोद्यं विदं कालादिभिराशु निषेधकृत् । पिण्डाध्ययनदानादेः पुगतोति-शयो हि तद् ॥ गच्छ (नेतखण्ड 5 9), निमित्त पिण्डदानादेः पुरुषस्यमशुद्धिः । कालस्नानाप-नोद्य यत्तदाशौचमतिर्यते ॥ संघट्ट प by स्मृतिह (आशौच) p. 477

599 किं पुनरिदमाशौचलक्षणम् । कर्मण्यनधिकारोऽभोग्याश्रयताऽस्त्युपता दानादिप्रा-धिकारिता । हरदत्त on गो 14. 1.

600 छाद्विशद्वायंस्तु पापक्षयः शुद्धिर्धर्मयोग्यत्वमेव वा इति भट्टाचार्योक्तो दृष्ट्यः । पापक्षयः सपिण्डादौ जनने मरणे वा तत्सम्बन्ध्यादास्त्यपस्य पापविशेषस्य क्षयः । धर्मयोग्यता दानादिधर्मलिङ्गानाहृत्यम् । एवं छाद्विशद्धार्यो मतभेदेन द्विधा विरुतो भट्टाचार्यः । स्मृतिच. (आशौचकाण्ड p. 2) स्मृतिह p. 477 mentions this view.



religious acts and it renders a person untouchable. The *Smṛtimuktāphala* follows this. Rudradhara in his *Śuddhiviveka* (D. C. ms. No. 309 of 1887-91 folio 1) says that *śuddhi* is a special attribute which brings about a capacity or privilege for the performance of all dharmas, while *aśuddhi* is an attribute opposed to *śuddhi* and arises on the occasion of the birth of a *sapinda* or the like.<sup>601</sup>

Āśauca is of two kinds, viz. that arising on birth<sup>602</sup> (and so called *jananāśauca* or *sūtaka*) and that arising on death (and therefore called *śvāśauca* or *mṛtakāśauca* or *maranāśauca*). *Śvā* is derived from *śava* (meaning a corpse). The word *sūtaka* occurs in the<sup>603</sup> *Ait. Br.* (chap. 32. 8) and is there probably used in the sense of impurity on both birth and death. There it is said that if an *āhitāgni* partook of food from the house of him who was affected by *sūtaka*, then the *prāyaścitta* was to offer a *puroḍāśa* cooked on eight potsherds to Agni *Tantumāt*. *Tantu* means also 'son or progeny' and so it may be argued that it is an indication that *sūtaka* is used in the *Ait. Br.* in the sense of impurity on birth. The word *sūtaka* is used in the *smṛtis* in three senses: (1) impurity on birth (vide *Manu* V. 58); (2) impurity both on birth and death, as in *Gobhilaśmṛti* III. 63 and 63;<sup>604</sup> (3) impurity on death alone (as in *Dakṣa* VI. 1 and *Gobhilaśmṛti* III. 48)<sup>605</sup>. In some of the modern vernaculars (such as Marathi) the word '*sūtaka*' is used in the 3rd sense alone. In each of these two divisions there are two varieties viz. where the duration is brief or comparatively long (*Śadaśīti*, verse 2).

A question arises why birth and death should cause impurity to the members of the family or to relatives. Only a

601. अशुद्धिस्तावदखिलधर्माधिकारापादको धर्मविशेषः । अशुद्धिस्तु तद्विरोधी धर्मविशेष एव । स च सपिण्डजन्मादिनिमित्तकः । शुद्धिविवेक of रुद्रधरः.

602. आशौचं द्विविधं कर्मानधिकारलक्षणं स्पृश्यस्वलक्षणं च । स्मृतिरु (p 477).

603. तदाहुर्य आहिताग्निर्यदि मृतकानं प्राप्तीयात्का तत्र प्रापश्चित्तिरिति । सोऽग्नये तन्तुमतेऽष्टाकारं पुरोडाशं त्रिविधं तस्य प्राज्याहुवाक्ये तन्तुं तन्मन्त्रजतो भाहुमिन्वाहानहो नम्रमनोऽसंम्या इति । आहुतिं वाहवनीये ब्रह्मयादग्नये तन्तुमते स्वाहेति । ऐ वा. 3. 2. 8 तन्तु तन्त्र is Rg. X. 53 6 and अक्षानहा is Rg. X. 53. 7.

604. द्यूते कर्मणा त्यागः सन्ध्यादीनां विधीयते । होमः श्रौतस्तु कर्तव्यः । शुष्काक्षेनापि वा कलैः ॥ गोभिलस्मृति called छन्दोगपरिशिष्ट q. by हारलत p 6, छु, कौ, and आश्वय. p. 83.

605. द्यूतं तु प्रवक्ष्यामि जन्ममृत्युनिमित्तकम् । प्राज्याहुर्द्वितीयं तु यथावद्वृत्तिः ॥ दक्ष. VI. 1, अस्थानालाभे पाणानि शकलान्मुक्तयाहवा । मर्त्येदुस्त्रिषत्पानि ततः प्रशुति सततम् ॥ गोभिल III. 48, The 4th pāda of the latter is q by हारलत p. 2,

few have to say anything on this question. Hārta says 'the family incurs death impurity because by death the family feels overwhelmed (or frustrated), while when a new life appears the family increases (and there is gratification or joy)' <sup>606</sup>.

The literature on Śuddhi (including āśauca) is very extensive. Apart from the sūtras, smṛtis and Purāṇas there are numerous digests dealing with the subject at great length. Some of them have been printed. The smṛtis contain a mass of contradictory dicta to such an extent and different from the usages of medieval times that the Mit on Yāj III 22 after quoting the views of Parāśara, Śatātapa, Vasistha and Angīras on the periods for which impurity had to be observed by persons belonging to the four varṇas refuses to evolve order out of them and remarks that the usages in its day were different from the dicta of those sages <sup>607</sup>. The Madana-pāryāta (p 392) agrees with the Mit and also suggests other modes of dealing with the conflict. Two examples may be cited of the way in which different smṛtis approach the same problem. Atri 83, Parāśara III 5 and Dakṣa VI 6 provide that a brāhmana who has consecrated the three Vedic fires and has mastered the Veda becomes free from impurity (on birth and death) in one day, one who has merely mastered the Veda (but has not consecrated the śrauta fires) in three days and one who is devoid of both in ten days. Manu V. 59 gives various options viz 10 days, 4 days, 3 days, 1 day but does not state explicitly to whom his remarks apply. Brhaspati <sup>607a</sup> (q.

606. अथ च कुलव्यापित्वे कारणमाह हारीतः। प्रेताभिधूतत्वाच्छावनाशौच जीरे वृद्धियोगेन कुलस्य भवति। इति। जायमानत्रियमाणयो नन्यस्मिन् सन्नेपदास्तन्नेपदाग्या वृद्धिद्वययोगाद्वा कुलव्याप्याशाचं भवतीत्यर्थः। शुद्धिचन्द्रिका on पदशति p 4 The स्तानिच (आशौच) p. 11 reads somewhat differently "नन्यवस्त्रागौच सपिण्डपति-रिक्तानां न भवति कारणमावादिष्याद्दृक्पाह हारीतः" प्रेताभिधूतत्वाच्छावनाशौच जाते वृद्धियोगेन केनेति नीनास्तन्ने नाम्यच्छिन्नकालानाहुच्छेदमुपस्थाच्च कुलस्याशौचं भवति। इति।"

607. इत्येवमनेकोच्चावचाशौचकल्पा दर्शिताः। तेषां लोके सनाच्चारामागसानीव व्यवधमदर्शनरूपयोगीति नात्र व्यवस्था मद्ध्यति। मिना on या III 22, लोकासमाचारा-दनाद्वर्णीयमिति केचन। अथवा देशाच्चारतो व्यवस्था। उत गुणवदगुणवद्विषये पथाकन न्यूनाधिककल्पाश्रयेण निर्वाहः। किंवा आपदनापन्नेदेन व्यवस्था। नद पा p 392

607 a त्रिरात्रेण विशुष्येत योऽग्निवेदस्तनन्निनः। पश्चाद्देनाग्निर्ननु दशाष्ट-  
ब्राह्मणब्रह्मः ॥ वृहस्पति p. by कल्पः (शुद्धि) p 4, हारतना p 5 and मु कौ p. 7 अद्विष्ट-  
defines ब्राह्मणब्रह्म as 'गर्भाधानादिमस्कारैर्उक्तश्च नियमब्रह्म'। नास्यापयति नापीने विज्ञेयो  
ब्राह्मणब्रह्म R<sup>2</sup>.

by Hāratalā p. 5 and Haradatta on Gautama 14. 1) states that a brāhmana who is endowed with Veda and śrauta fires becomes pure after three days, one who is devoid of śrauta fires (but is master of the Veda) in five days and one who is only a brāhmana by caste (has not studied the Veda or does not teach it) in ten days. The Śān Śr. and Manu<sup>608</sup> (both quoted above) urge a man not to increase through laziness the number of days for which impurity is to be observed. It is possible that persons claiming to be learned observed impurity for a few days only, while neighbours disputed their claim to this special dispensation in favour of Vedic learning and keeping śrauta fires. The result was that later on a flat number of ten days was prescribed for all brāhmanas whether learned or not and the provision for lesser number of days of impurity was relegated to *Kahvarjya* usages. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III. pp. 941-42.

Another example of the dependence of the days of impurity on the caste of the deceased and of varying dicta thereon may be cited. Manu V. 83, Dakṣa VI 7, Yaj III. 22, Atri (verse 85), Sankha (15. 2-3), Matsyapurāṇa (18. 2-3), Brahmapurāṇa 220. 63, Viṣṇu Dh. S 22. 1-4, all lay down periods of 10 days, 12 days, 15 days and a month for impurity among brāhmanas, ksatriyas, vaiśyas and śūdras respectively. Yaj. III. 22 makes the virtuous śūdra observe impurity only for 15 days as a concession. Gaut. (15. 1-4) prescribes 10, 11, 12 days (or half month) and a month respectively for the four varṇas, while Vas. (4. 27-30) gives the periods of 10, 15, 20 and one month for the four *varṇas*. Prof. D. R. Bhandarkar, in his article on Nāgara brāhmanas and Kāyasthas of Bengal, protests that the Kāyasthas of Bengal (owing to social tyranny) still observe āśauca for one month as if they are ordinary śūdras (I. A. for 1932 at p. 71). On the other hand, Angiras (quoted by the Mit. on Yaj. III. 22) states that Śātātapa declared that all *varṇas* become purified after ten days whether the impurity is due to birth or death.<sup>609</sup> Parāśara (III. 9) quoted by the Mit. on Yaj. III. 18

608. On न वधयेद्वाहानि (मनु. V 84) कुल्लुक comments: यस्य तु वृत्तस्त्रात्ययापयेत्तया पूर्वमवर्त्तयन्नादस्थनाद्द्वित्याद्यासौचसङ्कोच उक्तः स निष्कर्मा सुखमासिद्ये प्रति कुल्लुका नासौचदिनानि दशाहादिरूपतया वधयेत्सङ्कुचितसौचदिनेत्यपि।.

609. अङ्गिरास्त्राह-सर्वेषामेव वर्णानां सूतके मृतके तथा। दशाहास्तुद्धिरेतेषामिति शातातपोऽवधीद् ॥ मिता. on या. III. 22.

provides that a *sapinda* who is 4th in descent from the common ancestor of the deceased and himself becomes pure after ten days, one who is 5th after 6 days, one who is 6th in descent after four days and one who is 7th after one day. The Mit. says that this should be discarded as it is in conflict with many other *smrtis* and is disapproved of by people.<sup>610</sup> Some of the rules mentioned by *Vijñāneśvara* (about 1100 A. D.) themselves underwent changes in 500 years as noted by the *Nirṇayasindhu* (composed in 1612 A. D. <sup>611</sup>).

The Mit. on Yaj III, 18 declares that when a child that has not completed two years dies, it is the parents that have to observe *āśauca* for ten days and not all *sapindas* and that their *āśauca* entails untouchability for them. The *Nirṇayasindhu* (p. 517) remarks that what *Vijñāneśvara* said is not now (in its time) the usage and that the *Smṛtyarthasāra* also did not accept *Vijñāneśvara's* view.

In view of the above-mentioned circumstances no useful purpose would be served by setting out in detail the varying diets of the *smrtis*, *Purāṇas* <sup>612</sup> and the digests upon the several matters that fall to be treated under *āśauca*. Digests on this subject are too numerous to mention. The following printed ones and a few mss have been made use of in preparing the following account. In the first place, there are several works that deal with this subject in verse. The *Āśaucāstaka* attributed to Vararuci (published in the Trivandrum series) with a

610 यत्पुनः स्मृत्यन्तरवचनम् चतुर्थे दशरात्रे स्वात्यग्निसा पुंसि पञ्चमे। षष्ठे चतुरदाष्टद्विजिः सप्तमे त्वहरेव तु॥ इति तद्विगीतत्वाच्चादरणीयम्। यद्यप्यविगीतं तथापि मनुष्यार्कङ्गिपश्वालम्भनवह्नौकविद्विष्टत्वाच्चादृष्टेयम्। अस्वर्ग्यं लोकविद्विष्ट धर्ममग्राचरेण तु इति मन्त्रमरणात्। मित्ता. on या III, 18. अस्वर्ग्यं is the latter half of या I 156

611. यच्च विज्ञानेश्वरेणोक्तं ऊनद्विवर्ष उभयोः सुतर्कं मातुर्वेव इति याज्ञवल्क्योक्तः गर्भस्थे मेते मातृदंशाद् जात उभयोः कृते नास्ति सोदराणां च इति पैङ्गवोक्तं पित्रो सोदराणां च दंशादभस्त्वयत्वमिति तत्केदानीं मन्त्ररति। अत एव स्मृत्यर्थसारे तदाहृतम्। निर्णयसिन्धु p. 517 The स्मृत्यर्थसार (p. 80) states 'अनुपनीतमरणे मातापित्रोर्दंशादहशीच पक्षोऽनादृतः'.

612. Several among the *Purāṇas* devote considerable space to *āśauca*. For example, the *Kūrma* (*Uttarārṇha* Chap 23), *Liṅgapurāṇa* (*Purvārṇha*, Chapter 89. 77-92), *Garudapurāṇa* (*Pretakhaṇḍa* Chap. 5), *Agolpurāṇa* (Chapters 157-158), *Vāmana* (14. 96-102) do so. In the *Garudapurāṇa* (*Pretakhaṇḍa* 5) several verses are taken from *Yājñavalkya*, *Manu* and other *smṛtis*.

commentary by an anonymous writer that names the bhāṣya of Maskarin on Gautama-dharmasūtra (on p. 35) deals with the subject in eight *sragdharā* verses. The Āsaucadaśaka or Daśaśloki attributed to Viṇṇāneśvara seems to have been a very popular work. There are several commentaries on it. The one by Harihara is the earliest of them. In the Deccan College collection of Mss (now at the Bhandarkar Oriental Institute, Poona) there are several Mss of it, two of which were copied in *saṃvat* 1539 (D. C. No. 216 of 1879-80) and *saṃvat* 1579 (D. C. No. 196 of 1884-87) and which expressly state that the work was composed by Viṇṇāneśvara-yogindra. The ten Śārdūla-vikrīḍita verses of the Āsaucadaśaka are set out in the appendix. The Kalpataru of Lakṣmidhara has a section on śuddhi which has been recently published in the G. O. S. The Hāralatā of Anuruddha is very useful (B. I. Series). The Āsaucakāṇḍa of the Smṛticandrikā has been edited by the late Dr. Shamsastry and published as No. 56 of the Mysore University Sanskrit publications. The Trimsacchloki with the commentary of Raghunātha composed in *śake* 1645 has been published at the Poona Ānandāśrama press and contains 30 *Sragdharā* verses on āsauca. The Ṣaḍasīti (86 verses in the Anustubh metre) of Kauśikāditya with the commentary Śuddhicandrikā by Vināyaka *alias* Nandapandita (composed about 1600 A. D.) has been published in the Chowkhamba Sanskrit series. The Śuddhikaumudī of Govindānanda (B. I. Series); the Śuddhitattva of Raghunandana (ed. by Jivananda pp. 233-412), the Śuddhiprakāśa (part of the Viramitrodaya of Mitrāmīśra) published in the Chowkhamba Sanskrit series, the Śuddhimayūkha of Nilakantha (edited by Mr. J. R. Gharpure) and the Smṛtimuktāphala of Vaidyanātha (edited by Mr. J. R. Gharpure) are compilations that are useful in their own way. These exhaustive treatises on āsauca show one thing unmistakably that brāhmanas of the medieval ages attached an extremely exaggerated importance to ceremonial purity of the body on birth and death.

The periods of impurity depended on many circumstances. There was a difference between impurity on birth and that on death; so also the duration depended upon whether the deceased was an infant or a male or a female or one whose *upanayana* had been performed or not performed; it depended on caste and also on the question whether the deceased died near the relative or far away; also upon the degree of relationship; and on the time that elapsed from the birth or death till it reached the ears

of the relative. The intensity of impurity was different in each of the following: a *sūtikā* (a freshly delivered woman), *rajasvalā* (woman in monthly illness), impurity on death, impurity on birth (the last being the least).

Dakṣa (VI 2-3) states that there are ten varieties in impurity, viz. immediate purity (after taking a bath), one day, three days, four days, six days, ten days, twelve days, a fortnight, a month and till the end of one's life<sup>613</sup> Dakṣa then explains in what cases these different periods apply. As to what is meant by impurity till life's end (lit till he is reduced to ashes), Dakṣa (VI 8-10) says. 'those who take their meals without bathing or offering to gods or without making gifts—all such persons are in impurity till life ends. One who is permanently afflicted with a disease, who is close-fisted (i. e. stints himself, wife and son and religious acts through greed), who is always in debt (i. e. who has not paid off his debts to gods, sages and manes), who is bereft of religious acts (*nitya* or *naimittika*), who is a fool and is under the thumb of his wife, whose mind is bent on vices (gambling, prostitution &c), who is always dependent (a king's servant or the like), who is devoid of faith and benevolence (charitable gifts)—he incurs impurity which ends only with his ashes (i. e. only when he is cremated).'<sup>614</sup> These words are not to be taken literally; what is meant is that such a man is to be shunned by others (i. e. it is an *arthavāda* conveying merely censure)

We shall now turn to the impurity on birth.

That the impurity on birth lasted for ten days even in Vedic times can be inferred from the story of *Sunah-sepa* narrated in the *Ait Br* (chapter 33 2), where occurs the passage 'when the animal is more than ten days from birth he becomes pure (and fit to be offered in sacrifice)' The same

613. सद्यः शौचं तथैकाहस्यहस्त्रहस्तया । पञ्चदशदशदशाह्य पक्षो मासस्तथैव च ॥ मरणान्तं तथा चान्पद् दश पक्षास्तु सूते । दक्ष VI 2-3, referred to by विश्वस्व on या III. 30 and q. by कल्प (on छुद्रि) p 5, अपराकं p. 894, परा मा I, 2. p. 207.

614. अस्नात्वा चान्पद्भूत्वा च ह्यदन्ता ये तु भुञ्जते । एवंविधाना सर्वेषां यावज्जीव ह ह्युक्तकः ॥ व्याधितस्य कर्तृस्य क्रणयस्तस्य सर्वदा । क्रियाहीनस्य मूर्खस्य क्षीणितस्य विक्षेपतः । व्यस्तमासकचित्रस्य पराधीनस्य नित्यशः । अद्रात्यागविहीनस्य भस्मान्तं सूतक भवेत् ॥ दक्ष VI 8-10 q by विश्वस्व on या III. 30, कल्प (on छुद्रि) p 15, हारलता p 14, अपराकं p. 895 The last verse of पक्षशीति is to the same effect as the first verse quoted above The कूर्म (उत्त.) 23. 9 provides 'क्रियाहीनस्य मूर्खस्य महारोगिण एव च । पथेष्टाचरणस्येह मरणान्तमशौचकम्' q. by हारलता p. 15.

inference can probably be drawn from Tai. Br. II. 1. 1.3, where it is said 'therefore people do not take the milk of a cow for ten nights when a calf is born.'<sup>615</sup>

Abortion in the first four months<sup>616</sup> of pregnancy is called *srāva*, abortion in the 5th or 6th month is called *pāta* and from the 7th month of pregnancy onwards it is called *prasūti* or *prasaṇa* (according to Parāśara III 16, Sadaśīti verse 9). When there is *srāva* the mother incurs impurity for three days, in the case of *pāta* the mother has to observe impurity for as many days as correspond to the months of pregnancy (i. e. 5 days or 6 days). The impurity consists in the mother being untouchable. The father alone has to bathe when there is *srāva*, but when there is *pāta* the father and sapindas have to observe impurity for three days (according to Madana-parijāta p. 380-381 and others) but they don't incur impurity as on death. These rules hold good for all castes. But when the foetus comes out dead in any month from the 7th or the child is still-born, then the impurity is for ten days for both parents and the sapindas for all varnas or for 10, 12, 15 and 30 days respectively for the four varnas as laid down in Yāj. (III. 22) and the samānodakas have to observe āśauca for three days and sagotras for one day (Dharmasindhu p. 427). The above rules are more or less laid down by Gautama 14. 15-16, Baud. Dh. S. I. 5. 136, Parāśara III. 24, Manu V. 66, Yāj. III. 20 (latter half) and the first verse of Āśaucadaśaka. The mother is untouchable for ten days on birth, still-birth or abortion in 7th, 8th or 9th month but the father and sapindas<sup>617</sup> when they take a bath after the *prasava* are not untouchable (Yāj. III. 19). In ancient times there were several differing views about *jananāśauca* for the father as vouched for by Baud.<sup>618</sup> Dh. S. I. 5. 125-128. Although a woman

615 अजनि वै ते पुत्रो यजस्व माऽनेनेति । स होवाच यदा वै पशुर्निर्दशो भवत्यथ स मेथो भवति । ऐ वा 33 2; तस्माद्वत्सं जातं दशरात्रीर्न दुहन्ति । तै. ब्रा. II 1.1.3.

616 आचतुर्थान्नवेत्तावः पातः पञ्चमषष्ठयोः । अत ऊर्ध्वं प्रसूतिः स्याद् दशाहं सूतकं भवेत् ॥ सत्वे मातृविराज स्यात्सपिण्डाशौचवर्जनम् ॥ पाते मातृसंयमासं पित्रादीनां द्विन-त्रयम् ॥ मरीचि q by मित्ता on या III 20, हरदत्त on यौ 14.15, स्मृतिचि (आशौच) p 4. The first is पराशर III 16 and is quoted as such in छुद्धिय. p 16.

617. Vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 452-455 for the meaning of sapinda and samānodaka (H of Dh. vol III. pp 752-753). These words mean in this section generally (unless otherwise expressly stated) persons descended from a common male ancestor through unbroken male descent.

618. जनने तावन्मातापित्रोर्दशाहमाशौचम् । मातृरित्येकः । तत्परिहरणात् । पितृरित्य-परे द्वाकमाधान्यात् । अयोनिजा ह्यपि पुत्रा श्रूयन्ते मातापित्रोरेव न संसर्गमात्राभ्यात् । बी. ध. पृ I. 5. 125-128 q. by स्मृतिचि (आशौच) p. 9.

becomes touchable in ten days after delivery she is not fit to take part in religious rites for 20 days after she becomes touchable (i. e. 30 days from birth) if she gave birth to a son but for 30 days (i. e. 40 days from birth) if a daughter was born.<sup>619</sup> Women of all varnas become pure (i. e. touchable) ten days after delivery—says Pracetas.<sup>620</sup> DevaJa states that there is no āśauca on the ground of birth when the period of (ten or twelve) days has expired.<sup>621</sup> If a woman was delivered at her father's or brother's house, then her parents and her brothers staying with the father had to observe āśauca for one day (Dharmasindhu p. 427), but if a woman was delivered of a child at her husband's house then her father or brother had to observe no āśauca (on birth). Even when *sagotras* have to observe āśauca on birth they are not untouchable (Śadaśiti verse 6).

It would be better to state here certain general rules once for all. When any text employs the word day (*akah*) or night (*rātri*) in prescribing the duration of āśauca what is meant is *ahorātra* (both day<sup>622</sup> and night). When counting the days of āśauca one has to begin from the day of the cremation, if the deceased was an *āhūtāgri*, but from the day of death in the case of one not an *āhūtāgri*<sup>623</sup> (Āśauca-daśaka verse 4, Kūrma, Uttarārḍha 23. 52). Birth and death are causes of āśauca only when they are known to the person who is to be affected by it and not by the mere fact of the birth or death. This follows from certain

619. यथाह संवर्तः। जाते पुत्रे पितुः स्नानं सचैलं तु विधीयते। माता ह्युष्येद्दशहेन रत्नानां स्पर्शनं पितुः। माता ह्युष्येद्दशहेनेत्येतच्च सत्यवहारयोग्यतामात्रम्। अष्टद्वयं पुनः कर्मसु पैठिनसिना विशेष उक्तः। स्तुतिका पुत्रवर्ती विंशतिरात्रेण कर्मणि कारयेत्। मासेन स्त्रीजननीम्। इति। निता. on या III 19.

620. स्तुतिका सर्ववर्णाणां दशहेन विध्यते। कतौ तु न दृश्यन् शौच सर्ववर्णैर्यत्र विधिः। मचेतस् q by हारलता p. 20, शुद्धिचन्द्रिका on verse 6 सृष्टिच. (आशौच-काण्ड) p. 5 quotes it but explains it differently.

621. नाशौचं प्रसवस्यास्ति स्पर्शतेषु दिनेष्वपि। देवल q. by कुल्लुक on मनु V. 76; रघुनाथ in his com. on विंशच्छ्लोकी verse 6 p. 27 reads 'नाशुद्धिः प्रसवाशौचे स्पर्शतेषु दिनेष्वपि'.

622 अत्राशौचप्रकरणे अहर्ग्रहणं रात्रिग्रहणं चाहोरात्रोपलक्षणार्थम्। निता. on या III. 18

623. हृदं चाशौचमादिताग्रेपरमे संस्कारदिवसमथि कर्तव्यम्। अमाहिताग्रेषु मरणदिवसमथि। निता on या III 20, दाहादाहिताशौ मरणदिवसतोऽप्यत्र कुर्यादशौचम्। विंशच्छ्लोकी verse 11 (second पाद). दाहादाशौचं कर्तव्यं द्विजानामाग्निशौचिणाम्। सपिण्डानां च मरणे मरणादितरेषु च ॥ कूर्म (उत्तरार्ध 23. 52).



passages of Pāraskara gr. III. 10 and Manu V. 75-76 and the Brahmapurāṇa. Pāraskara (III. 10) provides: <sup>624</sup> 'if one who had gone abroad dies, (his relatives) should on hearing (of his death) sit down and offer him water and should remain untouchable for the days that remain out of the proper period (viz. 10, 12, 15, 30 days); if the prescribed period (of āśauca) has expired they should observe āśauca for one night or three nights.' Manu (V. 75-76) is to the same effect. The Brahmapurāṇa states: 'if a donor makes a gift and the acceptor accepts it when both are not aware of there being a birth or death in their family, no blame attaches.'

We should now turn to āśauca on death. Here again there is no unanimity and therefore the views preferably of the latest works (such as the Dharmasindhu) will be set out after referring to a few smṛti passages. Āśauca on death renders those who incur it untouchable and unable to perform religious rites. Pār. gr. III. 10, 29-30 (S. B. E. vol. 29 p. 357) stated generally that the impurity caused by death lasts through three nights and that according to some teachers through ten nights. If a child dies within ten days of birth, the father and mother have to observe *Jananāśauca* and become purified by the end of the āśauca on birth and the father remains untouchable for those days (Kūrma-purāṇa q. by S. K. p. 21). If a child died before it struck teeth the *sapindas* had only to undergo a bath, while the parents had to observe āśauca for three days if the child was a son and for one day if a daughter (vide Yāj. III. 23, Śankha 15. 4, Atri 95, Āśaucadaśaka verse 2). If the child died after striking teeth but before Cūḍā (or the end of the third year) the *sapindas* had to observe āśauca for one day and night (Yāj. III. 23, Śankha 15. 5), but the parents had āśauca (of death) for three days. If the child was a girl the *sapindas* became pure by a bath up to the girl's third year. If death occurs between Cūḍā (or three years) and *upanayana* or marriage (in the case of girls) the *sapindas* including the father have to observe āśauca for three days and *samānodakas* become purified by a bath alone. After *upanayana* all *sapindas* have to observe āśauca (on death) for ten days (Gaut. 14 1, Manu V. 59, Āśaucadaśaka 2) and all *samānodakas* for three days. In the case of a śūdra dying

624 श्रोतितश्चेत्येवात् अवयवमभूति कुतोदकाः कालोपमासीरजतीतश्चेदेकरात्रं त्रिरात्रं वा । पारस्करसूत्र III. 10.

after three and before marriage or 16 years the āsauca is three days for all sapindas. After sixteen years or marriage (in the case of a sūdra) it is the āsauca prescribed for his caste. In the case of a girl dying after three years and before *vāgdāna* (betrothal) the parents have āsauca for three days and the sapindas (up to three generations) one day. If a girl dies after *vāgdāna* and before marriage the sapindas of her father as well as of the proposed bridegroom had to observe āsauca for three days. In the case of women and sūdras if death takes place after marriage or after 16 years (if the Sūdra was unmarried) the period of āsauca for all sapindas is ten days. If a woman dies at her father's house after marriage, her parents, step-mother, full brothers and step-brothers have to observe āsauca for three days and her paternal uncle and the like that stay in the same house with her father for one day. Some say that if the married daughter dies in a village other than that of the father, the parents have to observe āsauca for a *pakṣmī*<sup>625</sup> (i. e. two nights with a day between or two days with a night between). There are other views on this point which are passed over. For example, *Viṣṇu-dharmasūtra* (22, 32-34) says that in the case of a married woman there is no āsauca on the parents' side; but when she is delivered of a child or dies in the father's house then the impurity is for one day or three days respectively.<sup>626</sup> A married woman has to observe āsauca for three days for the death of her parents or step-mother if ten days have not elapsed from the day of death or for the remaining days out of the period of ten (*Yāj. III. 21* latter half). If the married daughter hears of the death of the parents or step-mother at a time more than ten days after the death or within one year she has to observe āsauca for a *pakṣinī*. If a brother whose *upanayana* has been performed dies at his married sister's house or vice versa, āsauca has to be observed for three days by them, but if they do not die at each other's house but in a different one

625. *Gaut Dh S. 14 17* (श्रुता चोक्तं दशम्या पक्षिणी), *Manu IV 97* and *V 81* employ the word पक्षिणी. *हरदत्त* explains 'अहर्द्वयमध्यगता रात्रि पक्षिणी पविर्द्वयमध्यगतमहर्वा'. The *अमरकोश* gives only the first meaning 'आगामिवर्तमाना-हर्षुक्तायां निशि पक्षिणी'. The *शुद्धिमकरा* p 36 remarks 'हृत्पक्षिणीकृताश्च पक्षिणी-रपक्षिणीयते—इति भट्टनारायणभूतवचनात् । पक्षहृत्यो दिवसौ पार्श्वयोः स इति पक्षिणी रात्रिरिति ।'.

626. स्त्रीणां विवाहः संस्कार । संस्कृताद्यु स्त्रीषु नास्तीत्यं भवति पितृपक्षे । तत्प्रसवमरणे चेत्पितृपक्षे स्थातां तत्रैकारात्रं त्रिरात्रं च । *विष्णुधर्मसूत्र* 22, 32-34.

then the āsauca is for a paksinī and if the death occurs in another village then there is āsauca only for one day. The same rules apply to step-brothers and step-sisters and also among sisters. A married woman on the death of her paternal grand-father or paternal uncle has to undergo only a bath. If a maternal uncle dies, the nephew and the niece have to observe āsauca for a paksinī. If the maternal uncle dies in the house of the nephew then there is āsauca for three days and for only one day if the maternal uncle had not his upanayana performed or died in another village; the same rules apply to one's mother's step-brother. If the wife of a maternal uncle dies, the nephew or the niece of the maternal uncle have to undergo āsauca for a paksinī. If a nephew whose thread ceremony has been performed dies, his maternal uncle and maternal aunt have āsauca for three days. The same rules apply if the deceased be the son of a step-sister of the maternal uncle. If the niece (sister's daughter) dies there is only a bath for the maternal uncle. If a maternal grandfather dies, the grandchild (the son or daughter of a daughter) has to observe āsauca for three days, but only for a paksinī if the maternal grandfather dies in a different village. On the death of the maternal grandmother the grandchildren have to observe āsauca for a paksinī. Some works do not prescribe āsauca for a female descendant such as a niece or grand-daughter. If a daughter's son, whose upanayana had been performed, died, the maternal grandfather and grandmother had to observe āsauca for three days and for paksinī if the daughter's son had not upanayana performed for him. On the death of a daughter's daughter the maternal grandfather and mother incur no āsauca. In all these matters the general rule is that a male whose upanayana had been performed and a married woman alone are liable to undergo āsauca for any relative other than the parents (i e. on the death of a parent a male though without upanayana and a woman though unmarried are liable to undergo āsauca).

If a man's father-in-law or mother-in-law die near (in the house of) the man, he has to undergo āsauca for three days, but only for paksinī if the death is elsewhere than with the son-in-law. On the death of a son-in-law, the father-in-law and the mother-in-law have to observe āsauca for one day or they have only to take a bath, but if the son-in-law dies in the house of the father-in-law then the āsauca is for three days. On the death of one's wife's brother, the āsauca is for one day i

upanayana had been performed; but if no upanayana was performed or if he died in another village a mere bath is enough.

On the death of one's mother's sisters (full or half) the person (whether man or woman) has to undergo āsauca for a paksini; the same rule applies on the death of the father's sister. If it is a step-sister of the father then a mere bath is enough. The father's sister has to undergo a bath if the nephew dies. If one's father's sister or mother's sister dies in one's house then the āsauca is for three days.

In the case of *bandhus* (described by the Mit. on Yāj. II. 135 as *bhinnagotra sapindas*) of <sup>627</sup> the three kinds, the āsauca is for a paksini, provided the bandhu is *upanita* but if he died before upanayana then āsauca is for one day and if the bandhu died in one's house then for three days. If the daughter of the father's sister (and of the other bandhus enumerated in the three verses) dies married, the āsauca is one day, but if they die unmarried only a bath is necessary. Among the three kinds of bandhus, a man himself and his three *ūtabandhus* have to observe āsauca for each other's death; but the case is different as to *pitrbandhus* and *mātrbandhus*. If any one of these latter dies, there is āsauca for the man whose bandhus they are, but if a man dies, his *pitrbandhus* and *mātrbandhus* have to observe no āsauca.

If an adopted son dies, his natural father and adoptive father have to observe āsauca for three days (the Vyavahāramayūkha differs from this) and the sapindas for one day.

If the adoptive or natural father dies, the adopted son has to observe āsauca for three days and for one day for the sapindas of any one of them. On the death of the son and the grandson of an adopted son, the sapindas of the natural father and the adoptive father have to observe āsauca for one day and

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627 The bandhus are of three kinds, आत्मबन्धु, पितृबन्धु and मातृबन्धु. In three verses variously attributed to Baudhāyana or Sāṅgīta three illustrations of each of the three kinds of bandhus are given आत्मपितृबन्धुः पुत्रा आत्ममातृबन्धुः सुताः । आत्ममातृपुत्राश्च विज्ञेया आत्मबान्धवा ॥ पितृ पितृबन्धुः पुत्रा पितृमातृबन्धुः सुता । पितृमातृपुत्राश्च विज्ञेया पितृबान्धवा । मातृ पितृबन्धुः पुत्रा मातृमातृबन्धुः सुता । मातृमातृपुत्राश्च विज्ञेया मातृबान्धवा ॥ १ by the Mitā. on Yāj. II. 135, व्यव. नि. p 455, परा मा III p 528, मद पा. p. 674. For further details, vide H. of Dh vol. III. pp 754-762.

*vice versa*. These rules apply if the son adopted is not a sapinda or samānodaka of the adopter, when he was in his family of birth. But if a sagotra sapinda or a samānodaka be adopted, then the āśauca is for ten or three days respectively.

If one's ācārya<sup>628</sup> dies, the pupil has to observe āśauca for three days, but only one day if he dies in another village (Gautama 14. 26, 52, Manu V. 80). On the death of the ācārya's wife or son the āśauca is for one day.<sup>629</sup> On the death of a *guru* (who instructs in Vedic mantras) the āśauca is three days and paksinī if he dies in another village. On the death of a teacher who imparted instruction in grammar, astronomy and other *aṅgas* (subsidiary lore) of the Veda, the āśauca is one day. Similar rules are laid down about the death of a pupil, *rtvik* (sacrificial priest), a sacrificer, a dependent śrotriya, a fellow-student, a friend, which are all passed over as not now useful. Vide Gaut. 14. 19-20 (which prescribe one day's āśauca on the death of a fellow-student or a dependent śrotriya).

These provisions about āśauca on the death of the ācārya and *rtvik* who were not sapindas show how closely the bond between teacher and pupil was thought to be in ancient times, almost equalling the tie of blood. When a *yati* (ascetic) dies,<sup>630</sup> all his sapindas have simply to undergo a bath (and nothing more). Conversely, a *yati* and brahmachārin have to observe no āśauca. Manu V. 82, Yāj III. 25, Viṣṇu 22.45, Sankha 15. 15 provide that on the death of the ruler of the country in which one resides one has to observe āśauca up till

628. An ācārya is defined by Manu II. 140 as one who performs the upanayana of his pupil and teaches him the Veda together with the Kalpasūtra and Upaniṣads. *Rtvik* is defined by Manu II. 143 as one who is chosen for the performance of Agnyādheya, the *pākayajñas* and the solemn sacrifices like Agnistoma.

629. आचार्यपत्नीपुत्रोपाध्यायमातुल्यश्चरुश्चक्षुर्यसहाध्यायिज्ञेय्येवतीतेष्वेकरात्रेण । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 22. 44. *श्चक्षुर्य* means wife's brother, Manu (V. 80-81) prescribes three days' āśauca on the death of the ācārya, his wife and son, and śrotriya. Gaut. 14.26 does the same.

630. वानप्रस्थे यती चोपरमति कुलजे वण्डके चाह्वन. स्यात् । त्रिकाश्वलोकी 5th verse, 3rd पाद. Vide मनु V. 91 (= Viṣṇu 22.86) about a ब्रह्मचारिन् carrying the corpse of his parents.

the coming of the day or night next to that on which the king dies.<sup>631</sup>

As long as a corpse is not removed from the village in which a man dies, the whole village is in *āsauca* Āp Dh. S. 1 3 9 14 declares that there is no Veda study till a corpse lies in the village. The Smṛti-muktaphala (p 541) quotes<sup>632</sup> several smṛtis to the effect that in a village in which a corpse lies unremoved, there is to be no eating, no Vedic study and no sacrifice, but that this does not apply where in a village there are more than four hundred brāhmanas. The Dharma-sindhu (p 433) also says the same about a village, but adds that this rule does not apply to a town.

The ideas of ritualistic purity went so far as to provide (as stated in the *Suddhitattva* quoted by the *Nirnayasindhu*) that if a dog died in a brāhmana's house the house became impure for ten days, that, if a *sūdra*,<sup>633</sup> a *patita* or a *mleccha* died in a brāhmana's house, the house became impure for a month, two months or four months respectively and the house had to be abandoned if a *śvapāka* died therein.

*Atika āntāśauca* (impurity on coming to know of birth or death after the several periods fixed). The general rule<sup>634</sup> is

631 मेते राजनि सज्योतिर्यस्य स्याद्विषये स्थित । मनु V 82 सज्योतिः is explained by the *Mitā* as 'ज्योतिषा सह वर्तते इति सज्योतिराज्ञौचम् । आग्ने चैद्यावत्सर्वदर्शनं राजौ चैद्यावत्क्षत्रदर्शनमित्यर्थः ।'. या. III 25 (निवासराजनि मेते तदग्ने शुद्धिकारणम्) is explained by the *Mit* in the same sense as मनु V. 82, but the *शुद्धि* p. 36 holds that the *āsauca* for king's death is for a whole day and night provided he is a good king protecting his subjects.

632 स्मृत्यन्तरे । ग्रामस्थे शवच्छण्डाले शुद्धाद्यशुचिसंनिधौ ॥ नाध्येतन्य न भोक्तव्यं न होतव्यं कदाचन ॥ इति । ..स्मृत्यन्तरे विशेषो दर्शितः । चतुःशताधिकवर्षे सम्पूर्णं ग्राममध्यके । विशेषं संभवदयामि जपहोमार्चनं प्रति । अन्तः शवस्य दोषस्तु नास्ति तत्र समाचरेत् । स्मृतिषु (आज्ञौच) p. 541

633 शुद्धितत्त्वे बृहन्मनु । श्वश्रद्धपतिताश्चान्या मृताश्चेद् द्विजमन्दिरे । शोचं तत्र प्रदद्यामि मनुना भाषितं यथा । दशरात्राच्छुनि मृते मासाच्छूने भवेच्छुचिः । द्वाग्या तु पतिते नेहमन्त्ये मासचतुष्टयात् । अत्यन्त्ये वर्षेयेद्द्वेहमित्येव मनुस्मृतौ । अन्यो स्लेष्ट । अत्यन्त्यं श्वपाक इति वाचस्पतिः । निर्णयसिन्धु III p 528, these verses are quoted by *शुद्धि* p. 100 also.

634 देशान्तरगतः श्रुत्वा कुल्याना मरणोद्भवौ । यच्छेयं दशरात्रस्य तावदेव शुचिर्भवेत् ॥ शब्द 15.11. The *स्मृतिच* (आज्ञौच) p 47 reads 'कल्याण मरणं तथा' in the 2nd पाद. The same verse occurs in अग्निपुराण 157 12-13 which reads देशान्तरस्थं श्रुत्वा तु, शोषितश्चेत्येवाच्छूयणमभूति कालशेषमासीरजतीतश्चेद्वेकरात्रं विरात्र वा । पार य III 10,

that, if a person stays in a different country and hears of a birth or death among his sapindas, he has to observe āśauca not for ten days after hearing but for that number of days that are short of the ten days (counting from birth or death) prescribed for sapindas. Vide Manu V. 75, Yāj III. 21 (latter half), Śāṅkha 15.11, Pār. gr III. 10. Āśauca interferes very much with one's activities and it is hence that often-times people send a closed letter to their relatives living in a different place stating thereon that it be opened on a particular day (which is the 10th day from the death of a sapinda). Everyone knows the meaning of such a direction and by such a subterfuge inconvenience is avoided and the dictates of the śāstra are deemed to be satisfied. If a son hears of the death of a parent he has to observe āśauca for ten days from the day of hearing, but if he hears of the death of a parent before the collection of bones then he has to observe āśauca only for the days that remain (Smṛti-muktāphala p. 534). There is great divergence about the period of āśauca if the death of a sapinda comes to one's ears more than ten days after the day of death. Manu V. 77 provides that on hearing of the death of a sapinda or the birth of a son after ten days (from the event) a man becomes pure after plunging into water with the clothes on and Yāj III. 21 (last pāda, 'pūrṇe dattvodaḥkaṁ śuciḥ') states that he becomes pure after (a bath and) offering water when the period fixed has passed off. From the words of Manu that only the father, even if he hears of the birth of a son more than ten days after the event, has to take a bath the Mit. infers that there is no atikrāntāśauca for sapindas on birth<sup>635</sup>. The Mit. quotes Devala in support (vide note 621 above). The Dharma-sindhu follows the Mit. Manu V. 76, Śāṅkha 15.12, Kūṛma-purāṇa (Uttarārḍha) 23.21 state that when ten days have passed after the event of death, the man who hears of the death is impure for three days and if he hears of the death more than a year after death, he becomes pure after a bath. In order to remove the conflict among smṛtis Vṛddha-Vasistha lays down 'āśauca is for three days if the news of death is heard within three months (but later than ten days after death), for a paksini if it is heard within six months (but later than

635. जन्ममृतिकान्ताशौचं सपिण्डानां नास्तीति गम्यते। पितुरेव निर्देशोऽपि जनने  
इमानमस्येव श्रुत्वा पुत्रस्य जन्म च इति वचनात्। एतच्च पुत्रग्रहणं जन्मनि सपिण्डानां  
मृतिकान्ताशौचं नास्तीति ज्ञापकम्। अन्यथा 'निर्देशं ज्ञातिमरणं श्रुत्वा जन्म च निर्देशम्'  
इत्येवावश्यम्। न चोक्तम्। मिता. on ya III. 21 (latter half).

three months), for one day if heard before nine months (but later than 6 months) and thereafter (i. e. up to one year but later than nine months) one becomes pure by a bath. But the *Mit.* says <sup>636</sup> that this holds good as to all except one's parents and quotes *Paithinasi* and another *smṛti* for the proposition that whenever a son staying in a distant country hears of the death of a parent whether within a year or after a year he has to observe *āsauca* for ten days from the day he becomes aware of it. *Laghu-Āśvalāyana* (20.88) lays down the same exception in the case of a son. The *Mit.* (on *Yaj.* III 21 last half) further says that the rules about *atīkrāntāsauca* apply only to a deceased person whose *upanayana* had been performed. The *Dharmasindhu* (p 433) remarks that there is no *atīkrāntāsauca* as regards the periods of one day and three days prescribed on the death of one whose *upanayana* had not been performed or as regards the periods of *paksini* and 'three days on the death of the maternal uncle and others of a different gotra. Similarly, there is no *atīkrāntāsauca* with reference to the *āsauca* for three days prescribed in the case of *samānodakas*; but in these cases even after the lapse of the fixed time a bath is necessary. The rules about *ahīkrāntāsauca* apply only to *āsauca* on death for ten days. As in the case of the son, so in the cases of husband and wife and of co-wives among themselves even after the lapse of more than a year and even if the death is in a different country the husband or wife or co-wife has to observe *āsauca* for ten days. The parents, even when they hear of the death of an *aurasa* son after a year, have to observe *āsauca* for three days. On the news of the death of a *sapinda* living in the same country coming to a *sapinda's* ears after ten days but up to three months, the period of *āsauca* is three days, *paksini* up to 6 months, up to nine months one day and up to one year a bath. Here also there are various views such as those of *Mādhava* and others. Vide *Suddhiprakāśa* pp. 49-51 for various views.

The *Mit.* on *Yaj.* III 21 (latter half) makes a distinction between knowledge of the death of a *sapinda* staying in the

636. तथा च वृद्धवसिष्ठ । मासत्रये त्रिरात्र स्यात्पण्मासे पक्षिणी तथा । अदृष्टं नवमादूर्वापूर्वं स्नानेन शुध्यति ॥ इति । एतच्च मातापितृव्यतिरिक्तविषयम् ।.. संवत्सरदूर्वामासि त्रेतकार्यमाशौचदानादिकं कार्यं न पुनः स्नानमात्राच्छुद्धिरित्यर्थः । *Mit.* on *Yaj.* III 21 (latter half) The *पर.* मा. I 2 p. 232 quotes a similar verse of वेदवत् 'आ त्रिपक्षात् त्रिरात्र स्यात्पण्मासात् पक्षिणी तत । परमेकाहमा वर्षादूर्ध्वं स्नातो विमुच्यते ॥ इति । The *पद्धतीति* (34) includes the verse of वृद्धवसिष्ठ. The verse *मासत्रये* occurs in *Laghu-Āśvalāyana-smṛti* 20 86



same country coming to a person's ears after ten days from death and of the death of a sapinda staying in another country separated by a big river &c. In the latter case the sapindas coming to hear of the death after ten days but even before three months are purified by a mere bath. It quotes <sup>637</sup> a smṛti verse 'on hearing that a person (sapinda) died in another country and in the case of the death of an impotent person or a forest hermit or an ascetic purification follows after a bath and the same applies to *sagoṭra* sapindas in the case of abortion.' The *Sadaśīti* (35) has a similar verse <sup>638</sup> The *Mit.* quotes two verses of *Bṛhaspati* which define what *deśāntara* (a different country) means <sup>639</sup> 'Where there is a large river or there is a mountain which separates (one territory from another) or where the languages differ then there is *deśāntara*. Some say that a different country means the distance of sixty *yojanas*, while others put it down at forty *yojanas* and still others at thirty *yojanas*.' There is a difference of opinion as to whether in order to constitute a different country all three must co-exist (viz. a large river, a mountain and difference of speech) or any one of the three will suffice or whether 60, 40 or 30 *yojanas* would constitute a different country or whether the requirement of ten days for news to be carried to a place would constitute *deśāntara*. The *Sm. C* and *Sadaśīti* 37 hold the view that any one of the above three is sufficient while others hold other views. The *Sūddhiviveka* <sup>640</sup> holds that a distance of 60 *yojanas* constituted *deśāntara* by itself, but even within sixty

637. यस्तु नद्यादिव्यवहिते देशान्तरे मृतस्तत्सपिण्डानां दशाहादूर्ध्वं मासत्रयादवर्गन्ति सयः शौचम् । देशान्तरमृतं श्रुत्वा कृषि वैखानसे यतौ । मृते स्नानेन शुध्यन्ति गर्भजाश्च च गो-  
त्रिणः ॥ इति । मिता on या. III. 21.

638. ज्ञातिमुख्यौ यदाशौचं दशाहादु बहिः श्रुतौ । एकदेश इदं शोकं स्नात्वा देशान्तरे  
शुचिः ॥ षडशीति 35.

639. देशान्तरलक्षणं च बृहस्पतिनोक्तम् । महानद्यन्तरं यत्र गिरिर्वा व्यवधायकः ।  
वाचो यत्र विभिद्यन्ते तद्देशान्तरमुच्यते । देशान्तरं वदन्त्येकं षष्टिर्भोजनमायतम् । चत्वारिंशद्द-  
न्त्यन्ये त्रिंशदप्ये तथैव च ॥ इति । मिता on या. III. 21. The first verse is ascribed  
to बृहस्पतु by अपराकं p 905, स्मृतिच (आशौच) p 52 and to बृहन्नमु by शुद्धिम.  
p. 51. The स्मृतिच. p 53 adds one more verse and शुद्धि p 51 and the com  
on षडशीति 37 add the same and another half verse from बृहन्नमु viz देशान्त-  
नदीभेदो निकटे पत्र वै भवेद् । तेन देशान्तरं शोकं स्वयमेव स्वयम्भुवा ॥ दशरात्रेण या वार्ता  
पत्र न श्रूयतेऽर्थात् ; लघ्वाश्वलायन 20 87 is एवैतश्च (इय?) महानद्या व्यवधानं भवेद्यदि ।  
त्रिंशद्भोजनदूरं वा सद्यःस्नानेन शुध्यति ॥

640. एतेषां च पक्षाणां देशपरिग्रहेण व्यवस्था । शुद्धिविवेके तु षष्टिर्भोजनान्तरत्वं तद-  
भ्यन्तरोपि भाषाभेदगिरिमहानदीव्यवधानानि चेति लक्षणद्वयमेव निष्कर्षेणोक्तम् । स्रुताथ on  
त्रिंशद्भोजनो verse 6 p 29.

yojanas if a large river, a mountain and difference of speech occurred together, that could give rise to *deśāntara*. The *Smṛtyarthasāra*<sup>641</sup> avers that *deśāntara* is differently described in the *Smṛtis*, *Purāṇas* and the works on *tīrthas*. For *yojana*, vide H of Dh. vol. III n 185 pp. 145-146

The *Dharmasindhu* (p. 435) provides that if the bones of an *āhitāgni* were not found and only an effigy of *palāśa* leaves were burnt, still the *āśauca* is for ten days even if he died in a different country and a long time had elapsed. Similarly, in the case of the effigy of one who is not an *āhitāgni*, the *āśauca* is for ten days for his son and wife if they have not already observed any *āśauca* for him but if they had observed it (on hearing of his death) then for three days (on the burning of the effigy). For other *sapindas* (than the son and wife) in the same circumstances three days and bath are respectively prescribed.

It is provided in the *Ġrhya kārīkas*, the *Smṛtyarthasāra* (p 94), *Dharmasindhu* (p. 435) and other works that if a man<sup>642</sup> went to a distant country and no news of his being alive was heard, then his son (or other relative), after the lapse of 20 years from the time when no news was heard if the man went away when he was young or 15 years if he left when he was of middle age or 12 years if he left later in life, should perform three *cāndrāyanas* or thirty *krachras*, prepare an effigy of the man with *kuśas* (or with *palāśa* leaves), should burn it and then observe *āśauca* and perform *śrāddhas* &c.

To summarize the above discussion it is clear that as indicated by *Medhatithi* on *Manu* V. 58 there is a distinction as regards the periods of *āśauca* and the persons affected by it in several ways (1) There is a distinction between *āśauca* on birth and *āśauca* on death; (2) As to *āśauca* on death numerous distinctions arise viz (a) when there is abortion (*garbhasrāva* or *garbhapāta*, as in *Śankha* 15 4, *Brhat-Parāśara* VI p 186); (b) when the foetus comes out from the 7th to the 9th month of

641 देशान्तरमनेकधा स्मृत स्मृतिपुराणतीर्थकल्पेषु। स्मृत्यर्थसार p 90.

642 देशान्तरगतस्य तु जीवद्वातानाकर्णने विशेषो गृह्यकारिकायाम्। दूरदेशान्तरगते जीवद्वाती पुन पुनः। इतस्ततः सनन्विच्छेत्पर्यालोच्य गतागतैः॥ तस्यासंशुपमाणाया वय काल-विशेषतः। तस्य पूर्ववयस्करय विशत्यन्वोभवेत् क्रिया॥ ऊर्ध्वं पञ्चदशाब्दानु मध्यमे वयसि स्मृता॥ चान्द्रायणत्रय कृत्वा विशाङ्कुद्वाणि वा सुते। कुक्षौ प्रतिकृतिं तस्य दग्ध्वासीचादिका क्रिया॥ कायां इति शेषः। रजुनाथ's com on विशाङ्कुकी verse 15 p. 97.

pregnancy or the child is still-born or dies after being born but before the appearance of teeth (Yāj. III. 23, Atri 95); (c) after the appearance of teeth but before cūdā or three years (Viṣṇu 22. 29, Yāj. III. 23); (d) after cūdā or three years up to upanayana (Manu V. 67), (e) after upanayana (Yāj. III. 23, Manu V. 59, Gaut. 14. 1); (f) as to āsauca on death after upanayana the duration at one time depended in the case of brāhmaṇas on Vedic study, the performance of śrauta rites and whether the brāhmaṇa subsisted on ears of corn left in the field after the crops were harvested<sup>643</sup> (Parāśara III 5, Śaṅkha 15 1, Atri 83, Agnipurāṇa 158. 10-11), (g) the duration of āsauca depended on caste (Gaut. 14. 1-4, Yāj III 22 &c); (h) the duration of āsauca depended on nearness of blood i. e. whether the person affected was a sapinda or a samānodaka (Gaut 14 1 and 18, Manu V. 59, 64); (i) the duration depended also on the nearness or distance from the place of death (Laghu-Āśvalāyana 20. 85, 89), (j) it also depended on whether the deceased died in a different country separated by a large river, a mountain or thirty yojanas (Laghu-Āśvalāyana 20.87); (k) duration depended on the time that elapsed before it came to the knowledge of the relative; (l) the duration depended upon whether another āsauca supervened when the period of the first was not over.

If a person is born or died at night or news thereof is received at night, a question arises as to from what day the periods of āsauca are to be calculated. For example, if a man died at 1 A. M. on Monday, was Monday to be included in counting ten days of āsauca or was it to be excluded? There are two views on this point.<sup>643a</sup> One view is that any time before midnight is to be counted as belonging to the previous day, while any time after midnight is to be taken as belonging to the next day. On this view in the above illustration Monday would be excluded in the calculation of ten days. The other view is that the night is to be divided into three

643 शिलोच्छ्वासाच्चित्तेर्जीवत् सद्यः शुष्येद् द्विजोत्तमः। संग्रहकार q. by परा मा. I. 2 p. 216 For शिलोच्छ्वासि vide मनु X 112 and या I. 128.

643 a. रात्रौ जननमरणे रात्रौ मरणज्ञाने वा रात्रि त्रिभागां कृत्वा प्रथमभागद्वये पूर्वदिनं तृतीयभागे उत्तरदिनमारभ्याशीचम्। यद्धार्यरात्रात् याक् पूर्वदिनं परतः परादिनम्। अत्र देशाचारदिना व्यवस्था। धर्मसिन्धु p 435. This view is based on verses of पारस्कर and काश्यप 'अर्धरात्रादुस्ताञ्जेस्तुते सृत्ते स्यात् पूर्वमेव दिनं याज्ञमूर्ध्वं ज्ये-  
दुनोऽग्निः॥ रात्रिं कुर्यात्त्रिभागां तु द्वौ भागौ पूर्ववासरः। उत्तरांशं परदिनं जातेषु च सृतेषु च॥ पारस्कर q. by स्मृतित्व. (आशीच) pp. 118-119.

parts and if death occurs in the first two of the three parts then the day is to be included in the calculation; if the time of death falls in the 3rd part, the ten days are to be calculated from the next day. On this view Monday would be included in the ten days. The *Dharmasindhu* (p. 435) remarks that in this matter the usage of the country is to be followed. Vide *Madanapārijāta* pp. 394-395 also.

Several rules are mentioned in the *smṛtis* about the periods of *āśauca* for the relatives of higher castes when they marry women of lower varnas (i.e. when there are anuloma marriages). For example, *Dakṣa* VI. 12 says that if a brāhmana has married wives of the four varnas, then the impurity on the delivery or death of these women respectively lasts for 10, 6, 3 or 1 day. *Viṣṇu Dh. S.* (22, 22-24) provides that when a *ksatriya* has sapindas of the *vaiśya* or *sūdra* varna the *āśauca* on the birth and death of these lasts for six or three days, if a *vaiśya* has a *sūdra* as sapinda then impurity is removed after six days. But when people of lower varnas have sapindas of higher varnas then impurity on birth and death ceases when the impurity of the higher varna sapindas ceases. *Laghu-Hārita* 84 (= *Āpastambasṁiti* IX verse 13) has similar provisions. Other *smṛtis* and *purāṇas* like the *Kūrma* (*Uttarārḍha* 23, 30-36) mention differing views quoted in *Hāratalā* pp. 54-60, *Smṛ. M.* pp. 495-496. The *Madanapārijāta* remarks (pp. 425-426) that some say that these varying provisions may be discarded or that they may be assigned their proper place according to the usages of the several countries or they should somehow be explained as based upon the person affected being possessed of virtues or not or they may be held to be applicable to seasons of distress or otherwise.

According to the *Mit.* on *Yāj.*<sup>644</sup> III. 22 persons belonging to the *pratiloma* castes have no periods of *āśauca*, but they have to observe rules of purification similar to those relating to answering the call of nature. Others like the *Smṛti-muktāphala*<sup>645</sup> p. 495 aver, relying on *Manu* (X. 41), that the *pratiloma* castes are like *sūdras* and have to observe the *āśauca* prescribed for *sūdras*. The *Hāratalā* (p. 12) quotes *Ādipurāṇa* to the effect that *varnasankaras* (i.e. *pratilomas*)

644. प्रतिलोमानां स्वाशौचाभाव एव प्रतिलोमा धर्मेहीनाः—इति महत्स्मरणम्। केवलं मृतौ प्रसवे च मलापकर्षणार्थं मुखपुरीषोत्सर्गवत् शौचं भवत्येव। मिता on या III 22 प्रतिलोमास्तु धर्मेहीनाः is नौ 4. 20.

645. सङ्करजातीनां शूद्रेष्वन्तर्मावासेषां शूद्रवदाशौचम्। स्मृतिरु (आशौच) p. 495,

should follow the śūdras in the matter of āśauca and purification. The Smṛtyartha-sāra (p. 92) states that those born of pratiloma unions should observe āśauca if they perform prāyaścitta, but if they do not perform prāyaścitta then there is no āśauca for them.

It has already been stated (p. 215) how it was the duty of sapindas to take out the corpse and to cremate it and how carrying the dead body of a poor brāhmana was highly eulogised (Parāśara III. 39-40). But, as Manu V 101-102 provide, if a brāhmana carried through affection the dead body of one<sup>646</sup> who was not his sapinda, as if he were a bandhu or carried (the dead body) of his mother's bandhus (such as mother's brother or sister) he became pure after three days; but if he partook of the food of those who were bereaved by death he became pure after ten days and if he does not stay in the house of those bereaved nor partakes of their food he becomes pure in a day (but if he stays in their house though not partaking of their food he has to observe āśauca for three days). Vide Kūmapurāṇa (Uttarārdha 23, 37) and Viṣṇu 22, 7-9 also. Gautama (14, 21-25) has rules on the same subject but they somewhat differ and Haradatta remarks that this āśauca is somewhat different from the āśauca observed by sapindas, viz. he becomes untouchable but he need not follow the other rules such as sleeping on the ground &c. If a person carried a dead body through greed (for money), a brāhmana, ksatriya, vaiśya or śūdra had to observe āśauca respectively for 10, 12, or 15 days or a month. This was called nirhārāśauca, the word 'nirhāra'<sup>647</sup> including the covering of the dead body with a garment, decking it with garlands, perfumes and ornaments, carrying it and cremating it. Sapindas who are observing āśauca for the death of the same person may dine in the same house and partake of the food cooked, but not others who are not undergoing the same āśauca.<sup>648</sup>

646. अक्षिपिण्डं द्विजं प्रेत विप्रो निर्हृत्य चण्डवत् । अशित्वा च सदोषित्वा दशरात्रेण क्षुध्यति । कूर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध 23, 37), नाशौचे कस्यचिदन्नमश्नीयात् । ब्राह्मणादीनामाशौचे च सकृदेषां भक्षणमिति तस्य तावदाशौचं यावत्तेषाम् । आशौचापगमे प्रायश्चित्तं कुर्यात् । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 22, 7-9.

647. निर्हाराशौचार्थः । स्मृत्यन्तरे दर्शितः । प्रेतस्य वास स्रग्गन्धधूपणाद्यैरलंक्रिय । यदनं दहनं चेति निर्हारायै निरूप्यते । इति । q. by स्मृतिह (आशौच) p. 544.

648. तथा स्तृकाक्षभोजनमपि न कार्यम् । उभयत्र दशाहानि कुलस्यान्नं न शृज्यते-इति यन्स्मरणात् । उभयत्र जननमरणयोः कुलस्य स्तृकयुक्तस्य स्रग्गन्धधूपनसकुल्यैर्न भोक्तव्यम् । सकुल्यानां पुनर्न दीपः । स्तृके तु कुलस्यान्नमदीपं मधुरज्ज्वल-इति तेनैवोक्तत्वात् । मिता on पा. III 17. कल्पतरु (on आशौच) p. 23 and अपरार्क ascribe (p. 892) the verse उभयत्र= to मधु Vide Mit. on Yāj. III. 17.

Gaut 14. 29, Manu V. 103, Yāj. III. 26, Parāśara III. 42 prescribe that a brāhmana should not follow the funeral procession of a deceased brāhmana, but if he does so, he has to bathe, touch fire, take in ghee and then he becomes pure. Parāśara III. 43-46 and Kūrmapurāṇa (Uttarārḍha 23 45) provide a rising scale of the days of āsauca if a brāhmana follows the corpse of a ksatriya (āsauca for one day and pañcagavya), a vaiśya (āsauca for two days and six prāṇayāmas), a śūdra (āsauca for three days, bath in a river going to the sea, 100 prāṇayāmas<sup>649</sup> and drinking of ghee) Vide Trimśac-chloki verse 13.

If a brāhmana who is not a sapinda of the deceased went to the bereaved family and wept along with the relatives before the collection of bones he had to observe āsauca for a day and then a bath if the deceased was a ksatriya or vaiśya, but āsauca for three days if the deceased was a śūdra; but he had to undergo only a bath if he went after the collection of the bones, when the deceased was a śūdra and the weeping took place after the collection of bones he had to observe āsauca for a whole day and night. Vide Kūrmapurāṇa (Uttarārḍha 23 46-47), Agnipurāṇa 158 47-48, Par M 12 pp 283-285, Smr M (āsauca) p. 543 and Āśaucadaśaka verse 9 (for *nṛhūra*, following a funeral procession and weeping)

Persons<sup>650</sup> undergoing an āsauca on birth or death for one person were forbidden to touch other persons undergoing āsauca for the birth or death of another person altogether. If they did so they had to perform prāyaścitta (Prājāpatya or Santapana)

Even if a person's wife left him and lived in illicit relationship with a person of the same or higher caste he had to observe on her death āsauca for one day. But if she lived with one lower in varna than her husband, the latter had not, on her death, to observe any āsauca at all (Yāj III 6). Similarly, one had to observe one day's āsauca on the death of sons that were not *aurasa* (such as ksetraja) Vide Yāj III. 25 and Viṣṇu 22 42-43

Certain exceptions were recognized to the above rules about partaking of food at the house of one who is afflicted with

649 एकादाशविधे शुद्धिर्विधे च त्पाद् द्वयेन तु । पूजे दिनत्रय मोक्ष प्राप्ताय  
हन्तं पुन ॥ कूर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध 23 45) पृ 12 शुद्धितत्त्व p. 293, शुद्धिम. p 63

650. आशौचिनामन्योन्यसंस्पर्श निषेधति श्रुत्वा । शत्रुर्जाते सक्त्यपेक्षे च तत्रा-  
तिथिः । अन्धाशौच्यतां स्पर्शो न कर्तव्यो द्विजन्मनाम् ॥ आशौचेवप्यपदाशौचं रक्षेज्जदि च  
कामत । चेदं सान्त्वनं कृच्छं याजापत्यमकामत. ॥ स्मृतिस्तु (आशौच) p 502,

āsauca. While a marriage<sup>651</sup> rite (as also *caula* and *upanayana*), festival in honour of a deity and a sacrifice (like *Jyotistoma*) are in progress, if impurity due to birth or death overtakes the performer, the materials (money and other things) already set apart for them may be dedicated or donated to the deity or *brāhmanas* and no fault is incurred. As regards food, a *smṛti* text<sup>652</sup> quoted by the *Mit.* says 'if in marriage, in a festival in honour of a deity or in a sacrifice āsauca on birth or death intervenes, the cooked food should be served through others (not affected by the āsauca) and the donor and the partaker of the food incur no blame. Acc. to *Angiras*,<sup>653</sup> *Paithinasi* (q by *Sm. C.*) and *Visnu Dh. S.*, when once a sacrifice (like a *Somayāga*), a marriage, a sacrifice or festival in honour of the mother Goddesses or a deity or the dedication or foundation of an idol or temple has been begun a supervening āsauca does not matter. Even in modern times this is followed as regards *upanayana* and marriage. When exactly a sacrifice or marriage ceremony may be said to have begun is laid down by *Laghu-Visnu* as follows<sup>654</sup> in the case of a sacrifice it may be said to begin when the priests are chosen, in the case of *vratas* and *japa* when the *sankalpa* (declaration) is made, in the case of marriage when the *Nandīśrāddha* is performed, and in the case of a *śrāddha* when the food meant for the *brāhmanas* has been cooked completely. Certain things could be taken from the house of one who was undergoing āsauca<sup>655</sup> on birth or death and who was the owner thereof (though not actually

651. विवाहोत्सवयज्ञेषु चन्तरा मृतसूते। पूर्वसङ्कल्पितं द्रव्यं दीयमानं न दुष्यति॥ पराकार III. 27. The latter half is also ascribed to *kr̥tu* by the *mita*. on *ya*. III. 29.

652. विवाहोत्सवयज्ञादिष्वन्तरा मृतसूते। शेषमन्नं परैर्देयं दातृभ्योक्तं न स्पृशेत्॥ q. by *mita*. on *ya* III. 29 and परा मा I. 2. p 262. *Haralata* (pp. 105-106) quotes a very similar verse from *Ādipurāṇa* 'विवाहयज्ञयोर्मध्ये सूतकमग्निं चान्तरा। शेष ..स्पृशेत्'.

653. Vide *Smṛti* च (आशौच p 70) for the verses of अङ्गिरस् and पैठीनसि. न देवमतिशयिग्राह्यो पूर्वसम्भृतयोः न देशविभ्रमे आपद्यति च कटाशाम्। विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 22 53-55 q. by *mita* on *ya* III. 29 (with variants)

654. व्रतयज्ञविवाहेषु आद्ये होमार्चने जपे। प्रारब्धे सूतकं न स्यादनारब्धे तु सूतकम्॥ प्रारम्भो वरणं यज्ञे सङ्कल्पो व्रतजापयो। नान्दीश्राद्धं विवाहादौ आद्ये पाकपरिक्रिया॥ लघुविष्णु q by शुद्धिप्रकाश p 94, मद् या p 423. The *Smṛtyartha* sār p. 17 begins प्रारम्भादूर्ध्वमाशौचे विवाहः कार्य एव च, then has the verses प्रारम्भो वरणं ..परिक्रिया and adds 'निमज्जनं वा आद्ये तु प्रारम्भः स्यादिति स्मृतिः।'

655. फलानि पुष्पं शकं च लवणं काष्ठमेव च। तर्जनं दधि सूतं तैलमौषधं क्षीरमेव च। आशौचिनां गृहाद्याद्य शुष्कान्नं चैव नित्यज्ञः। कूर्मपुराण, उत्तरखण्ड 23 66 q. in *Haralata* p. 31.

from his hand, but with his permission). The Kūrmapurāna enumerates such articles. They are 'fruits, flowers, raw vegetables, salt, firewood, butter-milk, curds, ghee, oil, drugs, milk and dry food' (like *laddus*, *lājas*). Marici (q. by Mit on Yaj III, 17) and Trimsac-chloki verse 20 present even longer lists of such things.

Some smrtis and commentators lay down rules about the āśauca to be observed by slaves when their masters are in āśauca. Vide Visnu Dh. S. 22.19, Devalasmṛiti verse 6, Brhaspati quoted by Haradatta on Gaut. 14.4. But as slavery has long been abolished this topic is passed over here.

*Āśaucasampāta* or *āśaucasampāta* (the knowledge of another āśauca coming to a person already observing one āśauca)<sup>656</sup> The rules about this matter were promulgated early enough and they are based on convenience and common sense. The rules try to give relief to persons who may be sorely tried if it were held that, when another āśauca supervenes while a person is already in the midst of one, he has to finish all the days of the first āśauca and then begin the period of the second āśauca. The Gaut. Dh. S. 14.5 starts by saying that if another āśauca supervenes on one already being undergone, purification results after the remaining days of the first āśauca are over. Then sūtras 6 and 7 provide that if the second āśauca supervenes in the last night of the first āśauca then purification results in two days after the first āśauca ends and if the second āśauca comes to be known in the last watch of the night of the last day of the first āśauca, the second ends in three days after the first ends. Baud Dh. S. I, 5. 123 appears to be similar to Gaut. 14.5-6. Manu V. 79, Yaj. III, 20, Visnu Dh. S. 22. 35-38, Śankha 15. 10, Parāśara III, 28 lay down the general rule promulgated by Gautama 14.5.

Some general rules concerning this topic may first be stated. The first rule is that in a conflict between āśauca on death and āśauca on birth, that on death is stronger<sup>657</sup> The

656. सम्पातो नामाशौचिनमिकाशौचित्वज्ञाने पराशौचित्वज्ञानम् । धर्मसिन्धु p 436.

657. अचाना यौगपद्ये तु शुद्धिर्ज्ञेया गरीयसा । मरणोत्पत्तिभेदे तु गरीयो मरणं भवेत् ॥ देवल q by शुद्धिकल्प p 31. स्मृतिच. (आशौच) p 57, शुद्धिम् p 74, and as from कृमेश्वराय by परा मा I 2. p 265 ; सूतकाद् द्विष्टुं शानं ज्ञावाद् द्विष्टुणमार्तम् । आर्तनाद् द्विष्टुणा सति द्युतेश्च शब्दादक ॥ लघ्वानि (Jiv. vol I p 10) chap V, अद्विष्टुं according to हरदत्त on गो. 14.5, वृक्षानि according to निर्णयसिन्धु p. 539. प्रागशौचे समुत्पत्ते



2nd rule is that if both āśaukas are of the same kind and the second is of the same duration or of lesser duration than the first then a man gets rid of both at the end of the first, but if the second, though of the same kind, has a longer duration than the first, then purification follows at the end of the one that is of longer duration. It has to be remembered that birth and death give rise to āśauka<sup>658</sup> only when they are known by a person.

On this topic there is a good deal of divergence between the views of the followers of the Mitaksarā, of the Gaudas and Maithilas (vide Śuddhiprakāsa pp 74-82, Nirṇayasindhu 536-540). Following the Nirṇayasindhu it may be said that twelve alternatives are possible, when another āśauka supervenes on an already existing one. They are set out here. (1 & 2) If both āśaukas are due to birth and the second is of the same duration as the first or of lesser duration, then at the end of the first āśauka there is purification from both (Visṇu 22.35, Śāṅkha 15.70); (3) If both āśaukas are due to birth and the second one is of longer duration than the first then purification results at the end of the second (Śāṅkha 15.10, Śadaśīti 19); (4 and 5) If both āśaukas arise on death and the second is of the same duration as the first or of lesser duration, then at the end of the period of the first āśauka there is purification from both; (6) If both āśaukas arise on death and the second that intervenes is of longer duration than the first then purification results at the end of the second (Śadaśīti 21); (7, 8 and 9) When the first āśauka is one arising from birth and an āśauka due to death intervenes, the āśauka on death must run its full course (i. e. there is no purification by the lapse of the first āśauka due to birth), whether the āśauka for death is of lesser duration than the āśauka on birth, or whether it is of the same or of longer

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सूतकं तु यदा भवेत्। शौचं ह्युच्यते सूतिर्न सूतिः। शौचशौचयोः॥ लघुहारीत verse 80, यद्-  
त्रिसप्तत according to हारदत्त on गो 14.5 and परा मा. I. 2 p. 264, यदि त्याग्यसूतके  
सूतिर्मरणे वा सूतिर्भवेत्। शौचं न भवेत्तुद्धिरुद् शौचे त्रिरात्रकम्। मरणोत्पत्तिभेदे तु मरणेन  
समाप्यते। कर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध 23 18-19) q by शुद्धिम्. p 74 (reads त्रिरात्रकम्);  
सूतके सूतके चेत्याप्तसूतके त्वथ सूतकम्। तत्राधिकृत्य सूतके शौचं कुर्यात् सूतकम्॥ अङ्गिरसम्  
q by परा मा I 2 p 264, मद वा p 438. This occurs in अग्निपुराण 158 64.

658. समानं लघ्वशौचं तु प्रथमेन समाप्येत्। असमानं द्वितीयेन धर्मराजवचो यथा॥  
अग्निपुराण 157. 11-12. This echoes शङ्ख (q. by हारदत्त p. 65) 'ममानाशौचं प्रथमे  
प्रथमेन...पथा', while परा. मा. I. 2 p. 265 reads शङ्ख as समानाशौचसम्प्राप्ते प्रथमेन ...  
and explains असमानं as दीर्घकालाशौचम्. The reading समानं खलु शौचं तु printed  
in शुद्धिकल्प. p. 31 makes no sense.

duration (Śadaṣīti 18); (10, 11) If the <sup>659</sup> first āsauca arises on death and the supervening one is due to birth and is of lesser duration than the one on death or of the same duration then both end at the expiration of the first āsauca on death (Śadaṣīti 21); (12) If the first āsauca arises on death and the supervening one arises on birth and is of longer duration, then both run their proper courses (Śadaṣīti 21)

The Dharmasindhu (p 436) generally follows the Nirṇaya-sindhu but remarks: 'Āsauca on death cannot be done away with by āsauca on birth which is of the same or greater duration; āsauca on death of the extent of paksini cannot get rid of āsauca on birth which is three or ten days in duration and āsauca on birth extending to ten days cannot be got rid of by āsauca on death which is of three days' duration' These are the views of many writers. A certain writer says that āsauca on birth though longer in duration can be got rid of by āsauca on death which is of lesser extent

The Mit on Yāj. III. 20 (first half) states an exception to the above rules about āsauca-samvāpāta. When a person's mother dies and then, while the period of āsauca for the mother's death is not over, the father dies, it does not follow that the āsauca for the father comes to an end with the end of the āsauca for the mother, but the son has to observe the full period of <sup>660</sup> the āsauca for father's death. Similarly, if the father died first and then, while the period of āsauca for the father was not over, the mother died, it does not follow that the āsauca for the mother's death comes to an end with the end of the first period of āsauca for the father, but the son after observing the period of the father's āsauca has to observe āsauca for the mother for one paksini in addition. It may be remarked that Aparārka construes this verse differently by stating that if the father dies during the period of āsauca for the death of the mother, then the general rule applies, viz that purification follows at the end of the āsauca for the mother

659 जातके नैव वृत्तकं क्षयं याति न संक्षयः । बृहस्पत IV 20, जानके वृत्तकं या स्या हं तके वृत्तकं तथा । वृत्तको वृत्तके शुद्धिर्नृते शुद्धिस्तु वृत्तके ॥ लघुहारीत 58

660 तथा सजातीयान्त पातितेपि दास्य कश्चिद्वर्षेदेन शुद्धेभारः स्तु गन्ते दर्शितः । नावर्षेये प्रसीतयान्तशुद्धौ म्रियते पिता । पितु म्रियेन शुद्धि रय न्नातु कुर्वाण पक्षिणीम् ॥ नित्ता on या III 20 The verse is ascribed to शुद्ध by अपरार्क p 503, परा ना I 2 p 267, शुद्धिमहाश p 76 Verses 24-25 of the पटनीति contain the same idea, नदः पा. p 438 ascribes it to अहिरक्ष

If, while an āsauca on death is being undergone, an āsauca on birth arises, the father of the child born is able to perform the rites of Jātakarma and the like, because he is to be deemed to be purified for the nonce, according to Prajāpati.<sup>661</sup>

The Sadaśiti (verse 22) provides<sup>662</sup> that the rule about purification on the expiry of the first āsauca in the case of succeeding āsaucas on birth or death has three exceptions, viz. a woman who is delivered of a child, the person who actually cremates the body (of the deceased) and the sons of the deceased; that is, a *sūtkṛtā* has to observe the proper period of untouchability and one who cremates a dead body has to observe āsauca for ten days, though the delivery or cremation takes place in the midst of an āsauca on death.

**SADYAH—ŚAUCA** (purification on the same day). It has already been seen (p 274) that Dakṣa (VI 2) speaks of ten kinds of impurity on birth or death, the first two of which are *sadyah-śauca* and *ekāha*. *Ekāha* means day and night together (vide note 622 above). The ordinary meaning of 'sadyah' is 'at once, immediately.' But when Yāj. III, 29, Parāśara III 10, Atri 97 and other smṛtis employ the word 'sadyah-śauca' what is meant is that there is no āsauca for a whole day or three days or ten days, but only up to the taking of a bath or up to the end of the day or the end of the night on which the event occurs. Pāṇini<sup>663</sup> mentions 'sadyah' and thirteen other words in one sūtra 'as *nipūṭas* (irregularly formed). From Yāj. III, 23 (*ādantajanmanah sadya ācūdānnaisiki smṛta*) it impliedly follows that *sadyah* has the meaning of 'a part of a day or a part of the night' (as the case may be) and 'naisiki' means a whole day and night (as note 622 shows). The *Sūddhitattva*

661. प्रेतक्षिया युन. सूतकसंनिपातेऽपि न निवर्तत इति तर्कान्तरम् (शातातपेन) । तथा शातातप्योः सन्निपातेऽपि प्रेक्ष्य कार्यम् । तस्यैव यत्वात् । तथा जातकर्मदिकमपि शुभजननितिसकमाहोचान्तरसन्निपातेऽपि कार्यमेव । तथाह प्रजापतिः । आहोचै तु समुत्पत्तेः पुत्रजननं यदा भवेत् । कर्तव्यात्कालिकी शुद्धिः पूर्वाशीचेन शुध्यति । निता ca या III, 20, मद पा p. 439.

662. पूर्वोक्तेषु या शुद्धिः क्षतिना मृतिना तथा । क्षतिकानां हिंसा मेतस्य च क्षतानपि ॥ पदशीति 22; this is made clear by the verses of वैश्व and शातातप quoted by शुद्धिचन्द्रिका on पदशीति 'क्षतिकानां भवेच्छुद्धिः काष्ठेनैव रज क्षरे नाशोचान्तरपतेन सूतके मृतेऽपि च । सपिण्डानां तु य. काष्ठद्वहेताय दहेत वा । तस्याशौचं वसार्हं तु नान्याशौचेन शुध्यति ॥'

663. सद्यः परस्परपरिपन्न. परेऽप्यस्य पूर्वोदुरन्त्येदुरन्त्यतरेदुरितरेदुरपरिदुरवरेदुरमयेदुरस्तरेदु । पा V, 3, 22, 'समानस्य समानो द्यस् चाहनि' is वातिक on the सूत्र. Th. मदाभाष्य explains 'समानेऽहनि सद्य'.

(pp. 340-341) explains <sup>664</sup> 'sadyaḥ' as meaning 'a portion of the day or of the night' and cites several authorities in support. The Śuddhiprakāśa (p. 92) explains that 'sadyaḥśauca' in some contexts means 'absence of āsauca,' while in others it means 'bath' and with reference to those killed in battle and the like (to whom piṇḍas have to be offered) it means 'a part of the day or of the night.' The Smṛtimuktāphala <sup>665</sup> (āsaucakānda) p. 481 says that 'sadyaḥśauca' means 'impurity that comes to an end by a bath.' That piṇḍas have to be offered to those about whom there is 'sadyaḥśauca' is stated by the Ācīpurāṇa <sup>666</sup>. According to the Śuddhikaumudī (p. 73) 'sadyaḥśauca' has two meanings, viz. (1) the entire absence of āsauca as in the cases of sacrificial priests &c (Yāj. III. 28), (2) āsauca that is removed by a mere bath (as in Manu V. 76).

The rules about āsauca for several days do not operate in five classes of cases, viz. certain persons are exempted altogether, certain activities of certain persons who would ordinarily be untouchable owing to āsauca are allowed without causing pollution, certain articles can be taken by anybody without fear of pollution from those who are affected by āsauca, no āsauca is to be observed for certain deceased persons owing to their faults, in the case of certain persons express texts say that no āsauca need be observed for them. These five classes will briefly be dealt with in order. In the principal texts these five classes of cases are rather mixed up. In the Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 13<sup>7</sup> it is provided that there is sadyaḥśauca on the death of a child, or of a person dying in another country, of a patita, or of an ascetic or on the death of a person committing suicide by water, fire or hanging. Vide also Gaut. 14.11 and 42 and Vāmanapurāṇa 14.99.

664 अत्र सद्यः पदेन होरात्रयपरम् । हे सन्ध्ये सद्य इत्याहुः खिलन्यैकाहिकं स्मृतं । द्वावह्नौ विकरात्रिंशत् पक्षिणीत्यभिधीयते ॥ इति भट्टनारायणवचनात् । हे सन्ध्ये सद्य इत्याहुः खिलन्यैकाह उच्यते । दिनद्वयैकरात्रिस्तु पक्षिणीत्यभिधीयते इति नन्दवर्धनानुधृतवचनात् । सद्य एकाहिनाशौचमिति पारिजाते सद्य एकाहिनेति रद्विसारे । एकमदः सद्य इति शास्त्रेष्वप्यं दर्शनाच्चेति । तद्यार्थं दिनमात्रं रात्रिमात्रं च । एतदेव क्वचित् सन्ध्येति पदेन व्यपदिश्यते । द्वाह्ने सद्य pp. 340-341. शुद्धिमकाश p. 93 states that the verse हे सन्ध्ये सद्यः occurs in the गोभिलभाष्य of नारायणभट्ट.

665 सद्य शौचे नाम स्नानान्ममयम् । सद्य शौचे तु तावत्तथादाहं च सति परमरं तु । यावत्स्नानं न कुर्वन्ति सचैलं बान्धवा वरि ॥ इत्यङ्गिरस्मरणात् । स्मृतितु P. 481

666 दिवसे दिवसे पिण्डो देय एव क्रमेण तु । सद्य शौचेऽपि दातायाः सर्वेऽपि द्रव्यसमा आदिष्टराज q. by हारलता p. 165. The latter half is cited as from ब्रह्मपुराण by रघुनाथ on त्रिशङ्खोकी verse 28 p. 249. It is not unlikely that the ब्रह्मपुराण which is mentioned in several works as the first of the 18 पुराण was therefore called आदिष्टराज.

Yāj. (III. 28-29) prescribes that there is sadyahśauca (purification after a bath) in case of birth or death (of a sapinda) for priests chosen for a sacrifice (after they are offered Madhuparka), for those who have undergone *dīksā* for a vedic sacrifice (like *Somayāga*) and those who are engaged in performing the constituent parts of a Vedic sacrifice, those who continuously distribute food at a charity house, those who are engaged in *prāyaścittas* like *cāndrāyana* or the vows of *śrāutas*, for brahmachārins (when performing the duties of their *śrāma*), for persons who everyday make gifts of a cow, gold etc (at the time of making the gift), for those who have realized Brahman (ascetics); there is sadyahśauca at gifts (when once begun), at marriage, in a Vedic sacrifice, in battle (for those who are about to be engaged in it), when there is commotion in a country (through invasion), and in a severe calamity (like famine when one can accept food from any body). Gaut. (14. 43-44) says that there is sadyahśauca in the case of kings as otherwise there will be obstacles in their duties and also in the case of brāhmanas in order to prevent the cessation of their duties of teaching. Śāṅkhalikṛhita say the same 'Rāja dharmāyatanam sarvesām tasmādanavaruddhaḥ pretaprasa-vadosaḥ' (Śuddhikalpataru p. 62). It is stated in Manu V. 93 that kings,<sup>667</sup> those engaged in *vratas* and *sattras* (like *Gavām-ayana*) are not liable to undergo the blemish of śauca, because they (kings) occupy the position of Indra (ruler) and are like Brahma (which is free from all taint) and Manu V. 94 clinches the matter further by observing 'sadyahśauca is ordained for the position of a king which can be obtained only by great merit (in past lives) for the sake of the protection of the subjects and the reason of this (rule) is the position that he occupies.' Similarly, Gobhilasūrti<sup>668</sup>

667. न राज्ञामथदोषोस्ति व्रतिना न च सत्रिणां। ऐन्द्रं स्थानमुपासीना ब्रह्मयूता हि ते सदा॥ राज्ञो नादृष्टिर्नैव स्थाने सद्यः शौचं विधीयते। प्रजातां परित्यक्त्यनान्नं चात्र कारणम्॥ मनु V. 93-94. The first verse is the same as Vasiṣṭha 19.48 (Further's text is corrupt, which must be corrected into नाथदोषोस्ति) which cites it as Yama's. It is the position that he holds that renders the king (whether a ksatriya, brāhmana or śūdra) free from śauca. The विष्णुधर्मसूत्र (22. 47-52) restricts the absence of śauca by saying 'kings are free from śauca when they are performing the duties of a king (such as administration of justice)': 'न राज्ञां राजकर्मणि न व्रतिनां व्रते न सत्रिणां सत्रे न कारुण्यां स्वकर्मणि न राजाज्ञाकारिणां तद्विध्यया।'

668. न त्यजेत्सुते कर्त्तुं ब्रह्मचारी स्वक कश्चित्। न वीक्षणात्परं यज्ञे न कृच्छ्रादि तपश्चरन्॥ पितर्यपि सुते नैषां दीयो भवति कश्चित्। गोभिलसूति III. 64-65 q. by शारदा p. 107, अपरार्क p. 919, शुद्धिकल्प. p. 64.

(III. 64-65, often quoted as Chandogapariśista of Kātyāyana) states 'in a sūta, a brahmacārin should not give up his peculiar duties (Veda study and vratas), a sacrificer his various actions (required) in a sacrifice after he has undergone dīksā, one who is practising penance should not give up krochra and the like; these do not incur impurity even on the death of their father (or mother)' The Kūrmapurāṇa<sup>669</sup> provides 'no impurity is declared on death in the case of perpetual or temporary brahmacārins, forest hermits or ascetics'. Similar rules are given by Atri 97-98, Linga-purāṇa, pūrvabhāga, chap. 89.77. The Mit. on Yaj III. 28 remarks that in the case of the three āśramas of *brahmacārin*, *vānaprastha* and *yati* there is freedom from impurity in all cases and at all times; ascetics and brahmacārins have to undergo a bath with clothes on the death of their father or mother (Dharmasindhu p. 442); in the case of several others such as those who are continually making gifts or are observing vratas there is freedom from impurity only when they are engaged in those particular actions and not when they are engaged in any action whatever or when they mix up among others for everyday work.<sup>670</sup> Similar rules occur in Parāśara III.21-22. It has already been stated following Manu V. 91 (= Visnu 22.86) that a brahmacārin was not to perform the last rites (of carrying the corpse, cremation) for anybody except for five persons (viz. his parents, upādhyāya, ācārya and guru) He did not incur āsauca by performing the funeral rites of his parents and offering water and pinda to them. But if he did so for any one other than the five mentioned by Manu he had to observe āsauca for ten days, and to undergo prāyaścitta and had his *upanayana* performed again. A brahmacārin had to observe after *samāvartana* (returning from the Vedic teacher) āsauca for three days for all relatives that died during the period of his studenthood (Manu V. 88, Visnu Dh. S. 22.87). Gautama (14. 42-44) says generally<sup>671</sup> that on the death of child-

669. नैष्ठिकानां व्रतस्थानां यतीनां ब्रह्मचारिणाम् । नाशौचं कीर्तितं सन्नि-पतिते च तथा मृते ॥ कूर्मपुराण (उत्तरार्ध) 23 61 q by हारलता p. 114, परा ना I 2 p. 254. देवल has almost the same verse, नैष्ठिकानां ..शौचं सतके प्रोक्तं शौचे घापि तथैव च ॥ q. by परा. ना I. 2 p. 254, निर्णयसिन्धु p. 543 A similar verse occurs in लिङ्ग-पुराण (पूर्वार्ध) chap 89 77.

670 सन्निपां व्रतिनां सन्ने व्रते च छुद्भिर्न कर्ममात्रे संन्यवहारे वा .. ब्रह्मविद्यति । एतेषां च त्रयाणमाश्रमिणा सर्वत्र छुद्भिः । विशेषे प्रमाणाभावात् । मिता on या. III 28.

671. बालवेशान्तरितमवजितासपिण्डानां सद्यःशौचम् । राज्ञां च कार्यविरोधम् । ब्राह्मणस्य च स्वाध्यायनिवृत्त्यर्थम् । गौ 14 42-44 पराशर III. 10 and कामन्दक 14.99-100 contain verses almost in the same words as the first sūtra.

ran (before the appearance of teeth or before Cūḍā), of those who are separated by a country, of ascetics and of those who are not sapindas, the relatives are purified by only a bath; so also there is sadyahśauca for kings, for otherwise there would be conflict with their duty (of protecting the subjects) and for a brāhmaṇa also in order that there may be no cessation of Vedic study.<sup>672</sup> The Śuddhiprakāśa (p. 93) remarks that though there is no āśauca (as stated by Yāj III. 28) yet a sacrificial priest and a dīksita had to bathe on the death of a sapinda, a brahmacārin also would have to take a bath if he followed the funeral procession of his father or mother &c, but an ascetic would not have even to bathe and that usage was the same in its day.

The second class of exceptions refers to cases where certain persons, though they have incurred āśauca, are allowed to do certain acts or carry on their activities without bringing pollution to those with whom they deal or come in contact. For example, Parāśara (III. 20-21) says; 'craftsmen (such as those who draw pictures or washermen), workers (cooks and the like), physicians, male and female slaves, barbers, kings and śrotriyas are declared to be sadyahśauca, as also one observing a vrata (cāndrāyana &c.), one purified by being engaged in a sattra (such as Gavām-ayana), a brāhmaṇa who has established śrauta fires; the king has not to observe āśauca and also any one (such as his purohita) whom the king for his own purpose desires not to observe it' The Ādipurāṇa<sup>673</sup> gives the reason why craftsmen, physicians and others were allowed not to observe āśauca when engaged in their peculiar tasks, viz. what these people do cannot be done by any one else at all or at least so well or so easily.

672 शिल्पिनः कारका वैद्या दासीदासाश्च नापिता । राजान श्रोत्रियाश्चैव सद्यःशौचाः मकीर्तिताः ॥ सन्नतः सन्नपूतश्च आदितामिश्र यो हिजः । राज्ञश्च सूतकं नारित यस्य च्छेच्छति पार्थिवः ॥ पराशर III.20-21,

673 तथा चादिपुराणे । शिल्पिनश्चित्रकाराद्याः कर्म यस्माधयन्त्यलम् । तत्कर्म नान्यो जानाति तस्माच्छुद्धा स्वकर्मणि । सूतकारेण यत्कर्म करणीयं नरेष्विह । तदप्यो नैव जानाति तस्माच्छुद्धः स सूतकृत् ॥ चिकित्सको यच्छ्रुते तदन्येन न शक्यते । तस्माच्चिकित्सकः स्पर्शो ह्यसौ भवति नित्यशः ॥ दास्यो दासाश्च यत्किञ्चित् कुर्वन्त्यपि च लीलया । तदप्यो न क्षमः कर्तुं तस्मात्तै ह्युच्य सदा ॥ राजा करोति यत्कर्म स्वमेवपश्यत्य तत्कथम् । एवं सति ह्यपः शुद्धः संस्पर्शो नृपसूतकैः ॥ यत्कर्म राजभृत्यानां हस्त्यश्वगमनादिकम् । तस्मास्ति यस्मादन्यस्य तस्मान्ने ह्युच्य स्तुता ॥ q. by परा ना I 2. pp 255-256 Three of these from सूतकारेण are quoted as from ब्रह्मपुराण by हरलता p 110, as from आदिपुराण by शुद्धिनन्त pp. 289-90 and all from सूतकारेण onwards are quoted from आदिपुराण by शुद्धिम p 95, the verse चिकित्सको is q. by मिता, on या III. 27.

It has <sup>674</sup> to be noted that the absence of āśauca in the case of craftsmen, physicians and the like has to be restricted to the peculiar activities of these and does not extend to all actions such as religious rites, śrāddhas and gifts. This is clear from the words of the Visnudharmasūtra <sup>675</sup> 22, 48-52. The Trimsacchloki (verse 18) <sup>676</sup> gives a long list of such peculiar activities. The Kūrmapurāṇa (Uttarārḍha 23 57-64) has nine verses on this topic which are quoted by the Hārata (p. 114).

It has already been seen (pp 238-240) that Pār gr. III 10 (nityāni vinivartante vaitānavarjam), Manu V. 84, Yāj III 17 (latter half) provide that even those who have to undergo āśauca on death should not stop rites to be performed with śrauta fires, but should perform them themselves or get them performed through others. Thus certain religious rites were allowed to be done even by those who were āśaucin.

The Dharmasindhu (p 552) emphasizes that this exception to āśauca should be availed of only when there is no other alternative or in a season of distress.

It has already been stated how certain materials and things can be received without any pollution from those who are undergoing āśauca. That is the third class of cases which are exceptions to the rules of āśauca.

The fourth class of cases where rules of āśauca do not apply relate to persons deceased to whom some fault or taint attaches. Gaut. (14. 11) <sup>677</sup> and Śāṅkha-Likhita provide that there is sadyahāśauca for those who kill themselves (i. e. commit suicide) by starting on the great journey (to the Himālaya), by fasting, by a weapon (like a dagger), by fire or poison or water or by hanging or by falling down from a precipice.

674. अयं चाशीचाभावस्तत्तदसाधारणकर्मण्यस्तुत्यत्वमतिविधस्तु बोध्य, न ह सर्वेषु दानभाज्यादिधर्मकृत्येष्वाशीचाभावः। शुद्धि प 95.

675. (आशीच) न राज्ञो राजकर्मणि। न व्रतिना व्रते। न सत्रिणा सत्रे। न कार्त्स्न्या कारकर्मणि। न राजाज्ञाकारिणा तदिच्छया। विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 22 48-52.

676. तत्तत्कार्येषु सत्रिवतिष्ठपट्टपवदीक्षितस्त्रिक्स्वदेशवेश्यापत्यप्यनेकश्रुतिपठनविष-  
काक्षित्त्यातुराणाम्। संप्रारब्धेषु दानोपनयनयजनआशुयुद्धमतिश्रायुद्धतीर्थयात्राजप-  
रिणपनाद्युत्सवेष्वेतदर्थे॥ त्रिशच्छ्लोकी 18. द्रुपवत् means द्रुपसंबन्धक.

677. For गौ 14 11 vide note 522 above, प्रायाशिविषादकोद्धरणप्रपत्तौ  
श्वेच्छताम्। अथ शस्त्राणां शकाम्भोभिर्मुतानामात्मघातिनाम्। पतितान च नाशीचं विदुस्तत्र-  
हताश्च ये॥ अग्निपुराण 157.32. Vide वामनपुराण 14 99-100



Yāj. III. 6 provides <sup>678</sup> that women that have gone over to heterodox views and practices, that do not belong to any particular āśrama, that are thieves (of gold and the like), that (attempt to) kill their husbands, that are unchaste and the like, that drink liquor and that attempt suicide, do not deserve to have water offered to them (on death) and no āśauca should be observed for them. This verse applies to men also as far as possible. Manu V. 89-90 are to the same effect. The Kūrmapurāṇa also prescribes <sup>679</sup> that for him who kills himself by means of fire, poison and the like, no āśauca, no cremation and no offering of water is prescribed, there is no cremation for *pāṭas*, nor *antyeṣṭi*, nor collection of bones, no shedding of tears and no pinda and no śrāddha should be performed for them. It is provided by Angiras quoted by Mit. on Yāj. III. 6 that 'death results to evil-minded men from cāṇḍālas (with whom a quarrel is purposely got up), from water, from a snake, from a brāhmana, from lightning and from animals that have sharp fangs (like tigers). If water and pinda are offered to such people (who die wilfully in these cases) they (water and pinda) do not reach them and perish in mid air.' These verses refer to death in a wrathful fight with tigers, snakes and the like or suicide in water through wrath or sorrow. But, if one died in water or by fire through inadvertence or negligence, then Angiras <sup>680</sup> himself provides that water should be offered and āśauca should be observed. Long passages are quoted from the Brahmapurāṇa by Haradatta on Gaut. 14. 11, Suddhiprakāśa pp. 56-57, Nirṇayasindhu p. 550, which elaborate the same ideas as those of Yāj. III. 6, Angiras and others and wind up by stating that if any one offers water or śrāddha to *pāṭas* through affection or cremates them, he has to undergo prāyaścitta (viz. two Taptakrohāras).

678. For Yāj. III. 6 read p. 222 above अपरार्क reads 'पापघ्नानाभिता' and explains 'पापघ्नानाभिता तद्दीक्षायां यद्विष्टा', while the मितः reads पापघ्नानाभिता and makes two different classes

679. पतिताना न दाहः; vide note 522 above; the अग्निपुराण (159. 2-4) states 'आत्मनस्तपग्निना नास्ति पतितानां तथा क्रिया। तेषामपि तथा गाङ्गे तीर्थेऽस्थनां पतनं दिवम्। तेषां वृत्तं जलं चार्क्षं गगने तत्पत्नीयते। अन्त्येहेण सहता प्रेतस्य पतितस्य च। नारायणमतिः कार्यस्तेनाद्भुतमभूते॥'

680. यदि कश्चित्पतयेन श्रियेतान्द्रुदकादिभिः। तस्यासौ च विधातव्यं कर्तव्या चोदक-क्रिया॥ अङ्गिरसु q. by मितः. on Yāj. III. 6 A similar verse is औशनसस्मृति (Jiv. vol I p. 540), chap. VII.

If an *āhitāgni* were killed by *cāndālas* in defiant fight with them or commits suicide, his corpse should be got cremated by *sūdras* without proper mantras and *Gobhīlasmṛti* (III, 49-51) provides for the disposal of his *srauta* fires and sacrificial implements. Though suicide was generally condemned, the *smṛtis* (such as *Atri* 218-219) and *Purāṇas* allowed certain exceptions, viz. very old men (above 70), very weak men who cannot observe the rules of bodily purification or those who have no desire left for the pleasures of the senses or who have carried out all tasks and duties, may start on *Mahāprasthāna* or die at *Prayāga*. Vide H of Dh. vol. II pp 926-928 for detailed treatment of this topic. If a man killed himself in the way allowed by the *śāstra* then there was no blemish and *śauca* had to be observed and water and *śrāddha* had to be offered. It may be noted that starting on *Mahāprasthāna* and suicide on the part of old men by falling down from a precipice or in fire are forbidden in the *Kali* age. Vide H of Dh. vol. III p. 939 and pp. 958-959

The *Mit.* on *Yāj.* III, 6 quotes *Vṛddha-Yājñavalkya* and *Chāgaleya* to the effect that in the case of those who commit suicide in any manner that is not sanctioned by the *śāstras*, *Nārāyanabali* should be performed one year after their death and then the rites of *śrāddha* may be performed thereafter. The *Mit.*,<sup>681</sup> on *Yāj.* III, 6) relying on *Viṣṇupurāṇa* describes the *Nārāyanabali* as follows. On the 11th day of the bright half of a month, having worshipped *Viṣṇu* and *Yama*, one should with the face to the south offer near them on *darbhās* with ends turned towards the south ten *pindas* laved with honey and ghee and mixed with sesame after bringing to mind the deceased<sup>682</sup> who should be looked upon as having the form of *Viṣṇu* and having uttered the name and gotra of the deceased; he should honour the *pindas* with sandalwood paste and the rest and having performed all the rites up to the removal of *pindas*, should cast them in a river and not give them to the

681. एवं नारायणबलिं प्रेतस्य ब्रह्मचर्यापादनद्वारेण श्राद्धदिसंयदान्तरे योग्यतां जनयतीति औषधदेहिकमपि सर्वं कार्यमेव । अत एव पदत्रिंशन्मतेऽपि औषधदेहिकस्याप्युद्धृष्टव्ये । गोत्राह्वणहतानां च पतितानां तथैव च । ऊर्ध्वं संवत्सरात्कुर्वीतसर्वमौषधदेहिकम् ॥ इति । एवं संवत्सराद्ब्रह्ममेव नारायणबलिं कृत्वौषधदेहिकं कार्यम् । निता on वा III, 6. The same provisions are recommended by परा मा. I 2 pp 226-227, इत्युक्त्वा p 489. Vide गृह्य, प्रेतखण्ड, 40 15-65 for नारायणबलिं

682. The संस्कारः will be अमुकगोत्रस्यामुकस्य दुर्भरणात्मकान्नद्वयेनागार्यमौषधदेहिकसंयदान्तरेत्येतत्सिद्धं नारायणबलिं करिष्ये इति सकल्प्य । निर्णयसिन्धु p. 559.

wife or to others. Then on the night of the same day he should invite an uneven number of brāhmanas, should observe a fast, should worship Visnu the next day, in the noon he should perform all the rites from washing the feet of brāhmanas up to the query about the gratification of the brāhmanas (by the food served to them) according to the procedure of *ekodhista śrāddha*, then he should silently go through all the rites from *ullekhaṇa* (drawing lines) up to *avanejana* (anointing) by the procedure of *Pinda-pitrayajña*. He should offer four pindas to (images of) Visnu, Brahmā, Śiva and Yama together with the attendants, should remember the deceased by name and gotra, should utter the name of Visnu and then offer the 5th pinda. Then having gratified the brāhmanas (after they have sipped water) with fee, he should bring to his mind one (of the brāhmanas) that is the most qualified of all as representing the deceased and having gratified him to the utmost with the gifts of cows, land and money, should then make the brāhmanas that have *pauṭras* on their hands offer to the deceased water together with sesame and should then take his meal along with his relatives.

The passage quoted by the Mit. makes it clear that Nārāyanabali is meant only for those who commit suicide and is to be offered one year after the death of the person guilty of suicide. The Hāratalā<sup>653</sup> (p. 212) also says the same and explains a verse of Visnu extending the performance of Nārāyanabali to those killed by cows and brāhmanas and those who become *patita* as a usage restricted to a certain country only.<sup>654</sup>

The Antyestipaddhati of Nārāyanabhata describes (on folio 187) Nārāyanabali rite at greater length than in the Mitaksarā. One or two details may be pointed out. Five *kalāṣas* (jars) are to be placed over a quantity of rice or *yavas*, then filled with water, then have the three mantras 'Āpo hi sthā'

653 आत्मघातेन हर्याभिधानात् आत्मघातकमात्रस्यैव विधानं न तु महापातक्यादी नामिति दर्शयति। विष्णुः। गोमहाह्वनहस्तानां च पतितानां तथैव च। ऊर्ध्वं संवत्सराच्छुपात् सर्वमेवैष्वदेहिकम् ॥ एतच्च देशविशेषव्यवस्थितमिति आदिपुराणवचन एवोक्तं न तु दास्या पदतोयदाननारायणशलिदानयोः प्रथमसंवत्सराभ्यन्तरविषयत्वं व्यवस्थाप्यम्। हारलता p 212. A long passage is quoted from आदिपुराण in हारलता pp 203-205, the last verses of which are. क्रियते पतितानां तु गते संवत्सरे कश्चित्। देशधर्ममणल्लात् गयाक्षुपेडु चतुर्भिः। मार्तण्डपादमूले वा आर्द्धं हरिहरं स्मरन्।

654. Nārāyanabali is described in the Appendix B to the Sholapur District Gazetteer in Bom. Gaz. vol. XX. pp. 522-523.

( Rg. X. 9. 1-3 ) repeated over them, then copper plates are to be placed over them on which five images of Brahmā, Visnu, Śiva, Yama and the deceased are to be drawn and the worship of these five is to be performed respectively with the Purusa-sūkta ( Rg. X. 90 ), Rg. X. 121 1-10, Rg. I. 43. 1 ( = Tai. Ā. X. 17 ), Rg. X. 14. 13 and the name and gotra of the deceased, sixteen oblations of cooked rice are to be offered to Nārāyaṇa with the sixteen verses of the Purusa-sūkta ( Rg. X. 90 ). Ten pindas<sup>685</sup> are to be offered on *darbhas* to the deceased after repeating his name and gotra ( as stated in the note below ). After the ten pindas are cast in a river, there is *tai pāna* of the deceased sixteen times with the sixteen stanzas of the Purusa-sūkta. Then *bali* is offered separately to Visnu, Brahmā, Śiva and Yama with his servants.

In the Mitākṣarā, there is no homa nor bali, both of which are described in the Āntyestīpaddhati and the Smṛtyarthasāra ( pp. 85-86 ) copies verbatim the procedure given in the Mit. Brhatparāśara ( V. pp. 175-176 ) contains the same procedure that is set out by the Mit. from the Viṣṇupurāṇa. The Nirṇaya-sindhu first describes Nārāyaṇabali as gathered from Hemādri and the Garudapurāṇa ( III. 4. 113-119 ) It then describes Nārāyaṇabali to be performed for a deceased ascetic on the 12th day ( along with Pārvanaśrāddha ), following the procedure laid down by Baudhāyana. It then describes another form of Nārāyaṇabali based on Śaunaka which is meant for all those who commit suicide or who are killed by cāṇḍālas, <sup>686</sup> snakes, lightning, animals with fangs or who die in a distant land or for ascetics and *yogins*. The Vṛddha-Hārītasṃṛti ( IX. 123-143 ) describes another method of Nārāyaṇabali for devotees of Visnu.

The Vaikhāṇasa-smārtasūtra ( X. 9 ) sets out a rather brief procedure of Nārāyaṇabali which was intended for the benefit of men who committed suicide or were slain and for ascetics and provides that the same may be performed for those guilty of *mahāpātakas* after twelve years from their death. The

685. अर्चितदेवसमीपे अशुक्लगोत्रायाशुक्लशर्मणे मेताप विष्णुरूपिणेऽपि विष्णु - इति मधुघृताहुतास्तिलमिश्रान्दश पिण्डान् विष्णुरूपिण मेतमनुस्मरन् मेतस्य नामगोत्रे उच्चार्य दक्षिणायेषु वर्षेषु दक्षिणाहस्तेऽपसव्येन दत्त्वा । ततः पुरुषसूक्तेन मेतस्य नामगोत्रे उक्त्वा अशुक्लं नारायणरूपं तर्पयामीति षोडशवार तर्पयेत्पञ्चचम् । अन्त्येष्टिपद्धति

686. चाण्डालावुदकारसर्पाद्वनाम्नणाद्वैद्युतादपि । दंष्ट्रिभ्यश्च पशुभ्यश्च मरण पापकर्मिणाञ्च । औ य शेषसूत्र III. 21. The same is q. by अपराक P 877 as यम's, as सूत्र्यन्तर by छुद्धिप. p. 56 and without name by the मिता, on या. III. 6,

Baudhāyana-grhya-śeṣasūtra III. 20 and 21 contain two different sets of the procedure of Nārāyaṇabali, the latter of which appears to be the later one. The latter contains the well-known verse about death at the hands of cāṇḍālas, from a snake &c.

The 5th class of exceptions to āśauca rules comprises those that are declared by express texts as not liable to observe an āśauca. Gautama (14. 8-10) provides<sup>687</sup> that (the sapindas) of those that met death for the sake of cows and brāhmaṇas, of those that met death through the wrath of the king and those that were killed in battle have to observe no āśauca but only 'sadyahśauca'. Manu V. 95 and 98 state<sup>688</sup> that (the sapindas) of those that are killed in a sudden affray or by lightning or by the king (for an offence) or of those that met death in protecting cows and brāhmaṇas and of one who was killed in the fashion of ksatriyas in a battle by the sword have to observe no āśauca, as also he whom the king desires (for his purpose) to observe no āśauca. It is provided by Śatātapa<sup>689</sup> that as regards a *yati* dying, his sons and other sapindas are not to offer water or pinda to him or to observe āśauca for him. The Dharmasindhu (p. 449) says that this applies to all ascetics, whether they be *tridanḍin* or *ekadanḍin*, *hamsas* or *paramahamsas*. So also on the death of a vānaprastha there is no āśauca. In the case of one who has performed his own śrāddha while alive his sapindas have an option either to observe āśauca or not. On the death of a brahmachārin āśauca is to be observed. The Dharmasindhu further notes that in all works it is stated that there is no āśauca<sup>690</sup> for one killed in battle, but at least

687. गोब्राह्मणहतानामन्वक्षम् । राजकोधाच्च । युद्धे । गौ. 14 8-10. हरदत्त explains 'अन्वक्ष्यते म्रियन्ते श्वस्तावत्स्वकारान्ते स्नात्वा ह्युपैरक्षिति', while the *mita* on ya III 21 (first half) explains 'तत्सम्बन्धिनां चान्वक्ष्यमनुगतमक्षमन्वक्षं सद्यः शौचमित्यर्थः'. The *mita* takes the corresponding passage of Yāj III 21 (first half) to mean 'of those that were killed by the king, by bulls or brāhmaṇas'. The *mita* reads राजकोधाच्चयुद्धे, while हरदत्त says that he does not like to read अयुद्धे but would read आयुद्धे.

688. द्विभ्याहवे हतानां च विद्युता पाथिवेन च । गोब्राह्मणस्य चैवार्थे परय चेच्छति पाथिवः ॥ मनु V. 95 द्विभ्याहव is explained by कुल्लूक and हारलता (p 111) as 'द्वपति-रहितं युद्धं', while हरदत्त takes द्विभ्य to mean जनसंसर्ग and अपराक p 916 explains द्विभ्याहव as अशस्त्रकलह and युद्धिकल्पतक as अशस्त्रकलहः संमर्दो वा (p 46).

689. एनोदितं जलं पिण्डमाशौचं त्रेतसत्त्विकम् । न कुर्यात्पार्षणादन्वक्षं ब्रह्मभूतात् भिक्षवे ॥ शातातप स्मृतिच. (आशौच) p 171 ascribes this to वसिष्ठ.

690. उद्धृत्येपाशौचं नेति सर्वग्रन्थेषूपलभ्यते न त्वेव ब्राह्मणेषु शिष्टाचार इति । धर्मसिन्धु p 449.

among brāhmanas (i. e. as to brāhmanas killed in battle) the usage of the *śiṣṭas* is different (i. e. āsauca is observed).

Parāśara (III. 12-13) provides that, if a man has gone for many years to a distant land and it is ascertained that he died there but the exact date of his death is not known, then either of three *tithis* viz. the 8th or 11th day of the dark half or the *amāvāsyā* should be accepted as the day of his death and water, pinda and śrāddha should be offered on that date and the Par. M. I. 2 p. 237 adds that āsauca also must be calculated from that date. On the other hand Laghu-Hārita says that if there is some obstacle at the time of a śrāddha or when the date of death is not known, then the funeral rites should be performed on the 11th tithi of the following dark half (Śuddhikaumudī p. 17)

The digests lay particular emphasis on the fact that in matters of āsauca the usages of a country must be observed. The Hāratalā (pp. 55, 205) quotes passages from the Ādipurāṇa where special reference is made to the authority of the usages of a country (*deśa-dharmapramānatvāt*). The Śuddhitattva p. 275 quotes<sup>691</sup> a verse of Marici 'one should not disregard the manner of observing *śauca* and religious usages that are current in particular localities; the dharma is of that sort alone in those localities'. On p. 276 it quotes a passage of the Vāmanapurāṇa to the same effect.

It deserves to be noted that Dakṣa<sup>692</sup> (VI. 15) states that all rules about āsauca apply when the times are easy and peaceful but when a man is overwhelmed by distress there is no (enforcement or application) of the (rules of) āsauca.

Viṣṇu (19. 18-19) provides<sup>693</sup> that at the end of the period of āsauca one should go out of the village, get himself shaved and take a bath after applying a thick paste of sesame or white mustard to the body, change garments and then re-enter the house. Then he should perform a *śūnti* (propitiatory rite)

691 तथा च मरीचिः। येषु स्थानेषु यच्छौचं धर्माचारश्च पादशः। तत्र तत्सामयेनैव धर्मस्तत्रैव तादृशः ॥ रुद्रधर in छुद्धिविवेक (D. C. ms No 309 of 1887-91, folio 77 b), छ. कौ p 360, छुद्धितत्व p. 275, "तथा च वामनपुराणं 'देशाद्विशिष्टं कुलधर्ममन्य स्वगोत्रधर्मं न हि सत्यजेच्च'" छुद्धितत्व p. 276.

692 स्वस्थकाले तथा सर्वं सूतकं परिकीर्तितम्। आपद्ग्रस्तस्य सर्वस्य सूतकोपि न सूतकम् ॥ दक्ष VI 15.

693. ग्रामाभिष्क्रम्याशौचान्ते कृतश्चक्षुर्मास्तिलकलकैः सर्वपलकैश्च स्नाता, परिवर्तितवाससो ग्रवं मण्डितः। तत्र शान्तिं कृत्वा ब्राह्मणानां च पूजनं कुर्यात्। विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 19.18-19

and honour brāhmanas. Many medieval digests provide for a more elaborate procedure. For example, the Śuddhikaumudī (pp. 155-164) sets out the procedure of the 11th day separately for the followers of the three Vedas. A few salient points may be mentioned. After a bath for the whole body, the sapindas should touch a cow, gold, fire, *dūrva*, clarified butter and repeat the name of Govinda, then engage brāhmanas to sprinkle śānti water over them and say 'svasti'. If a brāhmaṇa cannot be had one should himself perform śānti. The Hārata and others say that without śānti water āsauca is not completely removed. The followers of Sāmaveda should sing the Vāmadevagāna for śānti or should repeat the four Vāmadevya verses viz. 'kayā naścitra,' 'kastvā satyo,' 'abhi sū nah' (No. 682-684 of the Sāmaveda) together with the last verse of the Sāmaveda ('svasti na Indro') preceded and followed by the sacred Gāyatrī; these form the śānti mantras for Sāmavedins. For followers of Yajurveda seventeen mantras beginning with 'rcam vācam prapadye' and ending with 'dyauh śāntiḥ', preceded and followed by the Gāyatrī form the śānti mantras; the Rgvedins should employ for śānti Rg. X. 9. 4, VII, 35. 1, V. 47. 7 &c. preceded and followed by the Gāyatrī. Then some gold with silver as daksina should be donated to a brāhmaṇa, then the Vaitarani cow should be donated, if one was not given at the approach of death, then a gift of the bedstead &c. should be made.

We have seen (p. 270) that originally the sūtras (like Śān Śr.) and smṛtis (like Manu) emphasized that one should not increase the number of the days of āsauca and that men learned in the Veda and consecrating śrauta fires had to undergo only one day's āsauca (Parāśara III 5, Dakṣa VI 6). But ultimately a flat period of ten days of āsauca (Manu V. 59) for all sapindas came to be prescribed. In the old days the means of communication were very limited, and hence the news of a birth or death must have taken considerable time to reach relatives staying even at a short distance and hence the restrictions imposed by the rules of āsauca were not felt to be very irksome. It is on account of this reason and also the great *penchant* of dharmaśāstra writers for all sorts of divisions, sub-divisions and classifications that we find medieval writers bestowing an enormously exaggerated attention in very exuberant and enthusiastic style on such a subject as āsauca. Most nations have their own usages to indicate that a person (male or female) or a family is in mourning. But probably no country in the world

can equal (much less surpass) the Dharmaśāstra writers in the elaborate rules evolved in books about āśauca on birth and death. In these days when there is a State postal system and the means of communication abound owing to railways, air-mail, telegraph and wireless, the ancient and medieval rules of āśauca are felt by all people to be most galling and troublesome. Mischievous people sometimes create trouble in the celebration of marriages by sending information about a death or a birth to persons against whom they have a grudge. Devices have to be employed for dodging the inconvenience due to rules of āśauca. It is therefore necessary to introduce substantial changes in the rules about āśauca that will prevent trouble, loss of time and work and would at the same time be more or less in agreement with the spirit of the dicta of the smṛtis and the sentiments of most common people. At the end in the appendix note 693a is added which gives the text of the Āśauca-daśaka with Sanskrit explanation.

As regards āśauca on birth I would recommend that hereafter in the changed set-up of society in these days one simple rule should be observed, viz. it is only the mother that has to observe impurity for ten days and no one else has to observe impurity on birth. This is in general accordance with the ancient smṛtis set out above.

As regards impurity on death four rules should ordinarily suffice.<sup>693a</sup>

(1) *Āśauca* for ten days on death should be observed by the father and the mother for the son and by the son for the parents, by the wife for the husband and *vice versa* and by one who performs the rites of cremation and the rites after death.

(2) For others (than the above) staying near the deceased as members of a joint family āśauca for only three days should suffice.

(3) For all other relatives of the deceased whenever the news of death may reach them within a year after death, only a bath should be enough.

(4) When the death occurred more than a year before the news reached the relatives not even a bath should be required in the case of any relative except those mentioned in the first rule, who should be held clean after a bath.



Practices observed among ancient and modern primitive tribes show that the most important *tabus* were those on the dead, on women in child-birth and women in their monthly illness. Among the ancient Israelites all that were unclean through the dead were put outside the camp and they were not allowed to offer an offering at the Passover (Numbers V. 1-4 and IX 6). Among the Syrians those who belonged to the family of the dead man were *tabu* for 30 days and could then enter only with shaven heads. Child-birth made a woman unclean and the number of days that she was to be unclean depended on whether the child was a male or a female (Leviticus 12 2-5). In India also the ancient Aryans probably inherited their ideas about uncleanness on death and child-birth from their remote ancestors. If one may surmise one can say this it must have been found out by the remote ancestors of the Vedic Aryans that if a person touched a dead body or used the clothes worn by the dead man when living, he also suffered from the same disease (particularly in the case of contagious diseases like plague, cholera, typhoid &c.) and that segregating such a person for ten days from other members of the tribe or community made the latter immune from the attack of such diseases. Therefore, those who touched the dead or carried the corpse for cremation or burial and the members of the family were thought to be unclean and were segregated for ten days. Gradually the ideas about the uncleanness on death and the necessity of segregation were made applicable to death due to all diseases or causes whatever. The uncleanness on child-birth might have been a case of extension by analogy derived from the *tabu* on death. At all events *smṛti* writers put both on the same level (e. g. Manu V 61 "Just as impurity on death is ordained for ten days in the case of sapindas the same holds good in the case of birth"). Rules about women in their monthly illness were prescribed as early as the *Tai. S.* and have been already dealt with in H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 802-805.

We have now to turn to the subject of *suddhi* apart from *śauca*. *Suddhi* of a *dravya* means the<sup>694</sup> removal of a taint attaching to a thing and it is of two kinds, purification of the body and the purification of an external object (Manu V. 110 and *Āpārāṅka* p 253). It has already been seen (note 555

694. द्रव्यस्य दोषापगमः शुद्धिः । तत्र द्विविधा शुद्धिः । शरीरशुद्धिर्बोध्यद्रव्यशुद्धिश्च । अपरांशे pp 252-253, तत्राशुद्धिर्नाम द्रव्यादेः स्पर्शनाद्यनर्हतापादको दोषविशेषः । शुद्धिस्तु संस्कारविशेषोत्पत्तिश्च तल्लिखितः । हेमाद्रि (on *Āraṅka* p 787).

above) how even the Rg. lays great emphasis on *suddhi* and being pure (*śuci*). There are Vedic<sup>695</sup> passages laying down that the cups (*grahas*) used in Jyotistoma and other sacrifices were to be cleansed with a strainer of wool, but not the *camasas*. In the Ait. Br. 32.4 it is provided that if the milk of an *agnihotram* that was heated by him for the *homa* became impure (*amedhya*, by an ant or worm falling therein), the milk is to be taken up in an *agnihotrahavanī* and was to be poured upon the ashes near the *Āhavanīya* fire. This shows that great care was taken about the purity of vessels to be used in sacrifices and about the offerings to be made. *Sauca* is one of the eight qualities of the soul (*ātmaguṇas*) mentioned by Gaut 8 24, Atri (verses 33, 35), Matsyapurāṇa 52, 8-10, Brhaspati (q. by Aparārka p 164). Haradatta on Gautama quotes a verse that *sauca* is of four kinds viz. monetary purity, mental purity, bodily purity and purity in speech; while Atri and Brhaspati<sup>696</sup> (q. by Aparārka p. 164), aver that *sauca* is constituted by avoiding what ought not to be eaten, by associating (only) with those who are not censured (i. e. are not reprehensible) and by firmly abiding by one's own prescribed duties. Many works divide *sauca* into two varieties viz *bāhya* (external) and *āntara* or *ābhyantara* (internal). Vide H. of Dh vol. II, pp 651-52 for passages from Baudhāyana Dh. S. (I 5, 3-4), Harita, Dakṣa and others defining and subdividing these. Agni 372, (17-18) is the same as Dakṣa V. 3. The Vanaparva 200, 52 speaks of purity in speech, in actions and that brought about by water. The Padma (II 66, 86-87) emphasizes that it is the mental attitude that is the highest thing and illustrates it by saying that a woman embraces her son and her husband with different mental states. There is an interesting passage in the Lingapurāṇa 8, 34-36 (not quoted there) which after stating that *ābhyantara* *sauca* is superior to *bāhya* *sauca* (verse 31) remarks<sup>697</sup> that one void of inner purity is dirty even after a

695 अस्ति ज्योतिष्टोम । तत्र श्रूयते दशापवित्रेण ग्रहं समाष्टि इति । तत्रैवार्थे समधिगतं सर्वे ग्रहा समाजित्तया इति । इदमिदानीं सन्दिह्यते किं चमत्ता अपि समाष्टि या उत नेति । शबर on जै III, 1 16

696 अभक्ष्यपरिहारश्च संसर्गव्याप्यनिन्दितै । स्वधर्मे च व्यवस्थानं शौचनेतृत्वकीर्तितम् ॥ बृहस्पति (q. by अपरार्क p 164). अत्रि verse 35 (reads आचारेषु व्यवस्थानं)

697. अवगाह्यापि मलिनो ह्यन्तः शौचविवर्जितः । शैवला ह्यपका मत्स्या सत्ता मत्स्योपजीविनः ॥ सदावगाह्य सलिले विशुद्धा किं द्विजोत्तमा । तस्मादाभ्यन्तरं शौचं सदा कार्यं विधानतः ॥ आत्मज्ञानाभ्यासि स्नात्वा सत्कृदातिष्ठ्य भावतः । स्वैराग्यमुदा ह्यज्ञा शौचमेव यकीर्तितम् ॥ लिङ्गपुराण 8 34-36, भावशुद्धिं परं शौचं प्रमाणं सर्वकर्मसु । अन्ययातिष्ठते ज्ञान्ता भवेन दुहितान्यथा ..अन्यथैव ततः पुत्रं भार्गवस्यमुपा पालिम् ॥ पद्म (श्रुतिव्याख्या 66 86-87)

bath, that moss, fish and animals subsisting on fish are always immersed in water, that in spite of that no one would call them pure, that therefore one must always endeavour to secure inner purity and that one should bathe in the water of correct knowledge of the Self, apply once the sandal paste of faith and purify oneself by the clay in the form of desirelessness and that this is declared to be (the real) *śauca*. Manu V. 106 provides that of all kinds of purity mental purity is the highest. He who is pure as to wealth (i. e. who does not deprive another of wealth by unjust means) is the (only) pure man and not he who is purified by water and earth. Visnu 22. 89 is the same except that for wealth (*artha*) it substitutes food (*anna*). The Trikāṇḍamandana (prakīrnaka 21) has the same verse as Manu V. 106. Vide also Anuśāsana 108. 12 (for purity of conduct, of mind, of a holy place, purity due to correct philosophical knowledge); Brahmāṇḍa III. 14. 60 (*śucikamā hi devā vai*), and Yogasūtra II. 32 (for *śauca* as one of the five *niyamas*).

External purity of the body by various means (rinsing the mouth, bath & c.) has already been described in detail in H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 648-668. The ancient and medieval Indians insisted on a daily bath for all, recommended two baths a day in certain cases and three baths to a hermit and did not subscribe to the view of some of the early Christians. St. Agnes was canonized primarily for her refusal to bathe and St. Francis of Assisi considered dirt as one of the proper insignia of holy poverty.<sup>698</sup>

In śrauta rites (such as Agnistoma) the sacrificer had to undergo a severe discipline of consecration (or *dīksā*), one item of which was the purification of the intending sacrificer's body by the *adhvaryu* priest by rubbing the former's body twice with three bunches of seven darbhas each (vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 1136) Śātaṭapaṭ by Sm. C. I p. 120, Śuddhiprakāśa p. 147 provide bath for one who has sexual intercourse with his wife during the period from the 5th to the 16th day after monthly illness begins, but for intercourse after these days the purification is the same as for urination and voiding ordure; bath is also prescribed for vomiting after sunrise, after shaving, after a bad dream, on the touch of foul men (such as *cāṇḍālas*).

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698. Vide Reginald Reynolds' work on 'Cleanliness and godliness' p. 36 (chapter IV).

The Ap Śr. II 12 provides<sup>699</sup> that *Pavitrestī* should be performed by him who is desirous of *suddhi* and that if one performs in each season the three *stis*, viz *Vaiśvānari* (to Agni *Vaiśvānara*), *Vrātapati* (to Agni *Vratapati*) and the *Pavitrestī* one purifies ten generations (of his family).

The following pages will deal with the purification of things (*dravyasuddhi*). But a few general observations must first be made. The Ap Dh. S (II 6. 15 17-20) states that infants do not become polluted or impure (by the touch of a woman in her monthly course) up to the time the *samskāra* of *annaprāśana* (taking cooked food for the first time), that, according to some, up to one year or as long as they cannot distinguish between the different directions or up to the time of *Upanayana* according to others. Manu V. 127-133, Yāj. I. 186, 191-193, Visnu Dh. S 23. 47-52, Baud. Dh. I 5 56-57, 64, 65, Śāṅkha 16 12-16, Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa 35 19-21 state that the following are always pure.—what is not seen to be polluted; what is cleansed with water; what is commended expressly (by a brāhmaṇa as pure, when there is a doubt), water collected on (pure) ground that is not visibly polluted by an impure thing and that in quantity is so much that a cow can slake its thirst therein and that has the smell, colour and taste (of pure water); the hand of a craftsman (such as a washerman or a cook while engaged in his peculiar work); articles exposed for sale in a market such as rice and barley (though touched by many intending buyers); alms (collected by a *brahmachārī* though walking from house to house on the road), the mouth of a woman (at the time of dalliance), meat of animals seized or killed even by dogs, cāṇḍālas, and carnivorous birds, rays (of the sun), fire, dust, the shadow (of a tree or the like), a cow, a horse, land, wind, dew drops, flies, a calf at the time of making the cow flow with milk from the udder—these latter are pure when they come in contact with a person. Then it was said that certain birds and animals were either always pure or as to certain parts of the body e. g. Yāj. I. 194 says that the mouths of goats and horses are pure but not of the cow. Baudhāyana<sup>700</sup> quoted by Aparārka p. 276 provides that

699 शुद्धिकामो वा । तद्वैश्वानरि यज्ञपाथा गीयते । वैश्वानरं व्रतपतिं पवित्रेष्टं तथैव ।  
क्रतव्यौ यज्जानो हुनन्ति दशपौरुषम् ॥ इति । आश्व. श्रौ. II 12

700. मुखवर्जं तु गोमूत्रेण मार्जारश्च दुष्कमे (। श्वरुमे) शुचिः । श्रीमयन g. by अपरार्क  
p. 276, almost the same words occur in ऋक् 16 14 (latter half).

the cow is pure except as to its mouth, and a cat when it is leaping or moving about. Brhaspati<sup>701</sup> and Yama (q. by Aparārka p. 276) state: 'the feet of brāhmanas, and the mouth of goats and horses, the backs of cows and all limbs of women are pure; the cow as to its back, the elephant as to its shoulder, the horse as to all its limbs and the dung and urine of cows, all these are pure'. Atri (240, 241) contains several verses<sup>702</sup> on this point. 'Things taken out from a mine or from kitchens (or places where grain is pounded &c.) are never impure, since all such places (where anything is prepared in the mass) except a place for the manufacture of liquor are pure. All fried (or roasted) things, fried barley and grain, dates, camphor, whatever else is well fried is pure'. In Atri V. 13 we read<sup>703</sup> 'flies, a continuous stream (of any liquid), the earth, water, fire, a cat, a wooden ladle and a mongoose are always pure'. Parāśara (X. 41) states:<sup>704</sup> 'space (ākāśa), wind, fire, water fallen on the earth, darbhas are not to be deemed polluted just as camasas in sacrifices are held to be not polluted.' Par. M. quotes a verse of Caturvīṃśatimata<sup>705</sup> that raw meat, ghee, honey, oils extracted from fruits—these even when contained in vessels belonging to candālas become free from taint the moment they are taken out of these vessels. Brhaspati provides:<sup>706</sup> 'machines for crushing grapes and sugarcane stalks, mines, the hands of craftsmen, the milk pail, fluids that come

701. बृहस्पति । पादौ शुची ब्राह्मणानामजाश्वस्य हस्त्रं शुचि । गवां पृष्ठानि मेघयानि सर्वगत्राणि दोषिनाम् ॥ यमः । पृष्ठतो गौरिजः स्कन्धे सर्वतोऽश्वः शुचिस्तथा । गोः पुरीषं च मूर्धं च सर्वं मेघयानि स्थितिः ॥ पृष्ठशब्देन मुखन्यतिरिक्तविषयः । अपराक्षे p 276.

702. आकारादुत्तवस्तूनि नाशुचीनि कदाचन । आकराः शुचयः सर्वे वर्जयित्वा स्रक्करम् ॥ दृढा मृदपत्राश्चैव तथैव चणक्ता स्मृताः । खरुरं चैव कर्पूरमन्यद् मृष्टतरं शुचि ॥ अत्रि 240-241. आकराः. करम् occurs in कौ. ध. सू. I. 5 58. The शु. कौ. (p. 258) after quoting शब्द 16 15 (शुद्धं नदीगतं तोयं सर्वं एव तथाकराः) explains. सर्वं एवाकरा यन्मादादिदृष्ट्यानानि तथा अजलाजादिनिष्पत्तिस्थानानि चेत्यर्थः ।

703. मक्षिका सन्ततिषारा भूमिस्तोषं हुताशनः । नार्जारश्चैव दर्वी च नकुलश्च सख शुचि ॥ अत्रि V, 13. विश्वरूप on या I. 195 quotes it without name as मक्षिका विदुर्नो नापौ भूमिः. दर्वी च नारुतश्च etc. नार्जारश्च...नारुतश्च—occurs in लघुहारीत 43. शुद्धिकौस्तुभे p 357 explains: सन्ततिः शिशुः यक्षवर्षाम्पन्तरवृषकः धारा तु एतन्ती ।

704. आकाशं वायुरग्निश्च मेघं भूमिगतं जलम् । न मृदुयन्ति दर्भाश्च यज्ञेषु चमसा यदा ॥ पराक्षर X. 41.

705. आमं मांसं पुनं क्षौद्रं स्नेहाश्च फलसम्भवा । अन्त्यभाण्डस्थिता ह्येते निष्क्रान्ताः शुचयः स्मृताः ॥ चतुर्विंशतिनत q. by परा. मा. II 1 p 115 भाय. विवेक p. 328 quotes the verse as यम's reading स्नेहसम्भवा. शु. कौ. p 318 also ascribes it to यम.

706. द्राक्षेड यन्त्राकाराकरोहस्ता गोदोहनी यन्त्रविनिःसृतानि । बालैरप्यग्निमिद्वद्धानि मत्स्यद्वद्धानि शुचीनि तानि ॥ बृहस्पति q. by शुद्धिप्रकाश p. 106.

out from crushing machines, actions (such as cooking) done by women and children when they are impure (by walking barefooted on the road) and are seen to be so, are still free from taint. One's <sup>707</sup> own bed, garment, wife, child, water pot—these are free from taint for oneself, but these are impure to others. Śāṅkha 16.15 is to the same effect.

Śāṅkha <sup>708</sup> states that whatever removes the dirt (or pollution) that is natural to a substance or arises from contact with another polluting substance must be declared to be its purifier. Śāṅkha-Likhita <sup>709</sup> declare that the substances that bring about purification of all (polluted things) are water, clay, the powder (or paste) of soap berries, bilva fruit, rice and mustard cake, salts (ashes), cow's urine and dung and that according to some when a substance is heaped up in a big mass, sprinkling with water. Manus V. 118, Yāj. I. 184, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 23.13 also provide that sprinkling with water is the mode of purification when large quantities of corn or clothes are polluted, but when the quantity is small they must be washed with water. The quantity is said to be large when it is more than what one man can carry as a load (according to Kullūka on Manus V. 118).

The general rule laid down by Gaut. I. 45-46, Manus V. 126 (= Viṣṇu 23. 39), Yāj. I. 191 about the purification of things or bodies that are smeared with foul matter is that water and earth are to be employed for purification till the foul odour and the contact of the foul thing is entirely removed <sup>710</sup>. Devala (q. by Aparārka p. 270) defines *śauca* as the removal by means of clay, water, cowdung and the like of the besmearing, the oiliness and odour of a thing that cause impurity.

707. आत्मशय्या च वस्त्रं च जायापत्यं कमण्डलुः । आसनं शुचीन्येतानि परेशान-  
शुचीनि ह ॥ अपस्तम्बस्मृतिः II 4, औधायन I 5 61 (reads शय्यासनं त्रयः). अपस्तम्ब  
p. 257 quotes it as औधायन's.

708. मलं सयोगजं तज्जं यत्प येनोपहृत्यते । तस्य तज्जोधनं शोकं सान्तर्यं द्रव्यशुद्धि-  
कृत् ॥ शाङ्खः q. by अपरार्क p. 256, दीपकालिका on या. I. 191. मद पा p. 451 reads  
मलसंयोगजम्.

709. सर्वेषामायो मृदरिक्तकेतुद्विलग्नतण्डुलसर्वपञ्चलरुक्षारगोमृद्वगोमयादीनि द्रौच-  
द्रव्याणि संश्रुतानि मोक्षणान्त्येकैः । शाङ्खलिकित्ति q. by चतुर्वर्गः vol. III part I p. 517.

710. लेपगन्धायकर्मणं शौचमनेष्ट्याकृत्य । तदग्निं पूरं मृदा च । यो पृथुः I 45-10.  
Almost the same words occur in बसिष्ठ III.48, यावत्कापैर्यनेष्ट्यात्पादयोः लेपश्च  
तच्छुतः । तावन्मृद्वग्निः चावेयः सर्वाश्च द्रव्यशुद्धिषु ॥ मनु V. 126 = विल्ह 23.39.

Gaut. Dh. S. (I. 28-33) briefly deals <sup>710a</sup> with the purification of things as follows: Purification of metallic substances (like bell-metal), earthenware, substances manufactured from wood, cloth made of threads or yarn is brought about respectively by rubbing (or scouring) them, by baking in fire, by chiselling or planing, by washing in water; objects made of stones, jewels, shells and pearls are purified by the same means as metallic substances; bones (ivory and the like) and mud (floor of houses) are purified in the same way as wooden substances; and earth (when polluted) is also purified by adding to it earth (brought from another pure spot); ropes, chips of bamboos and reeds, leather are purified by the same means as cloth or they may be abandoned when they are extremely polluted (as by the spilling of wine or urine or ordure). Vas (III. 49-53) has almost the same words, employing the word 'bhasmaparimārjana' (scouring with ashes and washing) for 'parimārjana'. The Āp. Dh. S. (I. 5, 17. 10-13) <sup>711</sup> provides: 'If one gets a used vessel only, he shall eat from it after having heated it thoroughly; a vessel made of metal is purified by being scoured with ashes and the like; a wooden vessel becomes pure by being scraped; at a sacrifice, vessels must be cleaned according to the precepts of the Veda.' Yāj. (III. 31-34) states; time (lapse of ten days or a year as to āśauca), fire, religious rites (like Āsvamedha or performing of *sandhyā*), clay, wind, mind, spiritual knowledge, austerities (such as *krocra*), water, repentance (in the case of sins), fasting—all these are the causes of purification. Gifts are the (main) cause of purification for those who do what is forbidden, flow of water in the case of a river, clay and water are means of *suddhi* in the case of substances that are not clean, *sannyāsa* (order of asceticism) in the case of the twice-born, austerities in the case of those that have studied the Veda when they commit a sin (through ignorance), forbearance in the case of those who know the Self, water in the case of dirty limbs, silent recital of Vedic mantras (*japa*) is the means of purifica-

710 a अथशुद्धि परिमार्जनपदाहृतक्षणनिर्णयानि तैजसमार्तिकद्वारवतान्तवानाम् । तैजसवह्मपलमणिशङ्खसुकानाम् । दाक्षवदस्त्रिभूयो । आवपनं च भूमे । चैलवद्वज्रनिबल-  
चर्मणाम् । उत्सर्गो वात्यन्तोपहतानाम् । गो 1 28-33. अत्यन्तोपहत is explained by  
विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 23.1 as 'शारीरमेतैः सप्तभिर्मध्ये वा यदुपहतं तदत्यन्तोपहतम् ॥'

711. अनामीते सृणमये भोक्तव्यम् । अमीतं वेदभिदग्धे । परिद्वष्टं लोहं प्रयतम्  
निर्लिखितं दाक्षमयम् । यथागमं यज्ञे । आप ध. सू. I. 5 17. 9-13 हरदत्त explains,  
'अमीतं कश्चित्कार्ये पाकादावप्युक्तम् । अग्निहोत्रहवणी दर्भैरग्निः प्रक्षालिता सोमपात्राणि  
माजालीये प्रक्षालितानि आरवपात्राण्युष्णेन वारिणा ॥'

tion for those guilty of secret sins, truth in the case of the mind (that is full of or is polluted by sinful thoughts), austerities and esoteric knowledge in the case of the man who identifies his soul with the body, correct knowledge in the case of intelligence, knowledge of God is the pre-eminent purifier of the soul. *Manu* V. 107-109 (= *Viṣṇu* 22.90-92) contain almost the same idea in almost the same words.

In prescribing the methods of cleaning polluted objects certain matters have to be considered according to a verse ascribed to *Baudhāyana* <sup>712</sup> by the *Mit.* (on *Yāj* I. 190) which states: 'One should prescribe means of purification after considering the time, the place, the body (or himself), the thing (to be purified), the purpose for which the thing is to be used, origin (of defilement), the condition (of the thing or person defiled).'

There is some divergence of views about the means of purifying or cleansing certain objects. It is unnecessary to set out in detail these differences. It is proposed to take certain objects one after another and to specify how they were rendered pure according to several of the *smṛtis* and digests.

Certain foul things were said by the *Smṛtyarthaśāstra* p 70 to be the causes of extreme pollution and certain others as causes of lesser or insignificant pollution. For example, excreta, urine, semen, blood, fat, marrow, liquor and intoxicants were the causes of great pollution; while dogs, village swine, cats, their urine, the wax from the ear, nails, phlegm, discharge from the eyes, perspiration are the causes of insignificant pollution.

*Baud. Dh. S. I. 5 66* provides <sup>713</sup> that the purification of the ground is brought about by means of sweeping with a (faultless) broom, by sprinkling (cow's milk, urine or water), by smearing with cowdung, by scattering (pure clay on it) and by scrubbing away (or scraping) some of the soil, when these are employed according to the situation of the ground and the particular impurity (of which it is to be purified) *Baud. Dh.*

712. देशं कालं तथारामं द्रव्यं द्रव्यप्रयोजनम्। उपपत्तिनदरणां च ज्ञाना रौचं प्रकल्पयेत् ॥ बोधायन q also by विश्वस्व on *Ma.* I. 195 and नेमातिथि on *Manu* V. 115. बोधायनधर्मसूत्र I. 5 55 reads देशं ..वरणां च विज्ञाप शौचं शौचज्ञं कुतः पनेत् समाचरेत्। The verse is *ह्युपरासित* 55 which reads कालं देशं The *mita* reads स्या मानं which means 'the bulk' (or extent of the thing to be purified)

713. भूमेस्तु संमार्जनमोक्षणोपलेपनावस्तरणोत्तेजनैर्दधारणं दोषविशेषान्तरम् ॥ बो. ध. *S. I. 5 66* वसिष्ठ III. 56 is almost the same



S in another place states:<sup>714</sup> when firm soil is polluted it is purified by smearing it with cowdung, hollow ground (one having holes) is purified by ploughing, ground wet (with impurity) by covering it (with pure clay brought from elsewhere) after removing the impure thing. Land is purified by means of four viz, being trodden under the foot of cows, by digging it up, by burning (firewood or grass thereon), by pouring over it (water, cow's urine or milk &c.) and fifthly, by smearing it (with cowdung) and sixthly, by the lapse of time. Vasistha III 57 quotes a verse which mentions five means of purification almost in the same words as those of Baudhāyana (except the sixth viz time) Manu V. 124 mentions five means of purification, viz, sweeping with a broom, smearing with cowdung, sprinkling, digging (and removing), the stay of cows thereon (for one day and night). Visnu Dh S. 23 57 adds *dāha* (burning) to the five of Manu Yāj. I 188 mentions seven means of the purification of the ground by adding *dāha* (burning) and *kāla* (lapse of time) to the five mentioned by Manu. According to<sup>715</sup> the Vāmanapurāṇa the ground is purified by digging, burning, sweeping, treading by cows, smearing of cowdung, scrubbing and by sprinkling water. Devala quoted by the Mit and Aparārka on Yāj. I 188 gives a more elaborate treatment. According to him polluted ground (*bhūmī*) is of three kinds, viz *amedhyā* (impure), *dustā* (soiled), and *malinā* (dirty). Where a woman is delivered of a child or dies or is cremated or where a spot has been inhabited by cāṇḍālas or where there are heaps of ordure and the like, ground that is full of foul things in this way is declared to be *amedhyā*.<sup>716</sup> That ground which is polluted by the contact of dogs, pigs, asses, camels and the like becomes *dustā* (soiled) and it becomes *malinā* (dirty) by charcoal, husk, hair, bones or ashes. Then

714 घनाया भूमेरुपचात उपलेपनम् । ह्यविराया. कर्षणम् । क्लिन्नाया मेध्यमाहृत्य प्रस्थादनम् । चतुर्भिः शुध्यते भूमिर्गन्धिराक्रमणात्खननाद् दहनादभिवर्षणात् । पञ्चमाञ्चोपलेपनात्पटात्कालात् । कौ. ध सू I 6.17-21 quoted and explained by शु कौ p. 100.

715. भूमिर्विशुध्यते स्वातदाहमार्जनगोक्रमैः । लेपादुल्लेखनान्तेकाद्वेदमसंमार्जनाचर्चनात् ॥ वामनपुराण 14 68.

716. यत्र प्रसूयते नारी म्रियते दह्यतेपि वा । चण्डालाधुषितं यत्र यत्र विद्यादिसंहति ॥ एवं कश्मलशुषिषा भूमेधया प्रकीर्तिता । श्वकारखरोद्यादिसंस्पृष्टा दुष्टतां व्रजेत् । अङ्गार-तुपकेशास्थिमस्माद्यैर्मलिना भवेत् । मिता on या I 188. अपरार्क reads यत्रारिष्टादिसङ्घतिः in the first verse and धूम for तुप. शु कौ. p. 101 reads प्रसूते गर्भिणी यत्र म्रियते यत्र मातुष । ..यत्र वा दह्यते शवः ॥ विष्णुसौपहतं यत्र कुणयो यत्र दह्यते । एवं कश्मलः, The definitions of दुष्टा and मलिना as quoted from देवल by शु कौ. p 101 and शुद्धिः p 99 are different.

Devāla<sup>717</sup> prescribes the purification of the three kinds of ground: 'Purity is of five kinds, viz. digging up, burning (with wood or grass), smearing (with cowdung), washing (with water) or the fall of rain. Even *amedhyā* ground may be purified by these five means employed together (where a corpse is cremated or *candālas* dwell) or by four (i. e. omitting rainfall or burning in other cases of *amedhyā*); ground that is *dustā* is purified by three (digging up, burning and smearing with cowdung) or two (viz. digging up and burning) and *malinā* ground is purified by one (i. e. by digging up).

The *Smṛtyarthasāra* (pp. 73-74) provides that if an idol made of iron or other metal is slightly polluted (as defined above) then it can be purified by means of *pañcagavya* after rubbing it with ashes; similarly a stone idol, when slightly polluted, should be washed with water mixed with the clay from an ant-hill and becomes pure after being treated with *pañcagavya*. Any idol, if polluted with ordure, urine or village mud would become pure after first being flooded for five days with *pañcagavya*, after being well washed with cow's urine, cowdung and clay from an ant-hill and by being again installed (with all installation rites). Questions about the pollution of temples by the entry of the so-called untouchables or by the entrance of persons other than *brāhmanas* in the inmost shrine (*garbhagrha*) have come before the courts e. g. in *Gopala Muppanar v. Dharmakarta Subramama* 27 Madras Law Journal p. 253 at p. 258, where reference is made to the ceremonies for the removal of pollution according to the *Āgamas* and *Tantras*. In *S. K. Wodeyar v. Ganapati* (37 Bom. L. R. 584) the point arose whether, when a custom was alleged that in a temple at Banavasi in the Canara district none could enter the inner sanctum except persons belonging to the ten sub-divisions of *brāhmanas* and a *Lingayat* entered it in spite of the protests of the worshippers in charge of the temple, his entry polluted the temple and whether he was liable to pay for the sum spent over the purification of the temple, the High Court of Bombay held that the custom alleged viz. of excluding from the inner sanctum all that were not *brāhmanas* was proved and that the *Lingayat* gentleman who entered it in spite of protests was liable to pay damages for the wrongful entry. In the *Nirṇayasindhu* (III

717. दहनं स्नानं भूमेरवलेपनवापने । पर्जन्यवर्षणं चेति शौचं पञ्चविधं स्मृतम् ॥ पञ्चवा वा चतुर्धा वा भूमेरेष्ट्या विष्णुह्यति । द्विधा त्रिधा वा दुष्टा तु शुध्यते मलिनैकधा ॥ देवल प. 101 which explains वापनं as दृढन्तरेण पूरणम्.

pūrvārdha pp. 351-52), the Dharmasindhu (III p. 324) and other medieval digests provision is made for the re-consecration (punaḥ-pratiṣṭhā) of an idol in a temple when the idol is polluted by the touch of cāṇḍālas or wine or is burnt by fire or is defiled by the touch of sinners or the blood of a brāhmana <sup>718</sup> If the idol be broken in two or more pieces or if it becomes broken (irregularly), if it be burnt or falls from its pedestal or be insulted, is without worship or is touched by an ass or the like animal, or falls on foul ground or is worshipped with the mantras of other gods,—in these ten circumstances Godhood ceases to indwell in the idol. If an idol be touched by robbers, cāṇḍālas, *patita* people, by a dog or a woman in her courses or if it be polluted by the touch of a corpse re-consecration is necessary.

The Visnu-dharmasūtra (23. 34) provides that idols when polluted should be purified in the same way in which the substances of which they are made (such as stone or copper &c.) is purified and then they should be re-consecrated. If the worship of an idol already consecrated is stopped for a day, two days, a month, or two months or it is touched by śūdras or a woman in her monthly course, then at a proper time *puṇyāhavācana* should be performed, an even number of brāhmanas should be fed, the idol should be submerged in water for a night and next day bathed with *pañca-gavya* from a jar full of it to the accompaniment of the respective mantras, then another jar should be filled with pure water and therein the nine kinds of precious stones should be cast, the jar should then have the

718. अथ पुन प्रतिष्ठा । तानधिकृत्य ह्यर्पणपञ्चरात्रे । चाण्डालमद्यसंस्पर्शद्विषिता  
बह्विनापवा । अपुण्यजनसंस्पृष्टा विपक्षतज्जुषिता ॥ संस्कार्येति शेषः । पदार्थादर्शं ब्राह्मे । खण्डिते  
रुद्धिते द्रव्ये ऋते नानविजर्जिते । यागहीने पशुस्पृष्टे पतिते दुष्टभूमिषु । अन्यमन्त्राच्चिते चैव  
पतितस्पर्शद्विषिते । दशस्त्वेतेषु नो चक्रं संनिधानं दिवौकसः ॥ यागः पूजा पशुं गर्दभादिः । ...  
सिद्धावशेषः । चैरचाण्डालपतितस्योदक्यास्पृशने सति । श्वाद्युपहतौ चैव प्रतिष्ठां पुनराचरेत् ॥  
• शुद्धिविधेः विष्णुः । द्रव्यवत्कृतशौचानां देवतार्चनानां भूयः प्रतिष्ठापनेन शुद्धिरिति । अर्चाः  
प्रतिष्ठा । तद्द्रव्यस्य तावदेवकशौचं कृत्वा पुनः प्रतिष्ठा कुर्यादित्यर्थः । तद्विधिनौ धायनसूत्रे ।  
पूर्वमतिष्ठितस्याशुद्धिपूर्वकनेकरात्रं द्विरात्रमेकमासं हिमासं वा अर्चनादिविच्छेदे शुद्धरजस्वलाद्यु-  
पसर्गने पूर्वोक्तं काले पुण्याहं वाचयित्वा पुनमाद ब्राह्मणान् भोजयित्वा निशायां जटाधियासं  
हत्वा श्रोतृते कलशपूर्णेन पञ्चगव्येन तत्तन्मन्त्रैः स्नापयित्वा अग्न्यं कलशं शुद्धोदकेनापूर्वं  
तस्मिन्नावरत्नानि प्रक्षिप्य तं कलशं तत्तद्वायुपट्टसहस्रमष्टशतमष्टाविंशतिवारं वाभिमन्त्र्य  
तेनोदकेन देवं स्नापयेत्ततः शुद्धोदकेन स्नापयेदष्टसहस्रमष्टशतमष्टाविंशतिवारं वा पुरुषसूक्तेन  
मूलमन्त्रेण च । ततः पुण्याणि दत्त्वा यथासम्भवमर्चयित्वा शुद्धोदनं निवेदयेदिति । उद्धिपूर्वं  
तु विच्छेदे पूर्वोक्तं प्रतिष्ठां पुन कुर्यात् । निर्णयसिन्धु III पूर्वार्थ pp 351-52 The passage  
from पूर्वमतिष्ठितस्याशुद्धि to the end is a quotation (with some omissions and  
additions) from कौषायनशुद्धिशेषसूत्र II.19 (Mysore Un, ed.)

Gāyatrī mantra appropriate to the idol repeated over it 1008 or 108 or 28 times and the idol should then be bathed with that water, it should be bathed with pure water to the accompaniment of the *Puruṣasūkta* (Rg. X. 90) and the *mūlamantṛa* 1008, or 108 or 28 times. Then flowers should be offered and worship of the idol should be performed and a *naivedya* of boiled rice and jaggery should be offered.

Recently after the attainment of Independence some of the Provincial Legislatures in India have passed laws (e g Bombay Act 35 of 1947, C. P. and Berar Act 41 of 1947) throwing open all Hindu public temples to people who were once called untouchable. This is not the place to discuss in detail the arguments for and against these measures. Many orthodox Hindus hold that their inmost feelings are hurt by this tyranny of the majority in the Legislatures. They feel that these measures are contrary to the four freedoms that are promised in many constitutions viz. freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want and freedom from fear. These measures are likely to be followed by serious consequences. It is felt that the younger generation now being educated has hardly any faith in religion or in anything being sacred, that the so-called untouchables themselves when once they have asserted their right of entering Hindu temples scarcely ever care to frequent them and the orthodox Hindus also often cease to worship therein. There is the further fear that, if religious feelings even when unreasonable according to progressive views could be trampled upon by the views of the majority, there is no knowing where the process would stop. There would be temptation for the majority in a country to say that the sacred places of other religions should either not exist at all or be opened for any one not belonging to the faith of the minorities. It would have been far better that, while removing all the disabilities of the so-called untouchables as to employment, public places, courts and education, temples had been left alone for some years to come. The entrance of one set of people into the temples often entails the departure of another set, as said by P. C. in *Sahlat v. Bella* 28 Bom. L R 161, which is not a very desirable thing. The equality of the former untouchables in all secular matters is sure to spread in a generation or so to other non-secular matters and so to entry into temples. Adjustments on an unprecedented scale are taking place in modern India with regard to usages cherished for ages and the entry into temples of the so-called untouchables would have been effected in a few years without recourse to the threat of

punishments and without bitterness and rancour in the hearts of many people.

From very ancient times water has been regarded as a great purifier. Rg. VII. 47 and 49 are hymns addressed to waters as divinities and they are there described as themselves pure and as purifying others (as in Rg. VII. 49. 2 and 3 'sucayah pāvakah'). Similarly Rg. X. 9 and 30 are hymns addressed to waters, in the former of which the waters are invoked to remove whatever sin or wrong one may have committed (Rg. X. 9. 8 'idam-āpaḥ pra vahata yat kiñca duritam mayi') Atharva-veda I. 33 is a hymn addressed to waters, wherein also they are described as 'sucayah pāvakah' (in A. V. I. 33. 1 and 4). The Vāj S. VI. 17 (closely following Rg. X. 9. 8) invokes waters to remove whatever is censurable and dirty.<sup>719</sup> In Vāj S. IV. 2 the sage prays 'May the Waters, our mothers, purify us !'<sup>720</sup> The Śat. Br. I. 7. 4. 17 (S. B. E. vol. 12 p. 213) states 'water is a means of purification.' Viśvarūpa on Yāj. I. 191 quotes a long Vedic passage<sup>721</sup> wherein it is said "whatever creates doubt (whether it is pure or impure) should be touched with waters; then it becomes pure." It is therefore that water (hot or cold) is said to be the purifier of various kinds of vessels and of the ground in Yāj. I. 182-183, 188, Manu V. 109, 112, 126. Gobhila (I. 31-32)<sup>722</sup> lays down that when a man engaged in any religious rite hears a mantra addressed to the *pitrs*, scratches his body, looks at a man of the lowest caste, or allows the wind to escape from his intestines, laughs loudly or speaks an untruth, touches a cat or a mouse, or uses harsh language, has a fit of anger, he should perform *ūcamana* (or touch water).

According to Yāj I. 187 and Viṣṇu Dh. S. 23.56 a polluted house is purified by being swept and cowdunged. But more stringent rules were laid down if a dog, a śūdra, a *patita*, a *mleccha* or a *caṇḍāla* died in a brāhmana's house (vide note 633 above). After keeping the house vacant for the periods

719 इदमप्यप्रवहतावर्धं च नलं च यत् । यज्वाभिदुद्रोहादृतं यच्च शोषे अभीक्ष्णम् । आपो ना तस्मादेनसः पवमानश्च सुञ्जतु । बाज. सं VI. 17.

720. आपो अस्मान्मातरः शुन्धयन्तु घृतेन नो घृतञ्च. शुनन्तु । बाज. सं IV 2.

721. तथा चाम्नायः । वाग्वै देवेभ्योऽपाक्रामत्.. तस्माद्यद्यन्मीमांस्यं स्यात्तच्छद्भिः शुशोत् शुन्देव भवति । विश्वरूप on या. I. 191.

722. पित्र्यान्ब्राह्मणान् आत्मान्मेधनेक्षणे । अधोवायुससुतसर्गे महासेऽहवमायणे ॥ नाजोरनृपकस्योऽप्यनुदे क्रोधस्तन्मवे । निमित्तेष्वेव सर्वत्र कर्म कुर्वन्नपः शुशोत् ॥ गोभिलस्मृति I. 31-32, quoted by कृत्स्नरत्नाकर p 50.

stated in note 633, it is provided by Samvarta<sup>723</sup> that a house that is polluted by the existence of a corpse inside it should be dealt with as follows: earthen pots and cooked food should be cast away and thrown out of the house which should then be smeared with cowdung and then a goat should be made to go about in it smelling it and then the whole house should be sprinkled over with water in which gold and *kūṣa* are put in by brāhmanas rendered holy by the repetition of the Gayatri mantra; then the house becomes pure. Marici prescribes<sup>724</sup> that if a candāla (merely) entered a house, it can be purified by plastering it with cowdung, but if he were to stay in it long, purification can be had only by heating it and making flames of fire lick its walls.

The ground in a brāhmana's house, in a temple, in a cow-pen should, says Yama, always be regarded as pure (unless it has been polluted).

A great deal is said in the smṛtis and digests about the purification of water. Āp. Dh. S. I. 5. 15, 2 says<sup>725</sup> in a general way that a person after sipping water from what is collected on the ground becomes pure. But the Baud. Dh. S. I. 5. 65, Manu V. 128, Yaj. I. 192, Śāṅkha 16. 12-13, Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa 35.19 and others add that water collected on the ground that is of such volume that a cow can slake its thirst therein, that is in its natural state and is not polluted by any thing impure and that has natural colour (is transparent) and taste and odour (either no odour or a fragrant odour) is pure. Śāṅkha says<sup>726</sup> the same about water collected on a stony surface and adds that the water of a flowing river is always pure. Devala states<sup>727</sup> that water brought in clean vessels is

723. सर्वतोः पृथङ्मुद्रिं प्रवक्ष्यामि अन्त रथज्ञवद्बुधे । प्रोत्थज्य मुन्यय भाण्डं सिद्धमल ततोच च ॥ पृथङ्पारय सत्सर्व गोमयेनोपलेपयेत् । गोमयेनोपलिप्याथ छागेनाप्रापयेद् बुध । माह्वर्णैर्मन्त्रपूतैश्च हिरण्यकुशवारिणा । सर्वमशुद्धयेद्देह्य ततः शुध्यत्यसंशयम् ॥ अपराकं p. 265, छुद्रिम् pp. 100-101, छुद्रिकौ. pp. 303-304.

724. पृथङ्पारयसंशयो छुद्रिः स्वादुपलेपनात् । संवत्सो यदि जायेत दाहनापै- विनिर्विशेषः ॥ मरीचि q. by अपराकं p. 266, छुद्रिम् p. 101, छु को p. 303 (reads दाहलेपः).

725. भूमिगतस्त्वप्त्वाच्चन्य भयतो भवति । आप. ध. सू. I. 5. 15. 2.

726. भूमिष्ठशुद्धकं छुद्रं छुचि तोयं शिलागतम् । वर्णगन्धरसैर्बुद्धैर्विजितं यदि तद्वदेद् ॥ १६ १२-१३ q. by छु. को. p. 297, छु. प्र. p. 102.

727. उद्धृताभ्यानि शुध्यन्ति छुद्रैः पानैः समुद्धृताः । एकरात्रोपिता आपस्तयान्वा. छुद्रा अपि स्वयम् ॥ देवल q. by मिता and अपराकं on या. I. 192.

pure but when it is (stale owing to its being stored) for one night (or more) it should be thrown though it was pure (when originally brought). There <sup>728</sup> is no taint in water that cannot be agitated by any beings and in the water of springs (that flow from hills). Tanks (that are so deep) that they cannot be agitated, rivers, wells and lakes (that are similar) should not be used by the usual way of descent (the *ghat*) if they come in contact with *candālas* and other impure persons or things. In *Narhari v. Bhumrao*, the Bombay High Court had to deal with the question whether a certain tank at Mahad in the Kolaba District could not be resorted to by untouchables for taking water and held that the untouchables were not prevented from using it (vide 39 Bombay L. R. p. 1295).

Brhaspati provides that if in a well the dead body of an animal with five nails (man or beast) is found or if the well is otherwise extremely polluted all the water of the well should be taken out and the rest should be dried up by means of clothes, then if the well be built with burnt bricks flames of fire should be made (to lick the surface of the walls), and then *pañcagavya* should be poured over when fresh water begins to flow in (from the springs) <sup>729</sup>. Āpastamba (q. by Śuddhikaumudī p. 299) states the circumstances when a well may be said to be extremely polluted: 'hair, excrements and urine, menstrual discharge, a dead body—when a well is defiled by these one should take a hundred jars of water from it' (and further purification by putting *pañcagavya* in it should be resorted to if there is more water). Parāśara VII. 3 says the same about wells (with steps), wells without steps and tanks.

Yāj. I. 197 (= Visnu Dh. S. 23. 41) provides that mud and water on roads which come in contact with lowest castes (like *candālas*), dogs and crows and buildings (like *mathas*) constructed with burnt bricks are purified by the wind alone

<sup>728</sup>. असौम्यानि तद्भागानि नवविपरीसरांसि च । चण्डालाद्यद्युत्तिर्यक् सौर्यतः परिरज्येत् । असौम्याणामर्षा नास्ति मनुसानां च दूषणम् । देवल q by अपराक p 272 छु म p 102 (reads कश्मलाद्युत्तियुक्तानि) and explains कश्मलं as कश्मादि and अद्युत्ति as विष्मूत्रम्

<sup>729</sup>. मृतपञ्चनखात्कृपादत्यन्तोपहतोत्था । अप. ससुद्धरेत्सर्वाः शेषं वस्त्रेण शोधयेत् ॥ धृष्टिमन्त्रालने कृत्वा क्षुपे पकेष्टकाचिते । पञ्चमस्यं न्यसेत् पश्चात्ततोयससुद्धये ॥ बृहस्पति q by अपराक p. 272. The first is quoted as a text of Uśanas by छु. की. p. 298 and reads शास्त्रेण (शास्त्रविधिना) for वस्त्रेण. The two verses are विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 23.44-45.

(blowing on them). Parāśara VII. 34 states<sup>730</sup> that mud and water on roads, boats, paths, grass and whatever is constructed with burnt bricks are rendered pure by the wind and the sun.

Rain water after it fell on the ground was supposed to be impure<sup>731</sup> for ten days. Similarly Yogyājñavalkya (q. by S. K. p. 291) remarks that water of a river (dried up in summer) coming down in a flood for the first time (after rains) should not be taken (as pure) and also water that is agitated by some one (with the feet &c.) and waters that start in a separate stream by themselves from a holy river (like the Ganges). Even when a well (without steps) or a well (with a flight of steps) or a reservoir with a dam is constructed by men of the lowest castes, no *prāyaścitta* is prescribed for bathing therein or for drinking water therefrom.<sup>732</sup>

Visnu Dh S 23. 46 provides<sup>733</sup> that the purification of small reservoirs of water that are static (i. e. from which no streams flow down) is made in the same way as that of wells (without steps), while in the case of large reservoirs no pollution is recognised. It is declared that waters are purified by the rays of the sun and the moon and the contact of the wind and by cowdung and the urine of cows; some of these ideas are supported by modern scientific discoveries.

A verse q. by Apararka p. 273 provides<sup>734</sup> that even the water at a *prapū* (a shed where water is distributed gratis to

730 रथपाकदमतायानि नात्र पन्थास्तृणानि च । मरुतार्केण शुष्यन्ति पक्वेष्टकाचितानि च ॥ पराशर VII. 34. दीपकालिका on या. I. 197 and छु कौ p 304 quote it but read रथपाकप्रमुष्यन्ति पक्वे and the latter explains 'रथपाकदम्यजातीनामित्यर्थः.' विश्वरूप does not comment on या. I 197 saying that it is superfluous, for the verse रथपाकदमतायानि गावः पथि तृणानि च मारुतेनैव शुष्यन्ति vide वामनपुराण 14. 73.

731. अज्ञा गावो महिषश्च आह्वणी च प्रसृतिका । दशरात्रेण शुष्यन्ति भूमिष्ठ च निवेदकम् ॥ यम q. by छु कौ. p. 297, while अपराक p. 293 ascribes it to मनु.

732. अन्त्येष्टये कृते कूपे सेतो वाण्यादिके तथा । तत्र स्नात्वा च पीत्वा च प्रायश्चित्तं न विद्यते ॥ शातात्प q. by सिता and अपराक on या. I 192. शुद्धिमकाश p 106 remarks 'इति स्वल्पन्तापविषयमिति शूलिपाणि..'

733. जलाशयेष्वथालेषु रथानरेषु महीतले । कूपवत्कायिता शुद्धिर्महत्तु च न दूषणम् । सोमदूर्गोद्युपानेन मारुतस्पर्शेन च । गवा मूत्रपुरीषेण शुष्यन्त्याप इति स्मृतम् ॥ विष्णु q. by अपराक p. 273 The first is विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 23.46 and the 2nd is almost like आपस्तम्ब (in verse) II. 7.

734. मपास्तरण्ये चटर्गं च कूपे द्रोण्यां जलं कोशगतस्तत्स्थाप । कवेपि शुद्राचद्वयेप-माह्वरापद्वयः कोक्षितवत् पिबेत् ॥ यम q. by अपराक p. 273 and छु न p 104 (which reads 'भूमिगता पिबेत्'). This reading would mean that he should pour such water on the ground and when it is as much in volume as would slake a cow's thirst he may drink it. The first half occurs in अत्रि 233, आपस्तम्बस्मृति II. 2. छु म. p. 103 quotes इहलिलिखित to the same effect



thirsty travellers) in a forest or from a jar placed near a well (for drawing water by any body) or the water in (a stone or wooden) trough (meant for all and sundry) and water from a leather bag even though these may not belong to a śūdra are unfit for drinking, but one may drink even such water as much as he desires when in distress. This shows that even in ancient times water was carried in leather bags or drums where there was scarcity of water and was allowed to be used even by twice-born people.

We may now turn to the purification of metals and vessels. Baud. Dh. S. I. 5. 34-35 and I. 6. 37-41, Vasistha III. 58 and 61-63, Manu V. 111-114, Yāj. I. 182 and 190, Visnu 23.2, 7, 23-24, Śankha 16. 3-4, Smṛtyarthasāra p. 70 and others lay down rules about the purification of metals which do not agree in details. Therefore it is proposed to set out only what is said by Manu and one or two others. Manu (V. 113 ff.) says 'The wise declare that the purification of metals (like gold), of precious stones (like emerald), of all articles of stone is brought about by ashes, water and clay. Articles of gold that are not smeared (with dirty things like leavings of food &c.) become pure by means of water alone; the same holds good of articles that are found in water (coral and shells), that are made of stone and are made of silver on which no craftsmanship (such as drawing lines or figures) has been expended. Gold and silver sprang forth through the union of water and fire; therefore their purification is brought about best by their causes, viz. water (in case of slight pollution) and fire (in case of extreme pollution). The purification of copper, iron, bell-metal, brass, tin and lead should be brought about by salts (ashes), acids and water according to circumstances (i. e. pollution caused). Vasistha (III. 58, 61-63) says: 'bell-metal is purified with ashes, gold and silver with water alone and copper with acids.' Yāj. I. 190 says 'the purification of tin, lead and copper is brought about by salt water, acids and ordinary water, of bell-metal and iron by ashes and water.' The Lingapurāṇa (pūrvārdha, 189. 58) says: bell-metal is purified by ashes, iron articles by salt; copper, tin and lead by acids; golden and silver vessels are purified by water and jewels, stones, conches and pearls are purified in the same way as metallic vessels. Vide Vāmanapurāṇa (14. 70) which states that copper pots are purified by acids, tin and lead ones by salts, bell-metal by ashes and water. Medhātithi on Manu V. 114

quotes a verse <sup>735</sup> which says 'vessels of bell-metal (or brass) when licked (or breathed over) by cows, in which śūdras have taken their food and which have been defiled by dogs and crows are purified by being scoured ten times with ashes (salts).' Śātatapa has a similar verse (vide Par. M. vol II part 1 p 172).

Elaborate rules are laid down about the purification of polluted pots and vessels used in ordinary life, in Baud. Dh. S. I. 5. 34-50, I. 6. 33-42, Yaj. I. 182-183, Viṣṇu 23. 2-5, Śāṅkha 16. 1-5 and others. There is some variation in all these, but, as the Mit. on Yaj. I. 190 remarks, it is not an absolute rule that copper must be purified by acids alone but if purification is possible by other means, they may be resorted to. It is not necessary to set out the different modes of purifying vessels. A passage from the Śuddhi-prakāśa pp. 117-118 would be sufficient to indicate how this matter of *pātraśuddhi* (cleansing of polluted vessels) was dealt with in medieval India. "vessels made of gold, silver, conches, shells, stones, precious stones, bell metal, brass, tin, lead are purified by mere water, provided they have no dirt or pollution sticking to them, if these vessels are polluted by the contact of leavings of food &c. they are purified by ashes and water or acids and water according as anyone of these is appropriate; the vessels made of the above substances that are polluted for a long time owing to being used by śūdras or owing to contact with leavings of food should first be scoured with salts (ashes) and water three times and should be then cast into fire so long as it can be borne (without the vessels being broken, melted or burnt up) and then they become pure. Vessels of bell metal when polluted by only dogs, crows, śūdras and leavings of food only once or licked by cows become pure by being scoured ten times with salts and water; but if they are polluted by the above several times then they have to be scoured 21 times for becoming pure. If in a vessel belonging to the three higher *varṇas* a śūdra takes his meal, it becomes pure after being washed four times with salts and being cast in fire and then taken up with hands that are washed clean with water. A vessel of bell-metal that is polluted once by the leavings of a

735 गवाभ्रातानि कार्पाणि क्षुद्रोच्छिद्यानि यानि च। क्षुध्यन्ति दशभिः क्षौः श्वका-  
कोपहतानि च॥ q. by मेधा on मनु V. 113 and मिता. on या. I. 190 This is  
लघुशातप 141. This verse is ascribed to अङ्गिरस by छू कौ p 307 and to  
शातप by छू. म. 116. This occurs in पराशर VII. 23, where the words क्षुद्रो-  
च्छिद्यानि and श्वकाकोपहतानि are transposed.

woman freshly delivered or by intoxicants or liquors becomes pure after being heated in fire; but if it is polluted several times then it becomes pure by being again manufactured. A vessel of bell-metal that is polluted by being frequently used for holding the water expelled from the mouth after rinsing it or the water in which the feet are washed should be buried in the ground for six months, then heated in fire and then it becomes pure (compare Parāśara VII. 24-25); but if it is polluted thus only once it becomes pure after (being buried in the ground) for ten days. All metal vessels polluted for a short time by the bodily dirt such as urine, excrement, semen become pure after being placed for seven nights in cow's urine or in a great river; but if they are polluted as above many times or are polluted by the contact of a corpse, a freshly delivered woman or a woman in her monthly course they become pure after being thrice washed with salts, acids and water and after being heated in fire till they can bear it, but if these are polluted by urine and for a long time and frequently they become pure by being beaten into shape (manufactured) again.

Viṣṇu (23. 2 and 5) provides that all metal vessels when extremely polluted (as stated in note 710) are purified by being cast into fire and that vessels of wood or clay when extremely polluted should be given up, but Devala<sup>736</sup> and others provide that wooden vessels when slightly polluted become pure by being planed or chiselled or by means of clay, cowdung or water and that earthen vessels if not extremely polluted become pure by being baked in fire<sup>737</sup> (also Yāj. I. 187). But Vas. III. 59 provides that an earthen vessel if polluted by the contact of wines, urine, excrement, phlegm, tears, pus and blood is not purified even by being burnt in fire.<sup>738</sup>

Special rules are provided for the purification of vessels and implements used in Vedic sacrifices. Baud. Dh. S. (I. 5. 51-52)<sup>739</sup> remarks that the *camasa* vessels used in sacrifices

736 काष्ठानां तक्षणाच्छुद्धिर्द्विद्विगुणमयत्नैरेव । सृष्टमयानां तु पात्राणां दहनच्छुद्धि-  
रिष्यते ॥ देवल ५. by शुद्धिम्. p. 118. Vide मनु V. 115 for the same rule about  
wooden vessels

737. Vide Leviticus 11. 32-33 about unclean vessels of wood and  
earthenware and their purification.

738 मद्यैर्मूत्रैः पुरीषैर्वा श्लेष्मदूपाश्चोणितैः । संस्पृष्टं नैव शुष्येत पुनःपाकेन दृढमयम् ॥  
वासिष्ठ III. 59 = मनु V. 123. It may be noted that मेधातिथि does not comment  
on this verse and quotes it on मनु V. 122 without naming the source

739. वचनायज्ञे चमसपात्राणाम् । न सोमेनाच्छिष्टा भवन्तीति श्रुतिः । नौ. ध. सू.  
I. 5. 51-52 Vide H of Dh vol. II p 1177 n. 2598, for the drinking of soma  
from *camasas* by the priests one after another.

are purified according to the special Vedic texts, since the Veda says that *camasa* vessels do not incur the fault of being *ucchuṣṭa* when it is soma liquid that is drunk from them. Manu V. 116-117, Yāj. I. 183-185, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 23. 8-11, Sankha 16. 6, Parāśara VII. 2-3 and others lay down rules about the purification of sacrificial implements. For example, Manu (V. 116-117) provides 'sacrificial vessels should be first rubbed with the right hand (or with darbhas or strainer) and then *camasas* and cups are to be washed with water before using them in the sacrifice; the *carusthālī* (the vessel in which the oblation of boiled rice is prepared), *sruc* (a wooden vessel used for pouring clarified butter on sacrificial fire), and *surva* (wooden ladle of a semicircular shape) are purified by being washed with hot water; the *sphya* (wooden sword), the winnowing basket, the cart (for bringing the soma plant), wooden mortar and pestle, are purified with water (or sprinkling water according to Yāj. I. 184).

Several rules were laid down about the purification of polluted corn and polluted cooked food. A reference has already been made to the purification of heaps of corn. Common sense, convenience and the loss that may be caused by very stringent provisions are the considerations which prompt the rules on this subject. Viṣṇu 23.25 provides <sup>740</sup> that where a heap of rice (or other grain) is polluted, one should throw away only that portion of it which is actually defiled and should submit the rest to pounding and washing with water; cooked food that exceeds in volume one *drona* and that has been defiled does not all become tainted, but that throwing away the defiled portion alone, one should sprinkle over the rest water mixed with gold on which the sacred Gāyatrī verse has been repeated and should hold it before a goat to see it and should also bring fire near it. Vide Baud. Dh. S. I. 6. 44-48. 'If grains of rice are polluted they should be washed and dried. But if it is a large quantity then sprinkling with water is enough; husked rice (if polluted) should be cast away. The same rule applies to cooked offerings. But in the case of large heaps of cooked food that portion which is polluted by dogs or crows should be cast away and the rest should be sprinkled with the *Anuvāk*.'

740. असिद्धस्यान्नस्य शक्नुमान्नस्य हतं तन्मात्रं परित्यज्य शेषस्य कण्ठनमशालने कुर्यात्। द्रोणाधिकं सिद्धमन्नस्य हतं न कुप्यति। तत्सोपहतमात्रमपास्य गोपश्याभिमन्त्रितं सुवर्णान्नम्। मक्षिवेदं वस्तस्य च मक्षिवेदमेव। तिष्ठन् 23.11. The छादिकौ p. 317 reads 'सूर्यस्य वक्षिवेदमेव'.

paramāṇaḥ suvarjanaḥ' (Tai. Br. I. 48). Gaut. 17. 9-10 provide<sup>741</sup> that one should not partake of food that was cooked along with hair and insects (like ants), nor food that is polluted by the contact of a woman in her monthly illness, by a crow or by being struck with the foot (of some one). But where food is already cooked and then it is smelt by a cow or it is polluted by the falling into it of hair, insects, flies, then Yāj. I. 189 and Parāśara VI. 64-65 provide that in order to purify it water, ashes (with water) or loose earth (with water) should be cast over it. Āp. Dh. S. I. 5 16. 24-29 provide that one should not partake of food in which hair exists (i. e. it was there from the beginning) or anything else (like nails) that is impure or of food that is touched with an unclean substance or in which an insect that subsists on impure things exists or food which is struck by the feet of any person or in which the excrement or the tail (or limb) of a rat is found.

The general rule is stated by Manu V. 118 which applies not only to corn and clothes but to many other articles viz. if there is a heap or a large quantity then sprinkling with water (*prokṣaṇa*) suffices for purification but if the quantity is small then washing with water is necessary. Manu V. 125 (= Viṣṇu Dh. S. 23.38) provides that (a small quantity of) cooked food part of which is pecked by birds (whose flesh is eaten by men), which is smelt by a cow, which is struck with the foot (by a man) and over which some one has sneezed or which is polluted by the falling in of hair and insects becomes pure by casting into it loose earth (and water). Parāśara (VI 71-74) puts the matter<sup>742</sup> thus: "food licked by dogs and crows or smelt by a cow or ass, if little in quantity, should be thrown away by a brahmana, but purification should be resorted to if it is a drona or ādhaka in quantity. That portion which is defiled by the saliva of a dog or crow should be thrown away and water in which gold is put should be sprinkled over the remaining portion, then flames of fire should lick the remaining

741. नित्यनभोज्यम् । केशकीटावपन्नम् । रजस्वलाकुण्ठाशुनिपदोपहतम् । शौ. 17 8-10.

742. काकश्वानावलीढं तु गवाघ्रातं खरेण वा । स्वल्पमन्नं त्यजेद्विप्रः क्षुद्धिर्दोषादन्ते भवेत् । अन्नस्योदृत्य तन्मात्रं यच्च लालाहतं भवेत् । सुवर्णादकमभ्युदयं हुताशेनैव तापयेत् । हुताशेनैव तं स्युद्धं सुवर्णसालिलेन च । विमाणां ब्रह्मघोषेण भोज्यं भवति तत्क्षणात् ॥ पराशर VI 71-74, q. by क्षुद्धिप्रकाश pp. 128-129 (which reads यच्च लालाकृतिर्भवेत् in the 2nd verse).

food and brāhmanas should loudly recite Vedic hymns (like the Pavamānasūkta) over it and then the food becomes fit for eating". The Śuddhiprakāśa explains that the wealthy should not throw away food if it is more than a drona in quantity and a poor man if it is more than an ādhaka <sup>743</sup>.

Manu V. 115 <sup>744</sup> says that in the case of all liquids (such as oils, ghee &c.) purification (when they are little in quantity) is brought about by means of two kuśas dipped into them (or by straining them through a piece of cloth into another pot) and if the quantity is large then by sprinkling (water). Śankha provides <sup>745</sup> that purification is brought about by mere proksana in the case of all exudations (Asafoetida &c.), jaggery, salts, safflower, saffron and in the case of wool and cotton. Vide note 705 above about certain articles being pure the moment they are transferred from the pots of even mleccas &c.

A few words may be said about the purification of different kinds of cloth and garments and the materials of which they are made. Laghu-Āśvalāyana (I. 28-30) provides that a white garment is always commended for wearing (as a *dhota*), but they are commended for wearing as upper garments and both are not defiled by the touch of anybody. Men may take their food or answer calls of nature while covered with both; *trasara* is purified by being washed while a silken garment is always pure. Manu V. 120-121, Yaj I 186-187 and Visnu (23. 19-22) provide almost in the same words that silken and woollen cloth is cleansed by saline earth (and with water and cow's urine), Nepalese blankets by the powder of soap berry, clothes made of tree bark with Bilva fruit and linen cloth by (paste of) white mustard. Visnu 23. 6 says <sup>746</sup> that when a garment is extremely polluted that portion thereof which when washed with water loses its colour should be cut off. Śankha <sup>747</sup> quoted by Vjśva-

743. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III. p. 124 for the measures of capacity called *drona* and *ādhaka*. According to most writers four *ādhakas* are equal to a *drona*.

744. द्रवाणां चैव सर्वेषां शुद्धिरुत्पन्नं सृष्टम् । शोषणं संहतानां च दारवाणां च तक्षणम् ॥ मनु V. 115. कुल्लूक explains 'प्रादेशयमाणकुशपत्रद्वयाम्बासुत्पन्नेन शुद्धिः', while the शुद्धिम् p. 133 remarks उत्पन्नं वस्त्रान्तरितपात्रमक्षेपेण कीटाद्यपनयनमित्युक्तम्.

745. निर्यासानां घटानां च लवणानां तथैव च । कुसुमकुङ्कुमानां च कर्णाकारां सपोस्तथा । शोषणात्कायिता शुद्धिरित्याह भगवान्पुनः ॥ शङ्ख 16. 11-12.

746. अत्यन्तोपहतस्य वस्त्रस्य यत्प्रक्षालितं निरज्यते तच्छिष्यात् । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 23.6.

747. चेलानामुत्पन्नेन प्रक्षालनं तन्मात्रच्छेदो वा । शङ्ख. 9. by विश्वरूप on या.

rūpa on Yāj. I. 182 prescribes that garments are purified by being submitted to hot steam, by washing with water or by cutting off only that portion that is defiled. Parāśara VII. 28 provides that garments made from bamboos and barks of trees, linen and cotton garments, garments of wool and birch bark are purified by mere *prokṣana*.

The *smṛtis* speak of purification of many other things, which is of little importance and is passed over here. Only a few illustrations are given here. Manu, V. 119 provides that skins and things made of split bamboos (or canes) are cleaned in the same way as clothes, while vegetables, roots and fruits are purified on the analogy of grain. Manu V. 120-121 state that the purification of conches, horns (of buffaloes and rams) and bones and tusks (of the elephant or boar) is to be caused in the same way as that of linen or with cow's urine or water and that grass, wood and straw become pure by being sprinkled with water. Visnu Dh. S. 23. 15, 16, 23 and Yāj. I. 185 are very similar.

From the above it will be clear that purification of substances depends on many circumstances, viz. whether they are metallic or are earthen, whether they are solid or liquid, whether a polluted substance is small in quantity or is a big heap, whether the pollution is extreme or insignificant and so on.

In Manu the purification of substances follows (V. 110) the means of purifying one's own body. Purification of the body by means of *ācamana* and *snāna* (bath) has already been described in H. of Dh. vol II pp. 315-316 and 652-653 (about *ācamana*), 656-668 (about *snāna*). Purification by bath on *āśauca* has already been dealt with before. Special rules were prescribed for women guilty of adultery (vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 594, vol. III pp. 647-649), as also for women raped (vide vol. II p. 575). *Snāna* (bath) with the clothes on was prescribed for purification of the body when a person touches one who is *patita* (murderer of a brāhmana &c.), a *candāla*, a woman freshly delivered, a woman in her monthly illness, a corpse or one who has touched a corpse; also when a man follows a funeral procession or touches a dog (vide Gaut. 14. 28-30, Manu V. 85 and 103, Angiras verse 152, Āp. Dh. S. I. 5. 15. 15-16, Yāj III 30). Baud. Dh S I 5. 140 provides that on touching one who sells the Veda (teaches it for money), a *yūpa*, a funeral pyre, a *patita*, a dog and a *candāla* one should

undergo a bath.<sup>748</sup> Parāśara also has a similar verse.<sup>749</sup> It has already been stated elsewhere (in H. of Dh. vol. II, pp 175-176) how the rules about touching untouchables were relaxed when people congregated in a temple or in a religious procession, at marriages and festivals and at holy places. It is said by some that this refers not to the so-called untouchables, but to men who are untouchable owing to āśauca. But this is not correct. The explanation of the Suddhi-kaumudī and Suddhiprakāśa given below makes it clear that the untouchables are meant. In the first place, the words are quite general and not restricted. In the second place, there is no untouchability (except for the mother) on the ground of *Jananūśauca* and it is most unlikely that a person who has incurred mourning on death should visit a temple or go to a marriage or enter a religious procession, or festival. In the third place, looking to the several occasions mentioned together (particularly pilgrimages, battles, fire in a town or village and commotion or invasion of a country) it appears most unlikely that the verse refers only to āśauca on birth and death.<sup>750</sup>

The ancient and medieval Indians put very great emphasis on purity of mind, of body, of the place where they resided or performed religious rites, of the vessels used by them and of the ingredients of their food and worship. Many of the rules about purification of substances may appear to modern minds as very stringent; but it should not be forgotten that the ancient Indians were imbued with the thought that purity of the mind followed from purity of food

748. वेदविक्रयिणं पूर्वं पतितं चित्तिमेव च। रघुना समाचरेत्तनानं स्थानं चण्डालमेव च॥  
बौ. ध. सू. I, 5.140.

749. चैत्यवृक्षाश्वितिरूपश्चाण्डालः सोमविकरयी। एतास्तु ब्राह्मणं रघुना सचेतो जल-  
भाविनेत्॥ पराशर q by ह्य कौ p. 327, which explains 'चैत्यवृक्षौ ग्रामनभ्ये देवदूत-  
वृक्षः, यूपोत्प्रेष्टिकर्मरूपश्वितिसंनिधानात्'

750. तीर्थे विवाहे यात्रायां समाने देशविषये। मगत्प्रामदारे च रघुना रघुर्दिनं दुष्पति।  
बृहस्पति q. by ह्य कौ p 323, ह्य म p 130. ह्य कौ. explains 'रघु अरुति  
अरुद्वयो चेन स तथा' and ह्य म remarks अरुद्विररुद्वयं रघुद्वयं रघुर्दिनेति च बृहस्पतिः।  
तेन तीर्थादी अरुद्वयस्पर्शने नाचमनस्त्वानादि॥'. The रघुर्दिन I pp 121-122 quotes  
this verse and two others 'ग्रामे तु यत्र संरुष्टिर्प्राजायां कलरादिषु। ग्रामसंरुपने चैव  
रुष्टिदोषो न विद्यते' and 'दिवयात्राविवाहेषु चोद्यु मरुतेषु च। उत्सवेषु च सर्वेषु रघुना  
रुष्टिर्दिने विद्यते' from शातातप and वद्विश्वम्भत respectively and explains ग्रामे रज  
कागदी.....एतच्च वाक्यत्रय यत्रादमनेन रघु इति ज्ञानं भारित तद्विषयमिति वाचि।  
अनुचित्वाद्याविस्पर्शविषयमित्यप्ये।



(as stated in the Chāndogyopanīśad VII. 26.2 'āhāraśuddhau sattvaśuddhiḥ' and by Hārīta). It would be conceded that some of their rules about purification (such as about large quantities of corn or heaps of cooked food) are based on common sense and convenience. We are probably going to the other extreme in taking our food anywhere and in any surroundings.

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## SECTION III

### CHAPTER IX

#### ŚRĀDDHA

This subject is of great practical importance from several points of view.

The Brahmapurāṇa defines śrāddha as follows: 'whatever is given with faith to brāhmanas intending it to be for the (benefit of) *pitrs* at a proper time, in a proper place, to deserving persons and in accordance with the prescribed procedure is called śrāddha'<sup>751</sup>. The Mit on Yāj. I. 217 defines śrāddha as 'abandonment with faith of an article of food or some substitute thereof, intending it for (the benefit of) the departed'. The Kalpataru on śrāddha defined it as 'the giving up of sacrificial material intending it for *pitrs* and its acceptance by brāhmanas'. The Śrāddhāviveka of Rudradhara and the Śrāddhaprakāśa define śrāddha in the same way as the Mit. but in a more involved manner. Yāj. I. 268 (= Agnipurāṇa 163. 40-41) states that the *pitrs* viz. Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas that are the deities of śrāddha, being gratified by śrāddha, give gratification to the ancestors of human beings. This verse and Manu III. 284 make it clear that the three ancestors of a man,

751. देशे काले च पात्रे च अर्द्धया विधिना च यत्। पितृवृद्धिष्य विभेभ्यो दत्त आर्द्ध-  
खदाहृतम्॥ ब्रह्मपुराण q. by आ म p 3 and 6, आ क ल p. 3, परा मा I. 2.  
p. 299; आर्द्धं नामादनीयस्य तत्स्थानीयस्य वा द्रव्यस्य मतेर्देशेन अर्द्धया त्यागः। मितक्षरा  
on या I 217; एतेन पितृवृद्धिष्य द्रव्यत्यागो ब्राह्मणस्वीकरणपर्यन्त आर्द्धस्वरूपं प्रधानम्।  
कल्पतरु (आर्द्ध) p. 4, कल्पतरुलक्षणमप्युपादेयं सन्धासिनामात्मआर्द्धे देवआर्द्धे सनका-  
दिआर्द्धे चाख्याते। आ कि पौ pp 3-4, अत्र कल्पतरुकार पितृवृद्धिष्य द्रव्यपातो ब्राह्मण  
स्वीकरणपर्यन्तो हि आर्द्धमित्याह तदयुक्तम्। पितृभक्ति of ओदत्त (folio 21a) The  
क्षीपकालिका on या I 218 accepts कल्पतरु; आर्द्धं नाम वेदबोधितपात्रालम्भनपूर्वक-  
प्रणीतपित्रादिदेवतोद्देशको द्रव्यत्यागविशेषः। आर्द्धविवेक p. 1, अत्रापस्तम्बादितकालवचन-  
पर्यालोचनया प्रणीतमात्रोद्देश्यकाक्षत्यागविशेषस्य ब्राह्मणाद्याधिकरणमतिपर्यङ्ककस्य आर्द्ध-  
पदार्थत्वं प्रतीयते। आ म p. 4 The आर्द्धविवेक states that द्रव्यत्याग is enjoined by  
the words of the Veda (वेदबोधित) and the thing abandoned is handed over  
to a deserving brāhmana (पात्रालम्भनपूर्वक). प्रतिपत्ति in आ म means the  
final disposal of a thing used in a sacrifice e g. in Darśa-pūrnāmāsa we have  
the sentence सद् शास्त्रया प्रस्तर प्रहरति Here शास्त्रप्रहरण is प्रतिपत्तिकर्म (Jai. IV 2.  
10-13) and not अर्घकर्म; similarly, the cremation of an āhitaḡṇa with his  
sacrificial vessels is a प्रतिपत्तिकर्म so far as the यज्ञपात्रा are concerned.

viz. the father, paternal grand-father and the paternal great-grand-father are respectively to be identified with the three orders of superintending *pitr* deities, viz. Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas, when performing śrāddha. According to some,<sup>752</sup> śrāddha denotes three things, viz. *homa*, the offering of *pinḍa* (ball of cooked food) and gratification of brāhmanas invited to a dinner; the application of this word to any one of these three can only be in a secondary sense.

A firm believer in the doctrine of *kaīma*, *punarjanma* (re-incarnation) and *karma-vipāka* (explained above) may find it difficult to reconcile that doctrine with the belief that by offering balls of rice to his three deceased paternal ancestors a man brings gratification to the souls of the latter. According to the doctrine of *punarjanma* (as very clearly and succinctly put in Br. Up IV. 4.4 and Bhagavad-gītā 2.22)<sup>753</sup> the spirit leaving one body enters into another and a new one. But the doctrine of offering balls of rice to three ancestors requires that the spirits of the three ancestors even after the lapse of 50 or 100 years are still capable of enjoying in an ethereal body the flavour or essence of the rice balls wafted by the wind. Further, Yaj. I. 269 (which is the same as Mārķ. 29.38, Matsya-purāṇa 19.11-12, Agnipurāṇa 163.41-42) provides that the grand-fathers (i. e. *pitr*s) being themselves gratified (by the offerings of food in śrāddha) bestow on men (their descendants) long life, progeny, wealth, learning, heaven, *mokṣa* (final beatitude), all happiness and kingdom. In the Matsya-purāṇa (chap. 19, verse 2) a question is asked by the sages how food which a brāhmana (invited at a śrāddha) eats or which is offered into fire is enjoyed by departed spirits that might have assumed (after death) good or evil forms of bodies. The answer given (verses 3-9) is that fathers, grand-fathers and great-grand-fathers are identified with Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas respectively according to Vedic passages, that the name and *gotra* (mentioned at the time of śrāddha), the *mantras* uttered and faith carry to the *pitr*s the offerings made, that if one's

752. होमश्च पिण्डदानं च तथा ब्राह्मणतर्पणम् । आह्नवशब्दाभिधेयं स्यादेकस्मिन्सौ-  
पचारिकः ॥ q. by आह्नसार p 30 हरदत्त on आप. घ सू II. 7. 16. 2 says the same  
thing. श्रीदत्त in पितृमक्ति (folko 23a) says 'पिण्डदानं तु न आह्नं किं तु आह्नाह्नं पिण्ड-  
विरहेऽपि नित्यआह्नवशब्दात्'.

753. अयमात्मेनैव शरीरं निहत्याविद्यां गमयित्वा न्यक्तवतरं कल्याणतरं रूपं कुरुते पित्र्यं  
वा मान्द्यं वा देवं वा प्राजापत्यं वा ब्राह्मं वा न्येवा वा भूतानाम् । बृह. उ. IV. 4. 4; तथा  
शरीराणि विहाय जीर्णान्धनानि संयाति नवानि देही ॥ गीता 2.22.



to perform it or is it because śrāddha produces no consequences or is it that it is not proved that *pitr*s and the rest are gratified by śrāddha? To the first he replies that there are such passages as 'therefore a wise man must perform śrāddha with all his efforts' that lay down the obligation; nor is the 2nd objection proper, since Yāj. I. 269 does declare the rewards (of śrāddha) viz. long life &c. Nor is the third alternative acceptable. In the śrāddha rites it is not that the mere ancestors named Devadatta and the like are the recipients and that they are denoted by the words *pitr*, *pitāmaha* and *prapitāmaha*, but that those words denote them as accompanied by the superintending deities viz. Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas. Just as by the words Devadatta and the like what is denoted is not merely the bodies (so named) nor merely the souls, but what is denoted by the words is individual souls as particularised by the bodies; in the same way the words *pitr* and the like denote Devadatta and others together with the superintending deities (viz. Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas). Therefore, the superintending deities viz. the Vasus and the rest, being gratified by the food and drink offered by the sons and the rest, gratify those also viz. Devadatta and the rest and endow the performers (of śrāddha) with such rewards as male progeny and the rest. Just as a woman expecting to be a mother becomes gratified by partaking of the food and drink for which she has a longing in pregnancy and which is given to her by another person for the sustenance of the child in the womb, she satiates also the child in her womb and endows those that offer her the food and drink for which she has longings by bestowing on them some reward in return. Thus the *pitr*s denoted by the words father, grandfather and great-grandfather are the deities Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas, and not merely (human beings called) Devadatta and the rest. Hence these deities of śrāddha become the recipients (of gifts) in the śrāddha rite, are gratified by the śrāddha and gratify in their turn the ancestors of human beings. The Śrāddha-kalpalatā then quotes 18 verses<sup>756</sup> from the

756. अन्नप्रकरणं यत्तु मनुष्यैः कियते भुवि । तेन वृत्तिरुपायान्ति ये पिशाचत्वमागताः ॥  
यदम्बु स्नानवस्त्रोत्तरं धूमो पतति ध्रुवकः । तेन ये तवतां प्रासास्तेषां वृत्तिः प्रजायते ॥ यास्तु मन्था-  
श्लुकाणिकाः पतन्ति धरणीतले । तामिराप्यायनं तेषां ये देवत्वं कुले गताः ॥ उद्धृतेष्वथ पिण्डेषु  
पाश्चात्तकणिका भुवि । तामिराप्यायनं तेषां ये तिर्यक्त्वं कुले गताः ॥ ये वादग्धाः (चादग्ताः) १)  
कुले बाह्याः क्रियायोग्या ह्यसंस्कृताः । विपश्चास्तेकविकिरसमार्जनजलाग्निनः ॥ भुक्त्वा  
चाक्षान्तां जलं यच्च जलं यच्चाद्भिः शोधने । ब्राह्मणानां तथैवान्ये तेन वृत्तिं प्रयान्ति वै ॥ मार्कण्डेय  
28. 8-13, स्कन्द VII. 1. 205 23-28 (with slight variations), ब्रह्मपुराण 220, 89-95,

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Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa many of which are found in chap. 28 (verses 3 ff) of the printed text. It is said <sup>757</sup> that just as a calf finds its own mother from among many cows that are scattered about, so the mantras repeated in śrāddha carry the food to the pitṛs.

The explanation offered by the Śrāddha-kalpalatā relying on passages of the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa is not satisfactory and is rather far-fetched. The Mārkaṇḍeya and the Matsya appear to agree with the doctrine of Vedānta that immediately on leaving one body the soul has recourse to another body, either as a god or a man or a beast or a snake &c. The hypothesis propounded is that the food and drink offered in śrāddhas becomes transformed into various substances for the use of the ancestors (Matsya 141. 74-75). But the great difficulty in accepting this explanation is that the ancestors might die at different places, while śrāddha may very often be performed at one place far away from those places. It is difficult to believe that the grass growing in one place where the ancestor has been transformed into a beast as a result of his evil actions is the same that might have been produced from the substances offered in śrāddha at a place hundreds of miles away. Further, if one or all the three ancestors have been transformed into beasts or the like how can they recognize their offering and bestow on them long life, wealth &c? If the Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas bestow these, it is better to say so directly and affirm that *pitṛs* cannot bestow

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quoted by स्मृतिच. (आ p 333.), आह्वसार p. 7 (the first three from मार्कण्डेय and the rest from बृहस्पति), आ क. ल p 5; नामगोत्रकालदेशा (नाममन्त्रास्तथा देशा) भवान्तरगतानपि ॥ माग्निः प्रीणयन्त्येते तदाहारत्वाभागतान्। देवो यदि पिता जातः ह्यभकमनुयोगतः । तस्याह्नममृतं धृत्वा दिव्यत्वेऽप्युपतिष्ठति। शैत्यत्वे भोगरूपेण पशुत्वे च तृणं भवेत्। आह्वात वायुरूपेण सर्पत्वेऽप्युपतिष्ठति। पानं भवति यक्षत्वे राक्षसत्वे तथापि यक्षः । वज्रजत्वे तथा माया (मांसं ?) प्रेतत्वे रुधिरौदकम्। मनुष्यत्वेऽस्त्वपानानि नानाभोगरसं भवेत् ॥ मत्स्य 19.4-9 (with changes in the order of verses) q as from मार्कण्डेय by स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 448), आ क ल pp. 5-6, निर्णयसिन्धु III p. 394 (from मत्स्य) Vide पञ्च (सूति 10. 38-43) for same verses with variations. The मरुह (प्रेतखण्ड) 10. 4-7 are almost the same as those from देवो etc. to the end and वरुह (प्रेत 10.12 and 15 are the same as the verses नामगोत्र...तदाहारत्वाभागतान्. The स्मृतिच. (आ. 448) explains: नामानि देवदत्तयज्ञदत्तादीनि मन्त्राः पृथिवी ते पात्रमित्यादयः आदेशा हृदमजादिकमनुष्मै भवत्विति एवमादिनिर्देशाः. मार्कण्डेय 29, 27-28 are similar.

757. यथा गोपु प्रतपासु पत्नो विन्दति मातरम्। तथा आह्वेषु हृद्यान्तो (दत्तान् ?) मन्त्रः प्रापयते तु तम् ॥ मत्स्य 141. 76, वायु 56. 85 and 83. 119-120, बृहस्पति, अथर्वण्यपाद 218. 90-91, उपोद्गातपाद 20. 12-13, q. by स्मृतिच. (आ p. 448) which reads गोदमण्डो and आह्वेषुदित्ति, आ. क ल. p. 5

any thing on their progeny. It appears very probable that the worship of ancestors by means of śrāddhas was a very ancient institution and that the doctrines of *punarjanma* and *karmapūka* were comparatively later ones and that Hinduism being all-embracing retained the institution of śrāddhas while adopting also the doctrine of metempsychosis. The institution of śrāddha is from one point of view an excellent one. It provides an occasion for remembrance of one's ancestors and relatives that were dear and near when living. The Āryasamāja objects to the institution of śrāddha and interprets pīṭrs in the R̥gveda as meaning living men in the Vānaprastha stage. It may be noted that the texts support both views. The Śat. Br. expressly says that food is offered to the father of the sacrificer in the words 'this is for thee.' Visṇu Dh. S. 75. 4 'He whose father is dead may put down a pinda for his father &c.' On the other hand Manu III. 284 states that fathers are spoken of as Vasus, grandfathers as Rudras &c and Yaj. I. 269 provides that Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas are the pīṭrs and the devatās of śrāddha. These latter are to be explained as containing an injunction to contemplate upon the pīṭrs as Vasus, Rudras &c.

As stated below (p. 347) with regard to the R̥gvedic passages, it was on account of the supposed power of pīṭrs to benefit or harm the living that the cult of the dead became a prominent feature in primitive societies. Offerings and ceremonies which may have in most ancient times been prompted in part at least by the desire to placate the ancestors are continued as tokens of pure affection and remembrance. Various beliefs about pīṭrs are mentioned <sup>758</sup> in post-Vedic Literature. The Baud. Dh. S. II. 8. 14 summarizes a brāhmaṇa text stating that pīṭrs move about in the form of birds. The Auśanasa-smṛti and Devala quoted by the Kalpataru say the same thing. In the Vāyupurāṇa <sup>759</sup> it is stated that at the time of śrāddha the ancestors

758. वयसां पिण्डं दद्यात्। वयसां हि पितरः प्रतिमया चरन्तीति विज्ञायते। जौ. घ. सू. II. 8. 14; न च पश्येत् काकादीन् पक्षिणस्तु न वारयेत्। तदूपाः पितरस्तत्र समापान्ति इन्द्रस्तव॥ औशनस्त (Jiv. I. p. 531), न चान्न इयेनकाकादीन् पक्षिणः प्रतिवेधयेत्। तदूपाः पितरस्तत्र समापान्तीति वैदिकम्॥ देवल p. 67 कल्पतरु on आह p. 17.

759. आह्निकाले तु सततं वायुभूताः पितान्हाः। आविशन्ति द्विजान् हव्वा तस्मादेतद् ब्रवीन्ति ते॥ वसैरज्ञैः प्रदानैस्तैर्मदपयेयैस्तथैव च। गोभिरश्वैस्तथा ग्रामैः पूजयित्वा द्विजोत्तमान्। भवन्ति पितरः मोताः पूजितेषु द्विजातिषु॥ तस्मादज्ञेन विधिवत् पूजयेद् द्विजसत्तमान्। वायुभूतान् 75.13-15 (= वायु. उत्तरार्ध 13.13-15, Venk. ed.); ब्राह्मणार्त्वे समापान्ति पितरो ह्यन्तरिक्षमाः वायुभूताश्च तिष्ठन्ति शुक्त्वा यान्ति परां गतिम्॥ औशनसस्मृति (Jiv. I. p. 526).

enter the brāhmanas (invited) after assuming an aerial form and that when the best of brāhmanas are honoured with clothes, foods, gifts, eatables, liquids, cows, horses and villages, pitrs become pleased. Manu III, 189 and the Auśanasa-smṛti also support this notion that pitrs enter the invited brāhmanas. The Matsyapurāṇa (18. 5-7) enjoins: pindas should be offered to the departed for twelve days after death, since they serve him as food on his journey and give him great satisfaction. Therefore, the soul leaving the dead body is not taken to the abode of the departed for twelve days (after death), the departed spirit hovers near his house, his sons, his wife for twelve days. Therefore for ten days after death milk (and water) should be placed (hung up) in space for ten nights for reducing all torments (or troubles of the departed) and for the removal of the fatigue of the journey (that the departed spirit has to make). The Viṣṇudharmasūtra<sup>760</sup> (20. 34-36) provides "the departed spirit enjoys in the world of *pitrs* the food offered in śrāddha with the utterance of the word 'svadhā'; whether the departed is in the state of a god or in the place of torments (Hell) or in the form of a lower animal or a human being, the śrāddha food offered by his relatives reaches him; when śrāddha is performed, the performer and the departed soul both certainly secure vigour (or prosperity)."

The Brahmapurāṇa<sup>761</sup> states that śrāddha is to be treated of under five heads, viz. how, where, when, by whom and with what materials. But before proceeding to deal with these five heads, it is necessary to dilate upon the underlying ideas and significance of the word '*pitarah*' from the most ancient times of which we have literary records.

The word '*pitr*' means 'father', but the word '*pitarah*' is used in two senses, viz. (1) a man's three immediate deceased ancestors, (2) the early or ancient ancestors of the human race that were supposed to inhabit a separate world (*loka*) by them-

760 पितृलोकगतश्चान् आद्धे शुक्ले स्वधासमम्। पितृलोकगतस्यास्य तस्माच्छ्राद्धं प्रयच्छत॥ देवत्वे यातनास्थाने तिर्गन्मनौ तथैव च। माहृत्ये च तथा मोति आद्ध वत् स्वधाध्वैः। प्रेतस्य आद्धकर्तृश्च शुद्धिः आद्धे कृते भुवम्। तस्माच्छ्राद्धं सदा कार्यं शोकस्य कृता निरर्पकम्॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 20. 34-36 Compare मार्कण्डेय 23.49-51 (Venk. ed) for similar verses

761. कृष्णध्वं सुनिर्झरित्वा आद्धकल्पं सुविस्तरात्। यथा यत्र यदा येषु (v. 1. येन) वैश्वदेवैस्तद्दद्यात्पणम्॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 2.



selves.<sup>762</sup> For this second meaning, vide Rg. X 14. 2 and 7, X.15.2 (translated above pp. 191-92, 194) and Rg. IX.97.39.<sup>762a</sup> 'That Soma which becomes stronger and stronger and makes others strong, that is strained through a strainer, that flows in a stream, protected us by means of the luminary (the Sun)—that Soma with whose help our ancestors knowing the place (where the cows were kept concealed) and the higher regions, harassed the mountain for (the sake of recovering) the cows.' In Rg. X. 15 1 the *pitrs* are said to be of three grades, lower, middling or higher. They are also said to be earlier and later ones (Rg. X. 15 2). They are all known to Agni, though all *pitrs* are not known to their descendants (Rg. X. 15 13). The *pitrs* are divided into several groups such as Angirasas, Vairūpas, Atharvans, Bhrgus, Navagvas and Daśagvas (Rg. X. 14. 5-6), the Angirasas being particularly associated with Yama who is invoked to come to the sacrifice along with the Angirasas (Rg. X. 14. 3-5). In Rg. I.<sup>763</sup> 62. 2 it is said: 'through whose (Indra's) help our ancient ancestors (*pitarah*), the Angirasas, who sang his praises and who knew the place, found out the cows.' The *pitrs* called Angiras were, it appears, again subdivided into two classes viz. Navagva and Daśagva<sup>764</sup> both of which words occur in Rg. I. 62 4, V. 39. 12 and X. 62. 6. In several passages the ancient fathers are identified with the seven sages<sup>765</sup> as in Rg. IV. 42.8 and VI. 22.2 and sometimes the Navagvas and Daśagvas also are said to be the seven sages (Rg. I. 62 4). Angirasas are said to be the sons of Agni (Rg. X. 62. 5) and also of Heaven (Rg. IV. 2. 15). The *pitrs* are often said to regale themselves in the company of gods,

762. This idea is at least Indo-Iranian, if not Indo-European. The ancient Parsi scriptures speak of *Fravashis* that were originally the same as *pitrs* of ancient Hindu works or the Manes among the ancient Romans. They were the everlasting and deified souls of the dead. Gradually the meaning of *Fravashi* was extended and even Gods and objects like the Earth and the sky were supposed to have each a *Fravashi*. Vide S. B. E. vol 4 p. 262 for the *Fravashis* of the holy Yama and for the different classes of *Fravashis*, also S. B. E. vol 23 pp. 180, 184, 230.

762 a येन न. पूर्वे पितरः पदज्ञा स्वर्विदो अभि या अद्भिष्टुण्यन् ॥ क्र. X. 97 39.

763 येन न. पूर्वे पितरः पदज्ञा अर्चन्तो अङ्गिरसो या अविग्वन् ॥ क्र. I. 62.2

764. नवगवासं सुतसोमास इन्द्रं दशगवांसो अग्न्यर्चन्त्यर्कः ॥ क्र. V. 39 12, ये अग्ने. परि जङ्गिरे विरुपासो दिवस्पतिः । नवगवो तु दशगवो अङ्गिरस्तमः सच्चा देवेषु महेते ॥ क्र. X 62.6.

765 अस्माकमत्र पितरस्त आसन् सप्त कषयो दौर्गहि बध्यमाने । क्र. IV. 42 8 ; सप्त न. पूर्वे पितरो नवगवाः सप्त विपासो अभि वाजयन्तः । क्र. VI. 22 2.

particularly of Yama (Rg VII. 76. 4, X. 14. 10, X. 15. 8-10) <sup>766</sup> The *pitrs* are said to be fond of Soma drink (Rg. X. 15. 1 and 5, IX. 97. 39), they lie down on kuśa grass (Rg. X. 15. 5), they come with Agni and Indra to partake of the offerings (Rg. X. 15. 10 and X. 16. 12) and Agni is also said to carry the offerings to the *pitrs* (Rg. X. 15. 12). Fire is supposed to take the spirit of a cremated person to the *pitrs* (Rg. X. 16. 1-2, 5=A. V. 18. 2, 10, Rg. X. 17. 3). In later works also (e. g. in Mārka. chap. 45), Brahmā is supposed to have created in the beginning four classes viz. gods, asuras, *pitrs* and human beings Vide also Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa, Prakriyā, chap. 8, and upodghāta chap. 9. 35 (ityete pitaro devā devāśca pitarah punah anyonyapitaro hyete).

It was supposed that the departed spirit, after the cremation of the body, was endowed with an ethereal body and became associated with Yama, the gatherer of departed men (Rg. X. 14. 1 and 8, X. 15. 14, X. 16. 5), and with *pitrs*. The departed spirit went to the world of the *pitrs* and Agni was implored to take the spirit to the world of the departed whose deeds were good and to the stride of Visnu (Rg. X. 14. 9, X. 15. 3, X. 16. 4).

Although Yama is said to dwell in heaven (*divi*) in Rg. X. 64. 3, he is really a god of the middle region, as the Nirukta states, <sup>767</sup> The Atharvaveda states <sup>768</sup> 'let us worship with obeisance the fathers and grandfathers of our father, that enter the wide middle regions, that dwell on the earth and in heaven.' In Rg. I. 35. 6 <sup>769</sup> it is said there are three worlds; two of them (Heaven and earth) are in the lap of Savitr; one (i. e. the middle region) is in the domain of Yama where departed spirits congregate. 'The great Luminary (the Sun) has risen, a gift of the *pitrs*' (Rg. X. 107. 1). In the Tai Br. I. 3. 10. 5 <sup>770</sup>

766 त इदेवाना सधमाद् आसन्वृतावान कवय. पूर्यास। गृह्ण ज्योतिः पितरो अन्विन्दन् सत्यमन्त्रा अजनयन्नुवासम्॥ ऋ VII. 76. 4, अथा पितृन् सुविद्वान् उपेहि यमेन ये सधमाद् मदन्ति॥ ऋ. X. 14. 10=अथर्व 18.2. 11.

767. माध्यमिको यम इत्याहुः। तस्मान् माध्यमिकाच्च पितृन् मन्यन्ते। निरुक्त XI. 18. The Egyptian legend of Osiris presents many of the details connected with Yama. Vide Vulhamy's 'Immortal man,' chap V pp 140-143

768. ये न पितृ पितरो ये पितामहा य आविविश्वरर्षन्तरिक्षम्। य आक्षिपन्ति पृथिवीसुत द्यां तेष्व. पितृभ्यो नमसा विधेम॥ अथर्ववेद 18. 2. 49.

769 तिलो द्याव सवितुर्द्वौ उपस्थौ एका यमस्य शुबने विरापाद्। ऋ. I. 35. 6.

770 वृत्तये वा इतो लोके पितर। तै. ब्रा. I. 3. 10. 5, अथ त्रयो वाव लोका मनुष्य लोकः पितृलोको देवलोक इति सोऽयं मनुष्यलोक पुत्रेणैव जन्मो नाग्येन कर्मणा कर्मणा पितृलोको विद्यया देवलोको देवलोको वै लोकानां श्रेष्ठस्तस्माद्विद्या मशंसन्ति। बृह. उ. I. 5. 16.

it is said that the pitrs dwell in the third world from this. This means that after *bhūloka* and *antariksa* comes the *pitrloka*. In the Br. Up. I. 5.16 three worlds of men, pitrs and gods are separately mentioned. In Rg. X. 135. 1-7, Yama is spoken of in somewhat different language. He is in this hymn mentioned as a god by himself and not as the first mortal who made a path (Rg. X. 14. 2) or as the gatherer of men (X. 14. 1) or as being in company of the pitrs. In a few other places Yama is no doubt called *rājan* and praised in the same breath with Varuna (Rg. X. 14. 7). But such a position is very rarely mentioned. For the further development of Yama and his assistants as the punishers of men for evil deeds, vide pp. 159-160 above and notes 381-386.

There is another division of pitrs viz. *pitrah somavantah*,<sup>771</sup> *pitrah barhiṣadah*, *pitrah agnisvāttāh*. The latter two are named in Rg. X. 15. 4 and 11 (which occur also in Tai. S. II. 6. 12. 2). The Śat. Br. defines these as follows.—“those that performed a soma sacrifice are *pitrah somavantah*; those that offered cooked oblations (like *caru* and *puroḍāsa*) and secured a world are *pitrah barhiṣadah*; those that did none of these (two actions) and whom fire consumes when burning them are ‘*pitrah agnisvāttāh*’; these are the only ones that are *pitrah*.” The Tai.<sup>772</sup> Br. has a somewhat similar passage and the Kāthaka Samhitā IX. 6. 17 also refers to these three kinds of *pitrs*. Later writers introduced certain changes in the meanings of the words for the different classes of *pitrs* and also increased the number of the classes of *pitrs*. For example, the Nandipurāṇa q. by Hemādri states: the *pitrs* of brāhmanas are called ‘*agnisvāttā*’, those of ksatriyas ‘*barhiṣadah*’, those of vaiśyas ‘*kāvyas*’, those of śūdras ‘*sukālin*’ and those of mlecchas and untouchables are called ‘*vyāma*’.<sup>773</sup> Even Manu

771. तद्ये सोमेनेजानाः । ते पितरः सोमवन्तोऽथ ये दत्तेन पक्वेन लोकं जयन्ति ते पितरो बर्हिषदोऽथ ये ततो नात्यतरञ्चन यानग्निरेव दहन्स्वदयति ते पितरोऽग्निष्वात्ताः । एत उ ते ये पितरः । शतपथभा II 6 1 7

772. पितृन् बर्हिषदो यजति ये वै यज्वान् । पितृन् अग्निष्वात्तान् यजति ये वा अयज्वानो यद्मेधिनः । ते पितरो अग्निष्वात्ता । अग्निं कव्यवाहनं यजति य एव पितृणामग्निः । तस्मादा वृत्तीयास्तुष्टपात्मानि यच्छन्ति । एतावन्तो ह्येज्यन्ते । ते. ब्रा I 6.9.5 वाङ्मुराण (30.6-7) echoes this ‘अग्निष्वात्ता स्मृतास्ते वै पितरोऽनाहिताग्नयः । यज्वानस्तेषु ये ह्यासन् पितरः सोमपीथिनः । स्मृता बर्हिषदस्ते वै पितरोऽनाहिताग्नयः’.

773. अग्निष्वात्ता ब्राह्मणानां पितरः परिकीर्तिताः । राज्ञां बर्हिषदो नाम विशां काव्याः प्रकीर्तिताः ॥ सुकालिनस्तु शूद्राणां व्याना म्लेच्छान्यजतिषु । q. by आ प्र. p 11 from हेमाद्रि, compare मनु III. 197,

(III, 193-198) mentions several classes of *pitrs*, connects *pitrs* called Somapās, Havīrbhujah Ājyapās and Sukalins with the four varnas and in III, 199 states that the *pitrs* of brāhmanas are designated as Anagnidagdha, Agnidagdha, Kārya, Barhisad, Agnisvātta and Saumya. Those verses of Manu appear to summarize different traditions about the several classes of *pitrs*. Vide Matsyapurāṇa 141. 4 for the same last four names and 141. 15-18 for their definitions. In Śātatapa-smṛti (VI 5-6) twelve groups or divisions of *pitrs* are mentioned viz. pindabhājah (three), lepabhājah (three), Nāndimukhas (three) and Ārumukhas (three). This is a classification of *pitrs* from two different standpoints. In Vāyu 72.1 and 73.60, Brahmandā (Upodghāta 9.53), Padma V. 9 2-3, Viṣṇudharmottara I, 138 2-3 and other Purāṇas the classes of *pitrs* are said to be seven, three of which are formless (*amūrtimat*) and four have forms (*mūrtimat*) and they and their offspring are described in detail. All this is passed over here. The Skandapurāṇa (VI, 216. 9-10) speaks of nine groups of *pitrs*, being Agnisvāttaḥ, Barhisadah, Ājyapāḥ, Somapāḥ, Rasmipāḥ, Upahūtāḥ, those called 'āyantunah', Śrāddhabhujah, Nāndimukhah. In this list old and new elements are mixed up. The Indian mind often revels in divisions, sub-divisions and classifications without much basis therefor and this is probably an illustration of that tendency. Manu (III 201) states that from the sages the *pitrs* sprang, from the *pitrs* sprang gods and human beings and from the gods arose the whole world whether moving or immovable. It is remarkable that here the gods are spoken of as springing from the *pitrs*. This is really a mere eulogy of *pitrs* (i. e. it is an arthavāda).

The *pitrs* were in a class apart from the gods. On the meaning of the word 'pañcayanāḥ' occurring in Rg. X. 77. 53. 4

774. पञ्च जना मम शोचन् प्रवक्ष्यामि । गन्धर्वाः पितरो देवा अमुरा रक्षासीत्येके । चामारो वर्णा निवाद. पञ्चम इत्येवमन्यथा । निरुक्त III. 8. The ह. 13.7 has 'पञ्चजनं जगतां सुकथं देवमनुव्याणां गन्धर्वाप्सरसां सर्षणां च पितॄणां च' The real meaning of पञ्चजना is the same as that of पञ्चकूटय. (in Rg. X. 60. 4), पञ्च शितीर्गमयिनी (Rg. VII 79.1), पञ्च चर्षणी. (Rg. V. 86. 2) and we have यत् पञ्चजन्यया विना in Rg. VIII. 61. 7. पञ्चजना means विना, the whole Aryan people divided probably into five classes. By the time of the Ait. Br. the original meaning of पञ्चजना was probably forgotten. The वेदान्तसूत्र (I. 4. 11-13) explains that the expression पञ्चजन्य occurring in Br. Up. IV 4. 17 refers to Prāṇa, Caksuḥ (eye), ear, food and mind occurring in the next verse (Br. Up. IV. 4. 18). Śaṅkara in his bhāṣya on Vedāntasūtra I. 4.12 states that the word पञ्चजन in Rg. VIII 23.7 means *prajā* (people).

(pañcajanā mama hotram juṣadhvam) and other passages, the Ait. Br. (13.7 or 3.31) explains that they are the five classes, viz. Gandharvas with Apsarases, pitṛs, devas, sarpas and rākṣasas. The Nirukta III. 8 partly follows this explanation and also gives another. In the Atharvaveda X. 6. 32 the gods, pitṛs and men are mentioned in that order. The ancient Vedic texts and practice make a sharp distinction between the Gods and the Pitṛs. The Tai. S. VI. 1. 1. 1 states: 'the gods and men divided the quarters, the gods took the east, pitṛs the south, men the west and Rudras the north.' The general rule is that sacrifices for gods are begun in the forenoon, while the pitṛ-yajña is performed in the afternoon (Śān Br.).<sup>775</sup> The Śat Br. II. 4. 2. 2 narrates that the pitṛs wearing the sacred thread over the right shoulder (and under the left arm) and bending their left knee approached Prajāpati, when Prajāpati said to them 'you will have food at (the end of) each month (on the Amāvāsyā), your *śiadhū* (cordial) will be swiftness of thought and the moon will be your light,' while to the gods he had said that sacrifice will be their food and the sun their light. The Tai. Br. <sup>776</sup> I. 3. 10. 4 appears to make a distinction between pitṛs who are of the nature and position of gods and pitṛs that are more or less like human beings.

The Kausika-sūtra (I. 9-23) neatly collects in one place the difference in the procedure of the rites meant for gods and for pitṛs. The performer of rites for gods wears the sacred thread on the left shoulder and under the right armpit, while in the case of the rites for pitṛs it is worn on the right shoulder and under the left arm; the rite for gods is either begun facing the east or north, while that for the pitṛs is begun facing the south; the rite for gods is finished in the north-east (or north or east), while that for the pitṛs is completed in the south-west; an action is done only once for pitṛs, while for gods at least thrice or as many times as the texts direct; in going round (perambulating) the right side is turned towards gods and the left one in the case of pitṛs; offerings are made to gods with the words 'svāhā' and 'vasat', while they are made to pitṛs with 'svādhā' and

775. अथ यद्वपराङ्गे पितृयज्ञेन चरन्ति अपक्षयभाजो वै पितरः । शा. ब्रा. V. 6.

776. देवान् वै पितॄन् प्रीतान् मनुष्या पितरोऽनुप्रपिपते । तिस्र आहुतीर्ब्रूहीति त्रिनिदधाति । पद् सन्पद्यन्ते । पद् वा ऋतवः । ऋतवः खलु वै देवाः । पितरः । ऋतुनेव देवान् पितॄन् प्रीणाति । तान् प्रीतान्मनुष्याः पितरोऽनुप्रपिपते । ते ब्रा. I. 3, 10 4 (com explains अनुप्रपिपते as प्रीता भवन्ति). This is alluded to in the वायुपुराण 30, 4 'मध्वाद्य पद् व त तान् पितॄन् प्रपिचक्षते । ऋतवः पितरो देवा इत्येवा वेदिकी श्रुतिः ॥ '



embryo, a child that (will wear later) a garland of lotuses so that he may become a grown-up male' repeated when the wife of the performer of the śraddha eats the middle one out of the three pindas. It should not be, however, supposed that the element of fear of the pitr̥s is altogether wanting.<sup>780a</sup> For example, Rg. X. 15. 6 prays 'whatever fault we may commit in reference to you through our being (erring) men do not injure us for that.' In Rg. III. 55. 2 we read 'May the gods and the ancient pitr̥s who know the place (of the cows or the path) not harm us here.' In Rg. X. 66. 14 it is said 'the Vasisthas praising the gods fashioned speech (hymns) like pitr̥s and like sages.' Here pitr̥s and rsis are separate groups and Vasisthas are compared to both.<sup>780b</sup>

In many passages of the Vedic Literature the word *pitar̥ah* is applied to the three immediate deceased male ancestors of a man. 'Therefore up to three generations they specify (the ancestors) by name; for so many are the ones to whom sacrifice is offered' (vide n. 772 above). The Śat. Br. II 4. 2. 19<sup>781</sup> mentions the presentation formulas of the cakes to the father, grand-father and great-grand-father and

780 a Compare Vulliamy's 'Immortal man' (pp. 24-25) for fear and affection as the elements of the attitude towards the dead among primitive as well as civilized men.

780 b देवाः सौम्याश्च काव्याश्च अयज्वानो ह्ययोनिजाः । देवास्ते पितरः सर्वे देवास्तान्वाद्यन्त्युत ॥ मनुष्यपितरश्चैव तेभ्योऽन्ये लौकिकाः स्मृताः । पिता पितामहश्चैव तथा यः प्रपितामहः ॥ ब्रह्माण्डपुराण II 28.70-71; अङ्गिराश्च ऋतुश्चैव कश्यपश्च महादृषि । एते कुक्कुलश्रेष्ठ महायोगेश्वराः स्मृताः । एते च पितरो राज्ञेषु श्राद्धविधिः परः । मेतास्तु पिण्डसम्बन्धान्मुच्यन्ते तेन कर्मणा ॥ अहु 92.21-22 This last shows that ancient sages like अङ्गिरस्, ऋतु and कश्यप are पितृs to whom water is offered (and no पिण्डs), while pindas are offered to one's immediate deceased ancestors.

781. स ददाति । असावेतत् इत्येव यजमानस्य पित्रे ये च त्वामन्विष्यु हेके आहुस्तु तथा न ब्रूयात् स्वयं वै तेषा सह येषा सह तस्माद् ब्रूयादसावेतत् इत्येव यजमानस्य पित्रे असावेतत् इति पितामहायासावेतत् इति प्रपितामहाय । तद्यदितः परागृह्णाति सकृदु होव पराश्च पितरः । सप्तम्य II 8.4.2. The ते सं. I 8.5.1.15: सोमाय पितृमते पुरोडाशं षड्कपालं निर्वपति पितृभ्यो बर्हिषद्भ्यो घाना । पितृभ्योऽग्निष्वात्तेभ्योऽभिवाच्यायै दुग्धे मन्थम् । एतत् ते तत् ये च त्वामनु एतत् ते पितामह प्रपितामह ये च त्वामनु अत्र पितरो यथाभागं मन्दध्वम् । Again in ते. सं III 2.5.5 occurs the passage 'एतत्ते तत्...मन्दध्वम्'. This is carried on to later times as in अहु 92.15 'सोमायेति च वक्तव्यं तथा पितृमतेति च'. Vide also अथर्व 18.4.71-77 'अग्रे कष्यवाहनाय स्वधा नम । सोमाय पितृमते स्वधा नम । पितृभ्य सोमवद्भ्यः स्वधा नम । यमाय पितृमते स्वधा नमः । एतत्ते प्रततामह स्वधा ये च त्वामनु । एतत्ते ततामह स्वधा ये च त्वामनु । एतत्ते तत् स्वधा ।' In Rg IX 11.2.3 कारुर्ह ततो भिषक्, तत् means 'father'. नपात् (=पौत्र) and प्रणात् (=प्रपौत्र) occur in Rg. VIII. 17.13.

then states that the performer mutters the words "here, O fathers! regale yourselves, like bulls come here each to his own share" (Vāj. S. II, 31 first half). Some (such as Tai. S. I, 8, 5, 1) repeated the formula "this here (ball of rice) is for thee and (for those) that come after thee." But the Śat. Br. emphatically says that he should not offer with this formula, but rather with the formula 'this here is for thee.' In Śat. Br. XII 8, 1, 7 the three immediate paternal ancestors are said to be svadhā-loving. Relying on these Vedic passages and on the fact that Manu (III, 221) and Viṣṇudharma-sūtra (21, 3, 75, 4) prescribe the invocation of pitrs after mentioning their gotra and names that the Śrāddhaprakāśa (p 13) concludes that it is really the father and the other ancestors that are the deities of śrāddha and not Vasu, Rudra and Āditya, since these latter have no gotra and that the description of the father and others as Vasu, Rudra and Āditya is meant only for contemplation (on them as identical with Vasus &c.). On a passage of the Brahmapurāṇa<sup>782</sup> prescribing that the performer should say to the invited brāhmanas that he would call the pitrs to the rites and that when the brāhmanas give permission to call them he should do so, the Śr. P. (p. 204) remarks that the pitrs here meant are the divine ones viz. Vasus, Rudras and Ādityas and also the human ones viz. the performer's father and the rest. The Vāyupurāṇa (56 65-66) Brahmanda and Anu. distinguish between pitrs who are above and pitrs who are *laukika*, viz. father, grand-father and great-grand-father. Vide also Vāyu 70, 34 for pitrs that are like gods.

In the post-Vedic Literature, particularly in the Purāṇas, a great deal is said about the origin and classes of pitrs. For example, the Vāyupurāṇa 56, 18 speaks of three classes of pitrs viz. 'kāvyāḥ, barhisadah and agnisvattāḥ', while the same Purāṇa, chap. 73, Varāha 13, 16 ff, Padma (Śrī 9, 2-4) and Brahmanda III, 10 1 speak of the origin of pitrs of seven classes that dwell in heaven, four of which have a form (*mūrtimat*) and three of which are without form (*amūṛta*). The Śatātapa-smṛti (6, 5-6) speaks of 12 pitrs viz. pṛṇabhājāḥ, lepabhājāḥ, nāṇḍimukhāḥ and āśrumukhāḥ. All such descriptions have to be passed over from considerations of space.

782. ब्रह्मपुराणे । पितृनावाहयामीति स्वयमुक्त्वा समाहित । आवाहयस्वेति परैरुक्तवा-  
वाहयेच्छुद्धिः॥ पितरो दिव्याः बहुवद्वाहित्या. मानुषाः यजमानस्य पित्रादयः । आ. म. p. 204.



From the sūtra period (about 600 B. C.) to the most modern among medieval Dharmaśāstrā works the authors wax eloquent over the praises or the importance or benefits of the institution of śrāddhas. One of the earliest works among these, viz. the Āp. Dh. S gives the following interesting information:<sup>783</sup> "Formerly men and gods lived together in this world. The gods went to heaven owing to sacrifices (i. e. as a reward of sacrifices that they performed), but men remained behind. Those among men who perform sacrifices in the same way as the gods did, dwell in the other world (i. e. heaven) with the gods and Brahman. Then (seeing that men lagged behind) Manu promulgated the rite which is designated by the word 'śrāddha' and which tends to the salvation (or happiness) of mankind. In this rite the Manes (*pitrah*) are the deities but the brāhmanas (that are fed) are in the place of the *āhavanīya* fire (in which in sacrifices to gods oblations are offered)". On account of this last sūtra Haradatta (com. of Āp. Dh. S.) and others hold that feeding the brāhmanas is the principal act at a śrāddha. The Brahmandapurāṇa (Upodghātapaḍa 9, 15, and 10, 99) speaks of Manu as the promulgator of śrāddha rites and Viṣṇupurāṇa III, 1 30, Vāyu 44, 38 and Bhāgavata III, 1. 22 designate Manu as Śrāddha-deva. Similarly, in the Śāntiparva 345.<sup>784</sup> 14-21 and the Viṣṇu-dharmottara I 139 14-16 it is stated that the institution of śrāddha was established in the Boar incarnation by Viṣṇu and that Viṣṇu should be regarded as dwelling in the three pindas offered to the father, grand-father and great-grandfather. From this and from the passage of the Āp. Dh. S cited above we may infer that it was believed even several centuries before Christ that the institution of śrāddhas had a hoary antiquity behind it and that it was as old as Manu, the father of mankind according to the Rgveda (VIII. 63. 1, VIII 30. 3.). It is, however, very remarkable that the word 'śrāddha' itself does not occur in any undoubtedly authentic and ancient Vedic passage, though the rite called Pindapitrayajña<sup>785</sup> (performed on the *amāvāsya* of each month by an

783. सह देवमनुष्या अस्मिन्नोके पुरा बभूवुः। अथ देवा कर्मभिर्दिव जगदुरहीयन्त मनुष्याः। तेषां ये तथा कर्मण्यारभन्ते सह देवैर्ब्रह्मणा चास्मिन्नोके भवन्ति। अथैतन्मनु. आह शब्दं कर्म योवाच। मजानि श्रेयसाय च। तत्र पितरो देवता ब्राह्मणस्त्वाहवनीयार्थं। आप घ सू II 7 16, 1-3

784. पिता पितामहश्चैव तथैव प्रपितामहः। अहमेवात्र विज्ञेयस्त्रिषु पिण्डेषु संश्रितः। शान्ति 345 21, १ by आ य p. 11.

785 That पिण्डपितृयज्ञ is a आह is stated by गोभिलशृङ्ग IV 4. 1-2 'अन्वत्क्रयस्थालीपाकेन पिण्डपितृयज्ञो व्याख्यातः। अमावास्यां तच्छ्राद्धमितरदन्वाहार्यम्।' Vide आ य p. 4 for the same. For a description of पिण्डपितृयज्ञ, vide H. of Dh. vol II. pp. 1085-1090, for सहापितृयज्ञ *ibid.* pp. 1101-1103.

*Ahitāgni*), the Mahapitryajña (performed in the Caturmāsya called Sākamedha) and the rites called Astakās were known to the early Vedic literature. The word śrāddha occurs in the Kāthopanisad (1. 3. 17) 'whoever proclaims this highly esoteric doctrine in an assembly of brāhmanas or at the time of śrāddha tends to secure immortality.'<sup>786</sup> The other early occurrences of the word śrāddha known to me are confined to the sūtra literature. The most reasonable and probable inference to be drawn from these facts is this that only a few rites (mentioned just above) were known as related to the *pitr*s and that therefore no need arose for a generic term in very ancient times to comprehend several rites for the *pitr*s. But when the number of rites in honour of *pitr*s increased, the generic term 'śrāddha' was hit upon.

A few samples of the panegyrics on śrāddha may be set out here. The Baud.<sup>787</sup> Dh. S. states that rites for the Fathers confer long life, heaven, fame and prosperity. The Harivamśa<sup>788</sup> says 'the world derives support from śrāddha and Yoga (i. e. Mokṣa) springs from it.' Sumantu<sup>789</sup> quoted in the Smṛticandrikā (śrāddha p. 333) states 'nothing else is declared to be more beneficial than śrāddha.' The Viṣṇupurāṇa (III. 14. 1-4) avers that if a man performs śrāddha with faith he thereby propitiates Brahmā, Indra, Rudra and the other gods, sages, birds, men, beasts, creeping animals, hosts of *pitr*s and whatever else is styled a being and the whole world. Yāj. I. 270<sup>790</sup> promising long life and several other benefits arising from gratifying *pitr*s has already been quoted above (p. 337). Yama has a similar verse. It is said in a passage of the Viṣṇudharmottara<sup>791</sup> quoted by the Śrāddhasāra (p. 6) and Śrāddhaprakāśa (pp 11-12) that the *pinda* offered to the

786. य इमं परमं शुभं आचरेद् ब्रह्मसंसदि। प्रपत. आह्नकादे वा तदानन्त्याय कल्पते॥ कठ० I. 3. 17.

787. पित्र्यमाहुष्यं स्वर्ग्यं यज्ञस्यं पुष्टिकर्म च। बौ. ध. सू. II. 8. 1

788. आह्ने यतिष्ठितो लोक आह्ने योगः प्रवर्तते। हरिवंश I. 21. 1.

789. आह्नात्परतरं नान्यच्छ्रेयस्करमुदाहृतम् । तस्मात्सर्वप्रयत्नेन आह्नं कुर्याद्वि-  
चक्षणः॥ सुमन्तु q. by स्मृतिच (आ.) p. 333.

790. आहु. पुत्रान् यज्ञः स्वर्गं कीर्तिं पुष्टिं बलं अयि.। पशुन् सौख्यं धनं धान्यं श्रामुपा-  
त्पितृपूजनात्॥ यम q. by स्मृतिच (आ. p. 333), आह्नसार p. 5. Similar verses are  
या I. 270 (= Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa 32.38) and शङ्ख 14. 33.

791. पूजितैस्तैर्भविष्यामि चतुरास्मा तथाप्यहम्! पितृपैतामहः पिण्डो वासुदेवः प्रकीर्तितः।  
पैतामहश्च निदिष्टस्तथा सङ्कर्षणः मयुः। पितृपिण्डश्च विज्ञेयः प्रष्टुमश्यापराजितः। आत्मा-  
निरुद्धो विज्ञेयः पिण्डनिर्षपणे ब्रह्मै.॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तरे I. 139.20-22, q. by आह्नसार p. 6  
and आह्नम. pp. 11-12.

great-grandfather is declared to be god Vāsudeva himself, the one to the grandfather is designated Sankarsana, that to the father is known as Pradyumna and the offerer of the pindas is himself in the position of Aniruddha. In Śāntiparva 345. 21 it is stated that Viṣṇu should be looked upon as staying in the three pindas. In the Kūrmapurāṇa it is stated 'on the day of *Amāvāsyā* the pītr̥s assuming an aerial form come to the door of their former haunt and mark whether śrāddha is being performed by men of their family. This they do till sunset. When the sun sets, being oppressed by hunger and thirst, they become full of despair and feel sorrow, breathe heavily for a long time and go away condemning their descendants. The pītr̥s of him who does not offer śrāddha on amāvāsyā, even with water or vegetables, go away after cursing him'.

It is necessary to say a few words about the derivation of the word 'śrāddha'. That the word is derived from 'śrāddhā' is quite clear. In the definition quoted above from the Brahmapurāṇa and the definition<sup>792</sup> given by Marīci and Bṛhaspati the connection of śrāddha with śrāddhā is emphasized. In śrāddha one entertains the firm faith or conviction that what is given up to the brāhmanas for the benefit of the departed man or the Fathers will reach him or them in some way. The Skandapurāṇa VI. 218.3 says that śrāddha is so called because śrāddhā is the root (or main spring) of that rite. This means that there is not only the conviction stated above but that there is a firm belief that a person is under an obligation to offer it. Śrāddhā is deified and addressed as a deity in Rg. 793 X. 151. 1-5, the first verse of which is explained in the Nirukta (IX. 31). The word also occurs in Rg. II. 26. 3, VII 32. 14, VIII 1. 31, IX. 113. 4. In some verses the two components of the word 'śrāddhā' (viz. 'śrat' and 'dhā') are separated without any change in the meaning. For example, in Rg. II. 12. 5 (= A. V. 20. 34. 5) it is said 'Have faith in him; O people! he is Indra'. In Rg. X. 147. 1, addressed to Indra, we have 'I have faith in that high wrath of yours &c.' (śratte dadhāmi

792. प्रेतं पिबुश्च निर्दिश्य भोज्यं यत्प्रियमात्मनः। अद्धया दीयते यच्च तच्छ्राद्धं परि-  
कीर्तितम्॥ मरीचि quoted from the पृथ्वीचन्द्रोदय by निर्णयसिन्धु III. p. 372, आ.  
प्र. p. 7. संस्कृतं व्यञ्जनादर्थं च पयोमधुपुलान्वितम्। अद्धया दीयते यस्माच्छ्राद्धं तेन निगद्यते॥  
बृहस्पति प. by हेमाद्रि p. 152, अपराक प. 501, कल्पतरु (आ. p. 176), आ. प्र. p. 3,  
आद्धतत्त्व p. 189 quotes it as पुलस्तक्यः.

793. अद्धयाग्निः समिधयते अद्धया ह्वयते हविः। अद्धां भगव्यं सूर्यं नि वचसो वेदया-  
मसि॥ ऋ X. 151. 1

prathamāya manyave). In the Tai S VII 4. 1. 1 it is<sup>791</sup> said "Brhaspati desired 'may the gods put faith in me, may I reach the position of being their priest'". Vide also Rg. I. 103. 5. *śrat* and *śraddhā* are both mentioned in the Nighantu (III. 10) as meaning 'satya'. In the Vāj. S. 19.77 we are told that Prajāpati put *śraddhā* in truth and *āśraddhā* in falsehood, while in Vāj. S. 19.30, it is said that truth is obtained by *śraddhā*.

In the post-vedic Literature, Pāṇini explains the forms 'śrāddhin' and 'śrāddhika' in V. 2. 85, in the sense of 'one who has eaten a śrāddha dinner'. The word 'śrāddha' may be derived from *śraddhā* according to Pāṇ. V. 1. 109<sup>795</sup>. *Śraddhā* is variously defined. In the *bhāṣya* on Yogasūtra I. 20, 'śraddhā' is defined as the composure of the mind<sup>796</sup> (or mental approval). Devala defines *śraddhā*: 'confidence (in the efficacy) of religious acts is called *śraddhā*, one who has no faith has no reason (or motive) for engaging in religious acts'<sup>797</sup>. The *Śrāddhasūtra*<sup>798</sup> of Kātyāyana prescribes 'one endowed with *śraddhā* should offer *śraddha* even with vegetables (if nothing else is available)'. Vide Manu III. 275 which emphasizes *śraddhā* for the gratification of pitrs. The Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa (29. 27) emphasizes<sup>799</sup> the relation of *śrāddha* to *śraddhā* and states that what is offered at *śrāddhas* becomes transformed into that kind of food for the use of the *pitrs* who require food in the new bodies they might have assumed according to the doctrine of *karma* and *punarjanma* and it also remarks that *śraddha* offered with wealth acquired in an improper or unjust way is a means of gratification to the *pitrs* that are born as *cāṇḍālas*, *pukkāsas* and similar very low grades of people.

794. बृहस्पतिरि कामयत अन्मे देवा दधीरन् मन्त्रेय पुरोवामिति । ते. सं VII. 4. 1. 1.

795. प्रयोजनम् । पा. V. 1. 109, तदस्येत्येव । सि. कौ. ; अद्धा प्रयोजनं (कारणं) अस्य इति आद्धम्

796. अद्धा चेतसः संपसाद । सा हि जननीव कल्याणी योगिनं पाति । योग्यद्वयभाष्य I. 20.

797. प्रत्ययो धर्मकार्येषु तथा अद्धेत्युदाहृता । नास्ति ह्यअद्धधानस्य धर्मकृते प्रयोजनम् ॥ देवत q. by कृत्यरत्नाकर p. 16 and आद्धतत्त्व p. 189.

798. अद्धान्वितः आद्ध कुर्वीत शक्तेनापि । आद्धसूत्र of कात्यायन q. by हेमाद्रि p. 152.

799. अद्धया परया दत्तं पितृणां नामयोजनम् । यदाहारास्तु ते जातास्तदाहारस्त्वमेति तत् ॥ मार्कण्डेय 29. 27, अन्वायोपाजितैर्येषां अद्धा क्रियते नरे । तृच्यन्ते तेन चाण्डाल शुक्लसाधारण योनियु ॥ मार्कण्डेय 28. 16, स्कन्द VII 1. 205 22

It has already been stated above (pp. 349-350) that in very ancient times there were only three rites for departed ancestors, viz. Piṇḍa-pitr-yajña (offered by those who had consecrated the śrauta fires) or monthly śrāddha in the case of those who had not done so (vide e. g. Āśv. Gr. II. 5. 10, Hir. Gr. II. 10. 1, Āp. Gr. VIII. 21. 1. Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 14. 3 &c.), the Mahāpitr-yajña and the Aṣṭakā śrāddhas. The first two have been already described in vol. II (as said above), but the Aṣṭakā śrāddhas have not been described at all so far. Therefore some remarks will be offered here about them. They are of special importance, but the authorities present great variations on almost all points such as the number of days and the months in which they were to be performed, the deities to be worshipped, the offerings to be made and the procedure to be followed.

Gaut. (VIII. 19) mentions 'Aṣṭakā' rite as the first among the seven kinds of *pākayañās* and as one of the forty *samskāras*. Aṣṭakā appears to have meant the 8th *tithi* in any month after the Full Moon day (vide Śat. Br. VI. 4. 2. 10). The Śat. Br. states<sup>800</sup> 'On the 8th day (after full moon) he (the performer of *agnicayana*) collects the materials for the fire pan, for sacred to Prajāpati is the 8th day (after full moon) and sacred to Prajāpati is this rite viz. the firepan.' Śābara in his *Bhāṣya* on Jai.<sup>801</sup> I. 3. 2 cites a verse occurring in the A. V. III. 10. 2 and in the Āp. M. P. II. 20. 27 as a *mantra* indicative of Aṣṭakā. The mantra is "May that (Aṣṭakā) night be very suspicious for us, whom people welcome like a cow coming towards a person and which is the wife of the Year.' In the A. V. III. 10. 8 the *Ekāṣṭakā* is said to have the year (*Samvatsara*) as husband. The Tai. S. VII. 4. 8. 1. provides<sup>802</sup> 'Men about to take *dikṣā* (consecration) for a *Samvatsarasattra* should undergo *dikṣā* on the *Ekāṣṭakā*; what is called *Ekāṣṭakā* is the wife of the year.' Jai. (VI. 5. 32-37) explains that *Ekāṣṭakā* is the 8th *tithi* after the Full Moon of Māgha. The Āp. Gr. (quoted by Haradatta

800. अष्टकायादृक्षां सम्भरति । प्राजापत्यनेतृद्वयदृक्षा प्राजापत्यनेतृकर्म यदुक्ता नाजापत्य एव तद्वत् प्राजापत्यं कर्म करोति । शतपथः VI. 2. 2. 23.

801. अष्टकालिङ्गाश्च मन्त्रा वेदे हव्यन्ते यां जनाः प्रतिनन्दन्तित्येवमावयः । शबर on जै. I. 3. 2. The verse as read by शबर on जै. VI. 5. 35 is: यां जनाः प्रतिनन्दन्ति यां पृथुनिनायतीन् । संवत्सरस्य या पत्नी सा नो अस्तु सुनङ्गली ॥ and he adds 'अष्टकायै सुगम्ये स्वाहा'. In the A. V. III. 10. 2 the readings are देवाः for जनाः and वेदद्वयपयतीन्.

802. संवत्सरस्य दीक्षिष्यन्नाणा एकादकायां दीक्षेरत्नेया वै संवत्सरस्य पत्नी यदेकादका । जै. स. VII. 4. 8. 1.

on Gāut. 8 19) says <sup>803</sup> the same, but adds that on it (the 8th *tithi*) the moon is 'in Jyēṣṭha' constellation. This means that if the 8th *tithi* is spread over two days, then that day on which the moon is in Jyēṣṭha would be called Ekāstaka <sup>804</sup> The Hir. Gr. (II 15 9) also says that Ekāstaka is called the wife of the year <sup>805</sup>

According to the Āsv. Gr. II. 4. 1 the Astakā days (and rites) were four, viz the 8th *tithis* of the dark halves of the four months of the two seasons of *hemanta* and *śiśira* (i. e. of Mārgaśīrṣa, Pausa, Māgha and Phalgūna). Most of the Grhya-sūtras viz Mānava Gr. II. 8, Śān. Gr. III. 12 1, Khadira Gr. III. 3 27, Kāthaka Gr. 61.1, Kausītaki Gr. III. 15. 1 and Pār. Gr. III. 3 say that there are only three Astakā rites viz. on the 8th after the Full Moon day of Mārgaśīrṣa (called *agrahāyāni*) i. e. in the dark halves of Mārgaśīrṣa, Pausa (or Taisa) and Māgha. The Gobhila Gr. III 10. 48 mentions that the Astakās are four according to Kautsa and in all flesh is to be offered, but that Gautama, Audgāhamaṇi and Vārkaḥkhaṇḍi prescribe only three and Gobhila follows these latter. The Baud. Gr. II. 11. 1 provides that the three Astakā homas are performed in the months of Taisa, Māgha and Phalgūna. Āsv. Gr. II. 4. 2 refers to an option that Astakā rites were performed only on one Astamī (and not on three or four). The Baud. Gr. provides that <sup>806</sup> the rite may be compressed into the three days (7th, 8th and 9th) of the dark half of Māgha or even in one day (i. e. 8th of the dark half of Māgha). The Hir. Gr. (II 14 2)

803 यो माघ्या. पौर्णमास्या उपरिष्टोद् व्यष्टका तस्यांमष्टमी उपेष्टया सम्पद्यते तामेकाद-  
केत्याचक्षते। अथ. गृ. VIII 21 10, अष्टकां व्याख्यास्याम । माघ्या. पौर्णमास्या योऽपर-  
पक्षस्तस्याष्टमीमेकादकेत्याचक्षते । हिर गृ II. 14 1-2 Both अनाकुला and तात्पर्यदर्शन  
explain व्यष्टका as कुण्डपक्ष.

804 According to a Vārtika on Pāṇ. VII 3. 45 the word Astakā is formed from "astan." धातुिक 9 on दाणिनि VII. 3.45 teaches that from अस्तृ we get Astakā as meaning a rite in which the pitrs are the deities and Astikā in any other sense (such as अष्टिका खारी)

805 The Full Moon night of Māgha is said to be the month of the year i. e. the year began on that day in ancient times. The Astakā day after the Full Moon day was the first and most important festival after the Full Moon and it was younger than the beginning of the year. It is probable that because of this it was spoken of as the wife of the year.

806 अथाष्टकाहोम । तैवे मासपरपक्षस्याष्टम्या क्रियेत । एवं माघे एवं फाल्गुने यद्वि-  
विद्वतः । येषु वै समस्त उपरिष्टात्मनाध्या पौर्णमास्या अपरपक्षस्य सप्तम्यामेष्टम्या नवम्यामिति  
क्रियेतापि चाष्टम्यामेव । यौ गृ II 11.1-4.

describes only one Astakā rite viz. the Ekāṣṭakā in the dark half of Māgha. The Bhāradvāja Grhya II. 15 also speaks of only Ekāṣṭakā but adds that the 8th of the dark half of Māgha on which the moon is in Jyesthā is called Ekāṣṭakā. According to Hir. Gr. II. 14 and 15 the one Astakā extended over three days viz. 8th, 9th (on which a cow was sacrificed for the *pitr̥s*) and 10th (which was the Anvāṣṭakā). The Vaikhāṇasa-smārta-sūtra (ed. by Caland) IV. 8 says that Astakā is to be performed on the 8th of the dark half of Māgha and Bhādrapada or on the 7th, 9th or 10th tithi.

There is divergence in the offerings also. The Kathaka Gr (61. 3), Jaimini Gr. 2, 3 and Śān. Gr. (III. 12. 2) provide that on the three different Astakās the offerings are of cooked vegetables, flesh and *apūpaś* (cakes), while the Pār. Gr. III. 3 and Khādīra Gr. III. 3. 29-30 put *apūpas* for the first Astakā (and hence Gobhila Gr. III. 10. 9 designates it *apūpāstakā*) and boiled vegetables on the last. According to Khādīra Gr. III. 4. 1 a cow is sacrificed. According to Āśv. Gr. II. 4. 7-10, Gobhila Gr. IV. 1. 18-22, Kauśika 138. 2, Baud. Gr. II. 11. 51-61, on the 8th day very many options are given, viz. either to sacrifice a cow or a ram or a goat; or to offer some jungle flesh that may be available or flesh mixed with sesame and honey, or flesh of the rhinoceros, deer, buffalo, ram, boar, spotted deer, hare, Rohita deer, pigeons, śāṅga and other birds, or an old red goat; fishes or rice cooked in milk so as to form thin gruel, or gifts only of uncooked corn or fruits and roots, or gold may be offered or only grass for cows or oxen or one may burn some thickets in a forest or present jars for holding water to those deeply learned in the Veda or should recite the mantras relating to śrāddhas, saying 'this is the Astakā I offer,' but one should not remain without observing the Astakā day in some such manner as the above 807

It is remarkable that although the Vārtika quoted above, and the Kathakagrhya 61. 1 state that the word 'Astakā' is

807. अथ यदि गां न लभते सैषमजं वा लभते। आरण्येन वा मांसेन यथोपरक्षेन।  
सङ्कष्टमसिपन्नेष्वरादप्युपतशसोहितशङ्खित्तिचिरिक्पेत्तकपिञ्जलवाग्निपतानामश्वत्थं तिलमधु-  
संसृष्टम्। तथा मत्स्यस्य क्षतवलेः (?) क्षीरोद्वेनेन वा, क्षीरोद्वेनेन वा। यद्वा भवत्यामैर्वा मूलफलं  
प्रदानमावन्। हिरण्येन वा प्रदानमावन्। अपि वा गोप्रासमाहरेत्। अपि वान्त्राज्यं च उह-  
कुम्भानाहरेत्। अपि वा आहुतसन्त्रानधीयीत। अपि वारण्येभिना कक्षसुपायेद्देवा, नैऋतेति।  
न खेवानहकं स्यात्। सौ. गृ. II. 11. 51-61; अष्टक्रायामष्टकाहोमाहुतं वा। तस्या  
हवीषि धाना. करम्भः शङ्कुल्यं पुरोडाश उदीचनः क्षीरीक्षन्तिलौघौ च यथोपपादियद्वा।  
काशिकसूत्र 168 1-2. For वाग्निपत, vide note (951) below.

applied to a rite in which the *pitrs* are the deities worshipped, the greatest divergence prevails as to the *devatā* of the *Astakā*. The *Āśv. Gr.* (II. 4. 3 and II. 5. 3-5) provides that on the 7th of the dark half the offerings are made to the *pitrs* and on the 9th also, but *Āśv. II. 4. 12* refers to the eight options as regards the deity of the 8th day, viz. *Viśve-devāh* (all the gods), *Agni*, *Sūrya*, *Prajāpati*, *Rātri* (night), *Nakṣatras* (constellations), the seasons, the *Pitrs*, *Paśus* (cattle). The *Gobhila Gr. III. 10. 1* starts<sup>808</sup> by saying that Night is the *devatā* of *Astakā*, but adds that there are other views about the *devatā* being *Agni*, the *Pitrs*, *Prajāpati*, *Rtus* (seasons) or all Gods.

The procedure of *Astakā* comprises three parts, viz. *homa*, inviting *brāhmanas* for dinner (up to seeing them go away after dinner) and the rite called *Anvastakya* or *Anvāstakā*. When the *Astakā* were deemed to be three or four performed in the several months noted above, all these were gone through at each *Astakā*. When the *Astakā* rite was performed only in one month i. e. after the Full moon in *Māgha*, the above parts were performed on three days, 7th, 8th and 9th of the dark half. When compressed in one day only, they must have been performed one after another on the same day.

Many of the *Gṛhyasūtras*, such as those of *Āśvalāyana*, *Kauśika*, *Gobhila*, *Hiranyakeśin* and *Baudhāyana* describe a very elaborate procedure in the case of *Astakā*. One of the shortest being that contained in *Āp. Gr.* (VIII. 21 and 22) is given here by way of sample<sup>808a</sup>. After defining *Ekāstakā* (in VIII. 21. 10) *Āp.* proceeds: 'He (the performer of the *Astakā* rite) should perform subsidiary (or preparatory) rites in the evening of the previous day (i. e. on the 7th of the dark half). He cooks (or bakes) a cake from rice taken up (from a heap) in four cups; according to some teachers the cake is prepared on eight potsherds (like a *puroḍāśa*). After the actions up to the

808. अष्टका रात्रिदेवता । शुद्धिकर्मा । आग्नेयी पित्र्या वा राजापरपुत्रदेवता वैश्वदेवीति देवताविचारः । गोभिलगृह्य III. 10. 1-3.

808 a. या माघ्या ...त्याचक्षते । तस्या सायनीपकार्यम् । अपुत्रं चतु शतारं अपयति । अष्टकाशाल इत्येके । पार्वणवदाज्यभागान्तेऽलिनीत्तरपापुपाञ्जहोति । सिद्ध शेषस्नानमथा कृत्वा ब्राह्मणेभ्य उपहरति । श्वोभूते दूर्भेण गाक्षुपाकरोति पितृभ्यस्त्वा जुष्टाक्षुपाकरोतीति । तूर्णी पञ्चाज्याहुतीर्हृत्वा तस्यै वषा अपयित्वापस्तीर्णाभिधारिता मध्यमेनान्वमेन वा पलाशपर्णेनोत्तरपा जुहोति । मांसोद्वहजुत्तराभि । पिष्टाक्षुत्तरपा । आज्याहुतीरुत्तरा । त्विष्टकृत्वमृति सनानमापिण्डनिधानात् । अन्वष्टकायामेवैके पिण्डनिधानमुपदिशन्ति । अप्रैतदपरं दूधन एवाञ्जलिना जुहोति यथापूपम् । अत एव यथार्थं मांसं क्षिप्त्वा श्वोभूतेनष्टका । तस्या नासिआद्धेन कल्पो ब्याख्यातः । *आप. गृ. VIII. 21.10-VIII. 22.12*



'Ājyabhāgas'<sup>809</sup> have been performed in the same way as at the *Amāvāsyā* and Full Moon sacrifices he makes with his joined hands oblations of the cakes with the next verse<sup>810</sup>. The rest of the cake that is already baked is divided by him into eight parts and offered to the *brāhmanas*<sup>811</sup>. On the following day he prepares the cow for immolation by touching her with a *darbha* with the words 'I make thee that are agreeable to the Fathers ready (for sacrifice)'. Having silently (i. e. without uttering the word *svāhā*) offered five<sup>812</sup> oblations of clarified butter, having cooked the omentum of that (cow) and having spread under (the cooked omentum) and sprinkled over it clarified butter he offers it with a *palāśa* leaf from the middle or the end of the stalk with the next verse (i. e. *Āp. M. P. II. 20. 28*)<sup>813</sup>. He offers boiled rice together with the flesh (of the cow) with the next verses (seven from *Āp. M. P. II. 20. 29-35*). He offers the food of flour cooked (in milk) with the next verse (*Āp. M. P. II. 21. 1* 'Ukthyaścātirātraśca'),<sup>814</sup> Then (he offers) the oblations of clarified butter with the following (eight) verses (*Āp. M. P. II. 21. 2-9*). The rites from *Śvistakṛt*<sup>815</sup> down to the placing of the *pindas* are the same as at the monthly *śrāddha* (described in *Āp. Gr. VIII 21. 1-9*). Some teachers prescribe that the *pindas* are to be offered the day after the *Aṣṭakā* (i. e. on the 9th of the dark half). Here follows another method (of celebrating the *Aṣṭakā* rite). He sacrifices curds with his joined hands in the same way as he offers the cake. Having left over from the meat (of the cow) as much as may be required, he performs on the day following

809. For *Ājyabhāgas*, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 1059, 1060.

810. The *Āp. Gr. S.* here and elsewhere refers to the collection of Mantras called *Āpastamba-mantra-pāṭha* (edited by Dr Winternitz). The verse meant here is *Āp. M. P. (II. 20, 27)*, quoted above in # 801 (*Yām janāḥ &c*).

811. The words 'siddhah śesaḥ' are explained by the *Anākūlā* (of *Haradatta*) as meaning 'the rest of the rites are the usual ones without alterations'.

812. As no *devatā* is expressly named, the offerings must be taken to be made to *Prajāpati*.

813. *Āp. M. P. II. 20. 28* is the *mantra* 'vaha vapām' (carry the omentum to the Fathers, O *Jātavedas*), which is *Vāj. S. 35. 20* and is prescribed for this rite in *Āśv. Gr. II. 4.13, Śān. Gr. III. 13. 3* and elsewhere.

814. The Mantra 'Ukthyaścātirātraśca' occurs also in *Sān. Gr. III. 14. 2*.

815. For '*Śvistakṛt*' vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 208 and 1257.

(the Astakā day) the Anvastakā rite. Its procedure is explained by the description of the monthly śrāddha.

Though Āp. Gr. (II. 5. 3) and Śān. Gr. III. 13. 7 state that the Anvastakya rite follows the procedure of Pindapitryajña, some Grhyasūtras (such as Khādira III. 5, Gobhila IV. 2-3) give very elaborate descriptions of that rite. The Āśv. Gr. and Viṣṇudharmasūtra 74 follow a middle course. The description in Āśv. Gr. is comparatively brief and it is set out below. It may be noted that some Grhya-sūtras state that the Anvastakya rite is performed on the 9th or 10th of the dark half (e. g. Khādira Gr. III. 5. 1 'navamim daśamim vānavastakyam'). Further, it may be stated that though most Grhyasūtras call the rite Anvastakya still it is also called, Anvastakā by Pār. Gr. III. 3. 10, Manu IV. 150, Viṣṇudharmasūtra 74. 1 and 76. 1. The most notable peculiarity of this rite is that therein female ancestors are invoked and offerings are made to them of which liquor (*surā*), scum of boiled rice, collyrium, salves and garlands form part. Though some sūtras (like Āśv. Gr. II. 5) declare that the Astakā and Anvastakya are modelled on the monthly śrāddha or Pindapitryajña, others (like the Baud. Gr. III. 12. 1, Gobhila Gr. IV. 4, Khādira III. 5. 35) say that the Astakā or Anvastakya is the norm which is followed in the Pindapitryajña and all the śrāddhas. The Kāthaka Gr. (66. 1, 67. 1, 68. 1, 69. 1) avers<sup>816</sup> that the first śrāddha, the other śrāddhas (such as sapindikaraṇa), Paśuśrāddha (in which the flesh of an animal is offered) and the śrāddha performed every month follow the procedure of Astakā. The Pinda-pitryajña could be offered on amāvāsya only by one who was *āhitāgni* (i. e. had kept the sacred vedic fires). It is impossible to believe that everyone became *āhitāgni*. The case was probably the reverse i. e. only a few became *āhitāgnis* and the rest had only the grhya fire or many of the rest were without even the grhya fire. It appears possible that all were required to offer śrāddha on amāvāsya on the analogy of pindapitryajña. As the latter became rare, the requirement of offering śrāddha on amāvāsya remained and in the sūtras and smrtis all the details were mentioned under māsisrāddha and in the case of the other śrāddhas the sūtras and smrtis pointed out only what was to be omitted. It is owing to this that the māsisrāddha came to be called the *prakṛti* and the other śrāddhas were called *vikṛtis*.

816 देवपाल on काठकग्रन्थ 66. 1 says अष्टकाविकाराणि हि सर्वआहुतानि The  
 नौ नृ III. 12. 1 states 'अष्टकाहस्तुविमलसिक्तं तद्वत्सत्त्वाद् व्यकृत्यातम्'

or variations of the māsisrāddha. Most of the details of the pīṇapitṛyajña were required in māsisrāddha and a few (such as giving arghya, *gandha*, *dīpa*) were added and more elaborate rules evolved.

The Anvastakya<sup>817</sup> is described in the Āśv. Gr. (II. 5. 2-15) as follows :—Having prepared a portion of the same meat,<sup>818</sup> having established the fire on a surface sloping towards the south, having fenced it in and made a door on the north side of the enclosed shed, having strewn round the fire three times sacrificial grass with its roots without touching it, turning the left side (of one's body) towards the fire, he should place down the things to be offered, boiled rice, boiled rice mixed with sesamum, rice cooked in milk, meal pap with curds and meal pap with honey. The ceremony should follow the ritual of the Pīṇapitṛyajña (vide Āśv. Śr. II. 6). Having sacrificed (part of the foods specified except meal-pap) with honey let him offer portions of those substances to the *pitrs* and to their wives with the addition of liquor and the scum of boiled rice. Some place the portion to be offered into pits, which may be two or six. In those situated to the east he should present the offerings to the *pitrs*; in those to the west, to the wives. Thereby the ceremony celebrated in the rainy season on the Maghā day in the dark fortnight after the full moon of Prausthapada (i. e. Bhādrapada) has been declared. And thus he should offer (a festival like the Anvastakā) to the *pitrs* every month, observing uneven<sup>819</sup> numbers. He should give food at least to nine (brāhmanas) or to any un-even number of brāhmanas. (Food should be given) to an even number on auspicious occasions<sup>820</sup>

817. अन्वष्टक्य is explained by रुद्रस्कन्ध on खादिरगृह्य III. 5. as 'अष्टकामष्ट क्रियते इत्यन्वष्टक्यं कर्म एतच्च मत्पदकमनन्तरं कर्तव्यम्' and by देवपाल on काठकगृह्य 65 I as 'अष्टकाया अनु पश्चाद्भूमन्वष्टक्यनित्यन्वष्टक्यं संज्ञान्वष्टक्यमिति । एतच्च केचिदष्टकाया अर्घ्यं वदन्ति केचित्तत्सदृशं विकारभूतं कर्मन्तरम् ।'

818. The meat is that of the animal killed on the Aṣṭakā day (Āśv Gr. II. 4. 13).

819. That is, selecting an uneven number of brāhmanas or on 'uneven *tithis*.'

820. 'Vṛddhi' or 'Ābhyudayaika' (referring to prosperity or good luck) Śrāddha is performed on such occasions as the birth of a son, the marriage of a son or daughter, the *pitrs* in the Vṛddhi-śrāddha being designated Nāṇḍimukha. Pūrta means charitable works such as construction of wells and tanks, building of temples, dedication of parks. Vide H. of Dh vol II p 344 n. 1992 and Yāj I. 250, Sāh. Gr IV 4 1 ff.

or on the performance of meritorious deeds; to an uneven number (on other occasions). The rite is performed from left to right. Barley grains are to be used instead of sesamum.

The Anvastakya rite was performed after each of the three or four Astakās and if only one Astakā in Māgha were performed, then after the 8th of the dark half.

There are two views about the rite called Māghyāvārsa<sup>821</sup> in Āśv. Gr. II, 5. 9. Acc. to Nārāyaṇa, the rite is performed in the dark half of Bhādrapada for three days on 7th, 8th and 9th.<sup>822</sup> The other view is that it is a rite like the Astakās but performed on the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada, when generally the moon is in the Māghā *nakṣatra*. There is doubt about the very name of the rite, as the mss. present various forms (vide Oldenberg's note in S. B. E. vol. 29, p. 103 on Śān. Gr. III, 13 1). The real name appears to be Māghyāvārsa or Māghāvārsa (meaning 'a śrāddha in the rainy season when the moon is in the Māghā *nakṣatra*'). The Visnu Dh. S 76 1<sup>823</sup> mentions the following times for offering śrāddha viz. (twelve) Amāvāsyās (in a year), the three Astakās, the three Anvastakās, the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada when the moon is in the Māghā asterism, the seasons of *śarad* and *vasanta*. In Visnu Dh. S. (78, 52-53) also a śrāddha on the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada is highly eulogised. Manu III. 273 also states that whatever food mixed with honey is offered on the 13th day in the rainy season when the moon is in Māghā procures endless satisfaction. To the same effect are Vas XI 40 (in the rainy season and on Māghā), Yāj I 26 and Varāhapurāṇa.<sup>824</sup> In the

821. The word माघ्यावर्ष (as an attribute of *Karma* or *Śrāddha*) may be derived from मघावर्ष (मघायुक्त वर्षः वर्षहेतुः) or वर्षमघा (or वर्षामघा meaning वर्षे मघा or वर्षोऽसु मघा). In the latter case the words are transposed on the analogy of पानदन्त (पा II 2 31). हरदत्त on आश्व गृ explains 'मघासु वर्षासंयोगाद् माघ्या-वर्षमिति भवति तच्च त्रयोदश्याम्' and then quotes पा I 261.

822. In the शुद्धादिसागर of नारायणभट्ट आर्हते it is stated 'अथाष्टकानिष्कृतिभूत माघ्यावर्षश्चाहुः तत्र भाद्रपदापरपक्षे सप्तम्यादिषु विष्वक्-सु अष्टकाकर्मवत् सर्वे कुर्यादिति कारिका । हरदत्तस्तु भाद्रपदकृष्णपक्षे मघायुक्तत्रयोदश्यां माघ्यावर्षाकर्म आह्वयः' folio 155 b (of the ms in the BBRAS) Vide Cat No 680 p. 215.

823. अमावास्यास्तिशोषकास्तिशोषवृक्षा माघी शीघ्रपक्षार्धे कृष्णत्रयोदशी त्रीदिवयापकी च । विष्णुध सू. 76 1 माघी is to be connected with कृष्णत्रयोदशी.

824. यहदाति गयार्थश्च सर्वमानस्यमभ्युते । तथा वर्षात्रयोदश्यां मघासु च विशेषतः ॥ पा I. 261, गायन्ति चैतयितरः कदा तु त्रयोदशीयुक्तमथासु भूय । वर्षासितान्ते शुभतीर्थ-तोषैर्यस्याम तृति तनयादिद्वैते. ॥ ब्राह्मसूत्र 13.47, correct grammar requires यस्याम-रुतिम्

Hir. Gr. II 13, 3-4 (edited by Kirste) the name appears to be Māghyāvārsa<sup>825</sup> and it is provided that meat is obligatory in it, but that if meat cannot be had then vegetables may be offered. In Pār.<sup>826</sup> Gr. (III, 3) the name (as printed) is madhyāvārsa which is said to be a 4th Astakā in which only vegetables are offered. Aparārka (p. 422) also appears to call the rite 'madhyā-  
varsa.' In the Bhavisyapurāṇa<sup>827</sup> (Brahma-parva), chap. 183, 4 also this rite is referred to but it is said that therein meat is to be offered. It appears probable that this ancient rite on the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada is a precursor of the Mahālayaśrāddha of later times.

If Āśvalāyana's view, viz. that there are four Astakās in Hemanta and Śśīra, were followed and if the Māghyāvārsa-śrāddha were to be performed on the 8th of the dark half of Bhādrapada as Nārāyaṇa holds, then there would be five Astakās in all. Bhaṭṭoji in his Caturvimsatimatasaṅgraha says so.<sup>828</sup>

Considerations of space forbid the comparison of the above procedure from Āp. Gr. and Āśv. Gr. with the procedure described in the other Grhyasūtras. It should be noted that several of the sūtras often employ the same mantras in the various stages of the rite (as pointed out above in notes 813-814).

It must be said that the Astakā śrāddhas gradually fell into oblivion and are not performed now.

The foregoing discussion establishes that the monthly śrāddha on Amāvāsyā was the model śrāddha (*prakṛti*) of

825. मातृवत्त on हिरण्य. गृ. explains, 'माघ्यावर्षः श्रौतपदो मासस्तत्र भवम्' i. e. he derives the name from मध्य and वर्ष (year), the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada being almost the middle of the year (when the year begins with चैत्र).

826. मध्यावर्षे च तुरीया शकाष्टका । पार. गृ. III, 3 (last sūtra) in the Gujara-  
thi Press edition.

827. तिथौष्टकास्तु कर्तव्या मध्यावर्ता (मध्यावर्षा!) चतुर्थिका । शकापायसपूर्पेस्तु  
मासेन तु चतुर्थिका॥ भविष्यपु. (I, 183.4).

828. एवं माद्रपदबहुलाष्टम्यष्टका बोध्या । तथा च पञ्चपुराणे—अग्निष्वात्तपितृ-  
कन्याया वसुनाम्ना मित्रा शसायाः दुनरयदीवायाः माद्रपदापरपक्षाष्टकालेनोत्पत्तिर्दिशिता ।  
श्रौतपदाष्टका श्रूयः पितृलोके भविष्यति । आश्वरीग्यदा नित्यं सर्वकामफलमदा ॥ इति । तदेवं  
पक्षाष्टका हेमाद्र्यादियन्त्रे स्थिता । तत्रापि आद्र्यं नित्यम् । भट्टोजि on चतु. सं. p. 122. पञ्च-  
पुराण (सुष्टिखण्ड) chap. 9, 28-29 are: श्रौतपदाष्टका श्रूयः...स्वर्गकामफलमदा. हेमाद्रि  
on आद्र्य p. 185 says 'अथ पूर्विकाष्टकचतुष्टयव्यतिरिक्तापि माद्रपदापरपक्षेऽष्टका । वस्याश्चे-  
तिहासपूर्वकमुच्यते: मशंता चोच्यते पञ्चपुराणे: and then he quotes eight verses from  
the पञ्च of which श्रौतपदाष्टका is the last.

which the Astakās and other śrāddhas were copies (*vikṛtis*) with suitable modifications, though a few dissident texts reverse the position.

In the Gobhila-grhya (IV. 4. 3 ff) another śrāddha called 'Anvāhārya' is prescribed after the Pindapitṛyajña on the same day. The Śān. Gr. IV. 1. 13 appears also to describe the monthly śrāddha as distinct from the Pindapitṛyajña. Manu (III. 122-23) states: 'After performing the *Pitṛyajña* (i. e. pindapitṛyajña) a brāhmana who keeps sacred fires shall offer every month on the amāvāsyā day the funeral sacrifice Pindānvāhāryaka.<sup>829</sup> The wise call the monthly offering to the Manes Anvāhārya and that must be carefully performed with the approved kinds of flesh mentioned below.' From this it appears that one who has consecrated the *śrauta* fires (i. e. an āhitāgni) was to perform the *pindapitṛyajña* in the *śrauta* fires and also perform the same day another śrāddha after the pindapitṛyajña, while those who had not consecrated *śrauta* fires were to perform on amāvāsyā a śrāddha in the grhya fire, which was called pindānvāhāryaka or simply anvāhārya and also were to offer pindapitṛyajña in smārta fire (vide Sat. Śrauta II. 7. 64 'grhyāgnau anāhitāgneḥ'). From inquiries made I learn that nowadays most Agnihottrins (at least in the Deccan) do not perform Pindapitṛyajña at all or perform it only once a year and that no one performs the Pindānvāhāryaka śrāddha. It is further to be noted that in smārta yajñas no one now sacrifices an animal but employs instead māsā grain and there are *āhitāgnis* who do not offer meat in śrauta sacrifices also, but only *pista-paṭu* (an effigy of an animal made of flour).

The literature on śrāddha is enormous in extent. From the Vedic Samhitās several thousand years ago up to medieval and modern commentaries and digests the various matters connected with śrāddha have been dealt with in more or less detail. The Purāṇas contain thousands of verses on śrāddha. An

829. मेधातिथि on मनु III. 122 explains. 'पिण्डानामनु पश्चादाह्नियतेऽनुष्ठीयते तद् 'पिण्डान्वाहार्यकं भवति', while सर्वज्ञनारायण explains 'पिण्डान्वाहार्यकं मात्रामन्वाहार्य' respectively by the पञ्चपुराण, छट्टि 9.88-89 'पितृयज्ञं तु निवेत्यं तर्पणाय तु योजिमाय । 'पिण्डान्वाहार्यकं कृत्वा आज्जकाले क्षये तदा॥ (कुर्यान्वाह्नमिन्दुक्षये तथा?)' and by the मत्स्यपुराणे 16. 43 यस्माद्वकीर्तुता मात्रा भक्षयन्ति द्विजतय । अन्वाहार्यकमित्युक्तं तस्मात् 'अह्निसंक्षये॥'. The पञ्चपुराणे (छट्टि 9. 119) further says 'पतदग्निमतां प्रोक्तमन्वाहार्यं च पार्ष्णिम्'. The कल्पतरु (on आह्न p 10) explains मनु III. 122 : पितृयज्ञोत्र पिण्ड-पितृयज्ञः । पिण्डान्वाहार्यकं पिण्डानामनु पश्चादाह्नियते क्रियते यद्वर्जआह्नं तत्तथा॥.

adequate and thorough treatment of all this vast mass would fill a separate volume, but considerations of space forbid such an attempt here. All that can be attempted here at the most (and that too not in all cases) is to present matters chronologically i. e. describe how śrāddha was dealt with in the Saṃhitās and Brāhmaṇa texts, then in the comparatively older Gṛhya and Dharma sūtras, then in such early smṛtis as those of Manu and Yāj., then in some representative Purāṇas, then in the early commentaries of Medhātithi, Vijñāneśvara and Apararka, and then in the medieval digests. Even in this way only a skeleton of the ceremonies described in some representative work of each class can be exhibited. Many differences of detail which arose owing to lapse of time, the locality, the śākhā and usages of each writer, his individual inclination and his ability, will have to be passed over altogether. In the days of the Purāṇas the differences in detail in the several śākhās have been adverted to.<sup>82a</sup> Apart from the smṛtis and passages of the Mahābhārata (such as Anuśāsana chap. 87-92) and commentaries on the Sūtras, on Manu, Yāj. and other smṛtis, the digests on śrāddha are legion. Only the following digests (arranged in chronological order) have been laid under contribution in this volume: Kalpataru on śrāddha; the Hāratala and Pitrdayitā of Aniruddha; the Smṛtyarthasāra; the Smṛticandrikā; the Caturvargacintāmaṇi (section on śrāddha) of Hemādri (which in the B. I. edition covers 1716 pages); the Śrāddhāveka of Rudradhara; the Madanapārijāta; the Śrāddhasāra (a part of Nṛsimhaprasāda); Śrāddhakriyā-kaumudī of Govindānanda; the Śrāddhatattva of Raghunandana; the Śrāddhasaukhyā (part of Tadarānanda); the Śrāddhakalpalatā of Vināyaka alias Nandapandita; the Nirṇayasindhu; the Śrāddhamayūkha of Nīlakantha; the Śrāddhaprakāśa (part of Viramitrodaya); the Śrāddhacandrikā of Divākarabhaṭṭa; the Smṛtimuktāphala (on śrāddha); the Dharmasindhu; the Bālabhaṭṭa, a commentary on the Mitākṣarā. While presenting this exhaustive and heterogeneous material, some generalisations, when called for, will be made here and there. It will be seen later on how several minor matters such as whether food should be offered to gods before śrāddha, definitions of words like parivitti, vṛsalipati increased the extent of treatises on śrāddha.

82a. The स्कन्दपुराण (नागरखण्ड chap. 215. 24-25) says: इदमन्ते ब्रह्मो भेदा द्विजानां आर्द्धकर्मणि। आर्द्धस्य ब्रह्मो भेदा. शास्त्राभेदेऽर्थवन्निवृत्ताः ॥

We should now turn to the several matters relating to śrāddhas.

First comes the question as to who are entitled to offer śrāddha (*śrāddhādārikārin*). This matter has been already dealt with in the H. of Dh. vol. III. p. 739 ff., and on page 763 and on pp. 256-261 (notes 581-588) above. It would be noticed that some (like the Vispudharmasūtra) prescribe that whoever takes the wealth of the deceased should offer *pinda*s (i. e. perform śrāddha for him), while others said that whoever was preferable as entitled to offer *pinda*s to the deceased propositus was to take the wealth. A few matters not mentioned there may be added here. In the Śāntiparva 65. 13-21 it is narrated<sup>830</sup> that emperor Māndhātṛ was told by Indra how Yavanas, Kirātas and similar non-Aryan peoples (that are styled *Dasyus* in the Epic) are to be made to conduct themselves and it is stated that all *dasyus* may perform *Pitṛyajñas* (in which they should feed men of their own kind and make monetary gifts to them) and offer money to brāhmanas also. The Vāyupurāṇa (83. 112) also speaks of the Mlecchas as persons that offer oblations to *Pitṛs*. The general rule is stated by the Gobhila-smṛiti<sup>831</sup> that the husband should not offer *pinda* to his wife even if she dies sonless, nor a father to his son nor an elder brother to a younger brother. The moral of the story of Nini who performed śrāddha for his predeceased son and repented for having done so as it was *dharmasaṅkara* is the same. Vide Anuśāsanaparva 91. Aparārka (p. 538) quotes a verse from Śaṭtriṃśan-mata that a father should not perform the śrāddha of his son nor an elder brother of a younger one. But Brhat-parāśara (p. 153) appears to state that even this general rule may have to be set aside sometimes. Baudhāyana and Vṛddhaśatātapa (q by Sm. C. on śrāddha p. 337) allow a śrāddha (except *sapindi*karana) to be performed by any one for any

830 यवनाः किराता गान्धाराश्चीना अश्वत्थेरा । शकास्तुषाराः कङ्काश्च पड्माश्चाश्र-  
मद्रकाः ॥...कथं धर्माश्चरित्यन्ति सर्वे विदयवासिनः । नद्विधैश्च कथं स्थाप्याः सर्वे वै दत्त-  
जीविनः ॥...नात्रापिबोहि शुश्रूषा कर्तव्या सर्वदत्तुभिः ।...पितृपक्षास्तथा कृपाः प्रपाश्च शयनानि  
च । दानानि च यथाकालं द्विजेभ्यो विदुर्जेतदा ॥ ...पाकयज्ञा महाहोश्च दातव्या. सर्वदत्तुभिः ।  
शान्तिपर्व 65. 13-21; on this the शुद्धकनकाकर (p. 55) remarks 'इति म्लेच्छादीनां  
आह्वयिषानं तदपि सजातीयभोजनद्रव्यदानादिपरम्'.

831. न योयाया. पविर्दद्याद्भुजाया अपि काचित् । न पुत्रस्य पिता चैव नापुत्रस्य  
वधायजः ॥ गोमिहस्तुति III. 70 and also II. 104, but see हृत्वरारार V (p. 153)  
'आह्वं पत्यापि कार्यं स्वाद्भुजायास्तु योषितः । तस्यापि हि तथा कार्यमेकत्वं हि तयोर्वत् ॥ ब्राह्-  
मणेभ्यः कुर्वीत कार्यं ज्येष्ठोऽपुत्रस्य च । देवहीनं तु तत् कुर्वादेति धर्मविदो विदुः ॥ अपराकं  
p. 538 quotes पित्रा आह्वं न कर्तव्यं पुत्राणां च कार्यं चन from पदविज्ञानम्



relative through affection, particularly at Gayā. It is emphasized<sup>832</sup> that he alone deserves to be called *putra*, who, while the father is alive, obeys his words, and gives plenty of food (to *brāhmanas*) every year (after his father's death) and who offers *pindas* (to his ancestors) at Gayā. The general rule laid down was that a child, whose *upanayana* has not been performed, is like a *sūdra* and lacks authority to utter Vedic passages (vide *Āp. Dh. S. II. 6, 15, 19, Gaut. II. 4-5, Vas. II. 6, Visnu Dh. S. 28, 40, Manu II. 172*).<sup>833</sup> But an exception was recognized by almost all these authorities that a son, though his *upanayana* may not have been performed, can repeat the Vedic *mantras* required in funeral rites. *Medhatithi* on *Manu II. 172* explains that a minor son, even though not initiated into Vedic study by *upanayana*, can offer water to his father, perform the *navasrāddhas* (mentioned above in n. 593) and repeat such *mantras* as 'sundhantām pitarāḥ' required in these rites, but since he has no *śrauta* or *grhya* fire of his own he can not perform such *śrāddhas* as the *pūrvana*. The *Smṛtyarthasāra* (p. 56) provides that boys whose *upanayana* has not been performed, women and *sūdras* should get *śrāddhas* performed through a priest or they may themselves perform them without *mantras* but only mention the name and *gotra* of the deceased or with the two *mantras* 'devabhya namaḥ' and 'pitrbhyaḥ svadhā namaḥ'. The above discussion shows that men and women, adults as well as children, those who are *upanīta* as well as those that are *anupanīta* are under an obligation to perform *śrāddha*.

*Tai. S. I. 8. 5. 1, Tai. Br. I. 6. 9* (which will be quoted later on) show that *śrāddha* was offered to three immediate ancestors, father, grand-father, great-grand-father. The *Baud. Dh. S. (I. 5. 113-115)* states that there is a group of seven persons closely knit together that is called *avibhaktadāya sapinḍas* viz. great-grand-father, grand-father, father, the man himself (who

832 जीवतो वाक्यकरणात् प्रत्यब्दं सूरिभोजनात् । गयायां पिण्डदानाच्च त्रिभिः पुत्रस्य पुत्रता ॥ quoted by त्रिष्यकीसेतु p. 319.

833. नाभिव्याहारयेद् ब्रह्म स्वधानिनयनादते । शुद्धेण हि समस्तावद्यावदे न जायते ॥ मनु II. 172; on this मेधातिथिः says: स्वधाशब्देन पितृभ्यः कल्पितमन्नमिहोच्यते । अथवा पितॄन् कर्म स्वधाशब्देनोच्यते । तस्मिन्नीयते त्यज्यते प्राप्यते येन मन्त्रेण स स्वधानिनयनः शुन्धन्तां पितरः इत्यादिस्तं वर्जयित्वाऽन्यमन्त्रो नोच्चारयेत्तस्य । अनुपनीतेनोदकदाननवआह्वादि पितुः कर्तव्यमित्यस्मादेव प्रतीयते । पार्वणआह्वादौ त्वग्निस्त्वाभावादनधिकारः । पिण्डान्वाहार्यकं वदस्यते ॥ In the वैखानससंज्ञौ 9.10 we read 'उदकुम्भमादाय यजमानः शुन्धन्तां पितरः- इति त्रिः प्रसव्यं वेदिमपः पतिष्विच्छन् पर्येति'.

offers pindas to the preceding three), his full brothers, his son from a wife of the same caste, the grandson and great grandson; that sakulyas are those that are called 'vibhaktadāyadas', that the wealth of the deceased descends to those who are born of the body of the deceased<sup>834</sup>. Manu IX. 137 (= Vas. 17.5 = Visnu Dh. S. 15. 46) solemnly<sup>835</sup> affirms: 'by (the birth of) a son a man wins the worlds (heaven &c.), he secures immortality by a grandson and by the grandson of a son he reaches the abode of the Sun'. This verse shows that all the three descendants of a person confer equally great spiritual benefit on him. Yaj. also (in I. 78) lumps the three together (without making any distinction between them) when he says 'since a man secures perpetuation of lineage and heaven by means of son, grand-son and great-grand-son'. Therefore when Manu (IX. 106) says that by the birth of a son a man discharges his debt to his progenitors the Dāyabhāga (XI. 34) explains that the word *putra* stands for the three descendants up to the great-grandson, since all the three are entitled to perform the pārvana-śrāddha and equally benefit the ancestors by the pindas they offer, and that the word *putra* is not to be taken literally but only as illustrative in order to include the great-grandson, since one may with difficulty find a text expressly mentioning the *adhikāra* of the grandson (as a performer of śrāddha and taker of wealth) but there is no text expressly mentioning the great-grandson separately (as the taker of wealth and giver of pinda)<sup>836</sup>. On Yaj. II. 50 which lays down that when the father dies or has gone to a distant country or is overwhelmed by calamities (incurable diseases or the like) his debts should be paid by the sons or grandsons, the Mit. adds that even when a son or grandson receives no ancestral property the father's debts must be paid, the only difference being that the son has to pay the principal as well as the interest, while the grandson

834. अयि च मयितानमः पितानमः पिता स्वयं सोदर्या भ्रातरः सर्वगर्थाः पुत्रः पौत्रः प्रपौत्र एतानविभक्तदायादाव् सपिण्डानाचक्षते । विभक्तदायादाव् सकुल्यानाचक्षते । सस्तङ्गजेषु तत्रामी क्षर्थो भवति । बौ. घ. सू. I. 5. 113-115, quoted by दायभाग XI. 37 and explained in 38 and by दायतत्त्व p. 189. The text printed in the आनन्दाश्रम collection of स्मृतिस is slightly different

835. पुत्रेण लोकाञ्जयति पौत्रेणानन्त्यमद्वन्दते । अथ पुत्रस्य पौत्रेण बन्धनस्यामोति विद्वपम् ॥ मनु IX. 137. बौ. घ. सू. II. 9 7 reads the last pāda as नाकमेवाधिरुहति.

836. अत एव पुत्रपदं प्रपौत्रपर्यन्तपरं तत्पर्यस्तानामेव पार्वणविधिना पिण्डदानोपकार-कत्वस्याविशेषात् । अन्यथा पुत्रपदस्य स्वार्थस्यागानुपपत्तेः पौत्राधिकारज्ञापकं बन्धनं कथ-ञ्चिदादि लभ्येतपि प्रपौत्रस्य तु न पृथग्वचनमस्ति । तस्मादुपकारकत्वादेव प्रपौत्रस्याप्यधिकार-इति पुत्रपदमुपलक्षणम् । दायभाग XI. 34-36.

has to return only the principal and has to pay no interest and the Mit. quotes a verse of Brhaspati<sup>837</sup> where all the three descendants are mentioned in one breath and the Mit. adds that the great-grandson has not to pay even the principal if he has received no ancestral property. This last remark implies that the Mit. regarded that the great-grandson was also included in the extended sense of 'putra'. Yaj. II. 51 begins by saying that whoever takes the wealth of a deceased person has to pay the latter's debts, so the great-grandson would have to pay the great-grand-father's debts if he received the assets of the grand-father. Therefore the Mit. on II. 50 expressly mentions that a great-grandson need not pay his great-grand-father's debts if he received no assets, because, otherwise being included in the extended meaning of putra, he would have had to pay. There was no necessity to bring in or mention the *praputra* under II. 50 if the Mit. did not include the *praputra* in the word putra. Again on Yaj. II. 51 ('putrahīnasya rikthinah') the Mit. included even *praputra* under the word *putra*. This shows that the Mit. is quite conscious that the three descendants of a man form one group and succeed to his estate and liabilities and putra includes three descendants wherever the context so requires. If the word 'putra' is not to be taken as only illustrative and as including both grandson and great-grandson, serious difficulties will arise even in the interpretation of Yaj. on which the Mit. comments. For example, in Yaj. II. 135-136 it is said that when a sonless man dies his wife, daughters and other heirs (named there) succeed one after another. If 'putra' is taken to mean only 'son' and no one else, then on the death of a man without a son his wife or daughter (whoever is alive) will take the wealth even if a son's son exists. But that would be absurd and is not stated by any one. Therefore the word putra has to be interpreted in a wider sense in a proper context. Many works such as the Vyavahāramayūkha, the Viramītrodaya, the Dattakamīmāṃsā interpret the word 'putra' as including three generations. Therefore, though the Mit. in its remarks on inheritance and succession expressly names the son and grand-

837. ऋणमात्मन्यवत्पित्र्यं देयं पुत्रैर्विभावितम् । पैतामहं समं देयमदेवं तत्सुतरस्य तु ॥ इति बृहस्पतिस्मरणात् । ; समं यावद् गृहीतं तावदेव देयं न ब्रुद्धिः तत्सुतरस्य प्रपौत्रस्यादेयम-  
गृहीतघनस्य । मिता. on या. II. 50, पुत्रहीनस्य रिक्थिन इत्येतदपि पुत्रपौत्रहीनस्य प्रपौत्रा-  
दयो यदि रिक्थं गृह्णन्ति तदा ऋणं दाप्या नान्यथेत्येवमर्थम् । पुत्रपौत्रौ च रिक्थग्रहणाभावेपि  
दाप्याविद्युक्तम् । मिता. on या. II. 51.

son only (lit. it should have mentioned only the son) it must be taken as including the great-grandson also, particularly in view of the fact that it refers to the great-grandson in its comment on Yāj. I, 50 and 51 as taking the rikṭha which the Mit. (on Yāj. II, 114) interprets as *apratibandha dāya*. Baud. Manu, Yājñavalkya speak of the three descendants and Śankha-likhita, Vas. XI, 39 and Yama employ <sup>33</sup> only the word *putra* or *suta* in relation to the three ancestors. Therefore, the remark of Dr. Kapadia in 'Hindu Kinship' on p. 162 'Vijñāneśvara understands by the word *putra* sons and grandsons only' is unjustified. It is impossible to hold with Dr. Kapadia that the Mit. ran counter to the express dicta of renowned Smṛtis such as those of Manu, Śankha-Likhita and Purāṇas like the Visnu-purāṇa III, 13, 30 (quoted above in note 582) and that in its remarks on succession it forgot its own interpretation of *putra* on Yāj. II, 51. He has also not correctly understood the words of the Mit. introducing Yāj. II, 137: 'sons and grandsons take the wealth; in their absence, the wife and others; thus it is said (by me)'. This is wrong for several reasons. 'Wife and others take the wealth' is said by Yāj. (in II, 135-36). The following words are 'now (the author) declares an exception to both.' This clearly refers to Yāj. (II, 137) and not to Vijñāneśvara and so 'uktam' also must refer to Yāj. and not to Vijñāneśvara. Therefore, according to the Mit. the great-grandson is included in the extended meaning of the word '*putra*', is entitled just like a son or a grandson to offer *śrāddha* (in default of a son or grandson) and to take the wealth and pay the debts of the ancestor. In the matter of payment of debts there is, on account of the difference in the period that elapses, a difference between all the three descendants if no ancestral wealth is left by the ancestor, viz. the son pays the debt with interest, the grandson only the principal lent but without interest and the great-grandson nothing at all. This shows that even between the son and the grandson that are expressly mentioned by Yāj. II, 50 as to the payment of debts there is a difference and that as the great-grandson had to pay nothing when no ancestral property existed he was not mentioned at all in Yāj. II, 50.

838. तथा शङ्कलितयमाः । पिता पितामहश्चैव तथैव अपितामहः । जातं पुत्रं ग्रहं सन्ति पिप्पलं शुक्रा इव ॥ अपितामहग्रहणात् पुत्रपूर्वं प्रपौत्रपर्यन्तपरम् । तदनेन प्रपौत्रपर्यन्तपरम् अपितामहपर्यन्तोपकारकत्वात् ह्युभौ दायाधिकारः । (दायभाग III, 18 and कल्पतरु p. 20; पिता पितो...उपासते सुतं जातं शङ्कुत्वा इव पिप्पलम् ॥ वसिष्ठ XI, 39, वसिष्ठ XI, 40 is quoted by कल्पतरु p. 20.

Just as the king is an ultimate heir and also the guardian of all minors, so he is like the son of a person (who has no relatives left) for performing śrāddhas

The next question is about the times when śrāddha is to be performed. It has been seen above (vide H. of Dh. vol. II, p. 696 ff) that long before the time of the Śat. Br. five daily observances (called Mahāyajñas) were prescribed for each house-holder, viz the sacrifice to beings, that to men, that to the Fathers, that to the gods and that to Veda. The Śat. Br. and the Tai. Ā. (II, 10) say further that this daily rite in which one offers *śrādhā* (food) to the Fathers even up to water was called *pitryajña*. Manu III, 70 defines *pitryajña* as *tarpaṇa* (satiating ancestors with the offerings of water). Manu III, 82 provides that an householder should daily perform a śrāddha with food or with water or with milk, roots and fruits and thus please the Fathers. Śrāddha originally meant a sacrifice performed for the Fathers on Amāvāsyā (vide Gaut. 15, 1-2).<sup>838a</sup> By applying that word to the daily offering of water to the Manes what is intended to be conveyed is that the special characteristics of śrāddha in the strict sense are to be extended to this daily rite so far as possible. Amāvāsyā is of two kinds, *Sinivālī* and *Kuhū*. Those who keep śrauta fires should perform śrāddha on the former, while those who have not kept śrauta fires and śūdras should offer śrāddha on the latter.

Śrāddhas are divided into three classes, *nitya*, *naimittika* and *kāmya*. An observance is called *nitya* when it is laid down that it must be performed on a certain or fixed occasion (such as every day, on an amāvāsyā, or on Astakā day). What is laid down for being done on an occasion which is uncertain is called *naimittika* (such as the birth of a son). What is ordained to be done in case one desires a certain reward or fruit is called *kāmya* (e. g. the performance of a śrāddha on Kṛttikā or Rohinī by one who desires heaven or progeny). The five daily *yajñas* including *pitṛ-yajña* are *nitya* i. e. they must be performed without any eye to any reward therefrom and the

838 a. अथ आह्वयः। अमावास्यायाः पितृभ्यो दद्यात्। गौ. 15, 1-2. इह चन्द्रा सिनीवाली नष्टचन्द्रा कुहस्तथा। तत्र साग्निके सिनीवाल्यां आह्वयं कार्यमितरं कुदायः। तथा च स्वाप्तः। इह चन्द्रा सिनीवाली कार्या विप्रेस्तु साग्निकैः। नष्टचन्द्रा कुहः कार्या शुद्धे विप्रेनाग्निकैः॥ अपराकं p. 417, स्मृतिच. (आ. p 344) The स्कन्दपुराण (VI 216 83) gives the following etymology of अमावास्या 'अमा नाम रवे रश्मिसहस्रमकुलः स्थितः। तस्मिन्वसति येनन्दुरमावारया ततः स्मृता' The वायुपुराण (56, 42) states 'अमा वसन्ताद्युक्ते तु यदा चन्द्रविशतरी। एका पञ्चदशी रात्रिममावारया ततः स्मृता॥' अमा means सद्य or एकव.



preferable to the first half so the afternoon is preferable to the forenoon for the performance of a śrāddha. *Anuśāsanāparva* 87. 18 is the same as *Manu* III. 276. *Yaj.* (I. 217-218), the *Kūrma* (II 20. 2-8), *Mārkaṇḍeya* (28. 20 ff) and *Varāhapurāṇa* 13. 33-35 sum up in one place the times for performing śrāddhas as follows: *Amāvāsyā*, the *Aṣṭakā* days, lucky days (such as the birth of a son), dark half of a month, the two *ayanās* (the two days on which the sun appears to start towards the south or north i. e. solstices), possession of sufficient materials (such as rice and pulse or meat), the arrival of a worthy brāhmana, the equinoctial points (*visuvat*, i. e. the sun's apparent entrance into Aries and Balance), the days on which the sun passes into one *rāśi* from another, the astrological conjunctions called *Vyatīpātā*<sup>838c</sup>, *Gajacchāyā*, eclipses of the sun and the moon, when the performer has an intense desire to perform śrāddha—these are times for performing śrāddha. The *Mārkan-*

838c. अपरार्के p. 426 quotes बृहस्पति for defining व्यतीपात 'अवणान्निधानिष्ठाद्वा-  
नागदैवतमस्तके । यद्यमा रविवारेण व्यतीपातः स उच्यते ॥'. Vide अग्निपु 209. 13 for  
the same verse with slight variations (due probably to not reading the mss correctly). When *Amāvāsyā* occurs on a Sunday and the moon is on that day  
either in *Śravaṇa* nakṣatra or in *Āśvini*, *Dhanīṣṭhā*, *Ārdrā* or the first quarter  
of *Āśleṣā*, that is a conjunction called व्यतीपात, some explain मस्तक as meaning  
मृगशिरोनक्षत्र. *Bāṇa* mentions *Vyatīpātā* in his हर्षचरित व्यतीपात is also  
defined in another way with reference to *Rāśis*. पञ्चाननस्यौ गुरुभूमिपुत्रौ मेघे  
रवि. स्याद्यदि शुक्लपक्षे । पाशाभिधाना करमेन शुक्ला विधिर्यतीपात इतीह योगः ॥ q. by *Ar.*  
क. ल. pp. 18-19. When on the 12th of the bright half the moon is in  
*Hasta* nakṣatra, the sun in *Mesa* (Aries) and Jupiter and Mars in *Lion*,  
then the conjunction is called व्यतीपात गजच्छाया is a conjunction that occurs  
when the moon is in *Maghā* nakṣatra and the sun is in *Hasta* and the tithi  
is 13th in the rainy season. विश्वरूप on या. II 218 quotes 'यदि स्याच्चन्द्रमाः  
पिन्धे करे चैव दिवाकरः । वर्षासु च त्रयोदश्यां सा च्छाया कुजरस्य तु ॥'. अपरार्के quotes a  
काठकस्थिति 'एतद्धि देवपितृणां चायनं यज्ञस्तिच्छाया)'. Both the मित्ता. and अपरार्के  
p. 427 have a similar verse The कल्पतरु (आ) p. 9 and कृत्यरत्नाकर p. 319 quote  
ब्रह्मपुराण 'योगो मघात्रयोदश्यां कुजरछायसंश्रितः । भवेन्मघायां संस्थे च शशिन्यर्के करे  
स्थिते ॥'. The सौरपुराण (51.31-32) puts it as 'आह्नपक्षे त्रयोदश्यां मघास्तिन्दुः करे रविः'  
The स्कन्दपुराण (VI 220 42-44) explains हस्तिच्छाया in several ways. The  
अग्निपु (165 3-4) explains हस्तिच्छाया in two ways Some take गजच्छाया literally  
and say that śrāddha should be performed in the shadow of an elephant. The  
*Vanaparva* 200 121 avers that such a śrāddha in which the ears of the  
elephant serve as a fan gives gratification for thousands of कल्प. अपरार्के  
p. 427 quotes a verse from the महाभारत about आह्न performed in the rainy  
season under the shadow of an elephant and fanned by the flapping of its  
ears and the meat being that of a goat all red in colour.

deya<sup>838a</sup> (chap. 28. 22-23), adds that śrāddha should be performed when a man dreams an evil dream and when evil planets affect the nakṣatra of his birth. In an eclipse the appropriate time for śrāddha is what is called *Spaṇṭa Kāla*<sup>839</sup> (i. e. when the eclipse begins), as stated in a verse of Vṛddha-Vasistha. The Brahmapurāṇa (220. 51-54) contains all the times specified by Yāj. and a few more. Vide also Skandapurāṇa VII. 1. 30-32, Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 14. 4-6, Padma (śrī 9. 128-129). Acc. to Viṣṇu Dh. S. 76. 1-2, Amāvāsyā, the three Astakās and the three Anvatakās, the 13th day of the dark half of Bhādrapada on which the moon is in *Maghā*, *Śarad* and *Vasanta* are obligatory (*nyāya*) times for śrāddha and that if a person does not perform śrāddha on these days he goes to Hell. Viṣṇu Dh. S. (77.1-7) states that the day of the sun's passage from one sign of the zodiac to another, the two equinoctial days, particularly the solstitial days, Vyatipāta, the constellation on which the performer is born, a time of rejoicing (son's birth or the like)—these are *kāmya* times and a śrāddha performed on these occasions gives infinite pleasure (to the Manes). The Kūrmapurāṇa (Uttarārdha 16. 6-8) says that śrāddhas called *kāmya* are commended on eclipses, solstice days, equinoctial days and on Vyatipāta and they give infinite pleasure (to the Manes) and śrāddha performed on-Sankrānti (sun's passage from one sign of the zodiac to another) is inexhaustible and so also on days of birth and on the several nakṣatras śrāddhas should be performed. Āp. Dh. S. II. 7. 16. 8-22, Anuśāsana 87, Vāyu 89. 10-19, Yāj I 262-263, Brahmapurāṇa 220. 15-21, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 78. 36-50, Kūrmapurāṇa (II 20. 17-22), Brahmānda III. 17. 10-22 state what rewards a man gets if he performs śrāddhas on each of the days from the first to the 15th of the dark half. These lists do not completely agree with each other. That of Āp. being probably the most ancient, is set out here—Śrāddha performed on each of the 15 days of the dark half respectively yields the following results in order, viz. progeny chiefly consisting of females (on 1st tithi

838 d. आद्धार्हस्वसंगतो तथा दुःस्वप्नदर्शने । जन्मसमग्रहीदासु आद्धं कुर्वीत खेच्छया॥ मार्कण्डेय 28.22. A man can perform a śrāddha on any tithi of the dark half of a month, but he should not perform it on a tithi when the moon is in the *nakṣatra* on which he was born or in Pūrva-bhādrapadā or in Uttarābhādrapadā or Kṛtikā, Ārdra, Āśleṣā or Mūla or in a *nakṣatra*, which is 5th, 14th or 23rd from the *nakṣatra* of his birth.

839. ग्रहणसुपरगः । तत्रापि स्पर्शकालो ग्राह्यः । त्रिदशः स्पर्शसमये तृप्त्यन्ति पितर-स्तथा । मनुष्या मर्यकाले तु मोक्षकाले तु राक्षसाः॥ इति वृद्धवसिष्ठस्मरणाद् । भट्टोजि on चतु. सं. p. 124, स्मृतिक. (आ) p. 342 quotes the verse,



of dark half), sons that will be thieves, sons that will be possessed of Vedic learning and the performance of Veda-vratas, son that will own small domestic animals, many sons that will be distinguished (by their learning) and the performer will not die childless, a great traveller and gambler (on the 6th), success in agriculture (on 7th), prosperity (on 8th), one-hoofed animals (on 9th), success in trade (10th day), black iron and tin and lead (on 11th), son possessed of cattle (on 12th), many sons and many friends and handsome children which will die young (13th tithi), success in arms (14th), prosperity (on 15th i. e. Amāvāsyā). Gārgya (q by Par. M. I. 2 p. 324) provides that one should not perform śrāddha on Nandā, on Friday, on 13th of the dark half and on the nakṣatra of birth and the preceding and the following nakṣatras for fear of losing one's sons and wealth. The Nandā tithis are 1st, 6th and 11th. The Anuśāsana-parva (87. 16) provides that he who performs śrāddha on the 13th tithi attains pre-eminence among his agnates, but then the young men in his house die as a consequence.

The śrāddhas performed on the days mentioned in Viṣṇu Dh. S. 77. 1-6 are *namuttika* and those performed on certain tithis and days of the week for securing certain rewards would be *kāmya* śrāddhas. According to Par. M. I. 1 p. 63 the performance of obligatory (nitya) actions is *samskāra* (i e. effects a purifying change in the mind making it fit for higher things), while in some cases it may also produce the desire to know the Reality behind the appearances (i e. it is 'vividiśa-janaka' as indicated by the Gītā 9. 27). Jaimini (VI. 3. 1-7) establishes the proposition that the *nitya* acts (such as Agni-hotra, Darśa-pūrṇamāsa-yāga) must be performed even though the performer is unable to perform a subsidiary part of the rite; while Jai. VI. 3. 8-10 provide that every part of *kāmya* actions must be performed and if the performer thinks that he would be unable to perform all he should not undertake to perform a *kāmya* rite at all.<sup>839</sup>

The Viṣṇudharmasūtra (78. 1-7) states that one performing śrāddha on Sunday secures everlasting freedom from disease and those who perform śrāddha on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Jaiva), Friday and Saturday respec-

<sup>839</sup> a. This position is stated by the परा मा. I part 1 p. 17c: 'यदा कृत्वा द्वादशानशक्तिस्तदेव काम्यमनुष्ठेयम्'. The विष्णुपुराण (III. 14.4-8) sets out the times for काम्यश्राद्ध. The two propositions of जैमिनि are often spoken of as पञ्चाशक्तिश्राद्ध and सर्वश्राद्धपरिहारन्याय.

tively secure happiness (or admiration by people), victory in battle, all desires, such learning as he desires, wealth and long life. The Kūrma (II. 20, 16-17) also expatiates on the rewards for śrāddhas on the several days of the week.

The Visnu-Dharmasūtra (78. 8-15) mentions what rewards follow from performance of śrāddhas on the 28 nakṣatras from Kṛttikā to Bharanī (including Abhiṣit which is placed after Uttarāśādhā and before Śravana). Yāj I. 265-268, Vāyu chap. 82, Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa 30. 8-16, Kūrma (II. 20 9-15), Brahmapurāṇa 220, 33-42, Brahmandā (Upodghātapāda 18.1 ff) also deal with the same topic, but all these works do not present complete agreement. For example, Visnu Dh. S. and Yāj. agree that śrāddha performed on Kṛttikā, Rohinī, Āśvini and Bharanī yield as rewards heaven, offspring, horses and longevity, but they disagree in several others e. g. while Visnu says that prosperity, beauty (or happiness) and all desires are obtained by performing śrāddha on the Pūṣya, Āśleṣā and Maghā nakṣatras respectively, Yāj. provides that a śrāddha on these three yields strength, son and eminence. The Anuśāsanaparva 89 and Vāyupurāṇa 82 set out the rewards of śrāddhas on the several nakṣatras from Kṛttikā as declared by Yama to Śaśabindu.

It is stated in the Agnipurāṇa <sup>840</sup> that śrāddhas performed at a holy place and on days that are called Yugādi and Manvādi yield inexhaustible gratification (to the *pitrs*). The Visṇupurāṇa <sup>841</sup>, Matsyapurāṇa (17. 4-5), Padma V. 9, 130-131, Varāhapurāṇa and Prajāpati-smṛti verse 22 and Skanda VII. 1. 205 33-34 state that the third tithi of Vaiśākha (bright half), the 9th of the bright half of Kārtika, the 13th of the dark half of Bhādrapada and 15th tithi of the dark half of Māgha are called *Yugādi tithis* (i. e. the first days of the four *Yugas* from *Kṛta*).

840. तीर्थे युगादौ मन्वादौ आर्द्धं दत्तमथाक्षयम्। अग्निपुराण 117.61. युगादिषु च कर्तव्यं मन्वन्तरादिकेऽपि च॥ बृहत्पराशर 5.3 (p. 149).

841. वैशाखमासस्य द्वितीया नवम्यसौ कार्तिके शुद्धपक्षे । नभस्वमासस्य तमिष्यपक्षे त्रयोदशी पञ्चदशी च मासे॥ एता युगाद्याः कथिताः पुराणैरनन्तद्वय्यास्तिस्रश्चतस्रः । विष्णुपुराण III. 14. 12-13 q by स्मृतिच I, pp. 58-59, कृत्परत्नकार p. 542, मद् वा p. 538. अपराक्षि (p. 425) quotes the विष्णुपुराण differently. The मत्स्यपुराण (17.4) and एतद् place 15th of माघ before the 13th of भाद्रपद Vide अग्नि 209. 14-15 for some different dates for युगादि The स्मृत्यर्थसार (p. 9) gives a different order. शुक्लतृतीया वैशाखे प्रेतपक्षे त्रयोदशी कार्तिके नवमी शुक्ला माघे दशैश्च पूर्णिमा। एता युगादयः भोक्ता दत्तस्याक्षयकारकाः॥ The ब्राह्मपुराण (13 40-41) contains the verse वैशाखमासस्य O. मजापतिस्मृति (22) has a similar verse for युगादि days.

Matsya 17. 6-8, Agnipurāṇa 117. 61-64 and 209. 16-18, Saurapurāṇa 51. 33-36, Padmapurāṇa (Śrīti 9. 132-135) mention the first tithis of the 14 Manus (or Manvantaras) as follows. 9th of the bright half of Āśvina, 12th of the bright half of Kārtika, the third of the bright half of Caitra and of Bhādrapada, the amāvāsyā of Fālguna, the 11th of the bright half of Pausa, 10th of bright half of Āśādhā and the 7th of the bright half of Māgha, the 8th of the dark half of Śrāvana, the Full Moon of Āśādhā, Kārtika, Fālguna, Caitra and Jyesthā. The Matsya-purāṇa list is quoted in the Sm. C. I. p. 58, Kṛtyaratnākara p. 543, Par. M. I. 1. p. 156 and I. 2 p. 311, and the Madanapārijāta p. 540. The orders in the Skandapurāṇa VII. 1. 205. 36-39 and the Smṛtyarthasāra (p. 9) are slightly different. In the Skandapurāṇa (Nāgarakhanda) the first tithis of thirty kalpas from Śveta onwards are specified as fit for śrāddha, but are passed over here.

Āp. Dh. S. II. <sup>842</sup> 7. 17. 23-25, Manu III. 280, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 77. 8-9, Kūrma (II. 16. 3-4), Brahmandā III. 14. 3, Bhaviṣya I. 185. 1 forbid the performance of śrāddha at night or at twilight or when the sun has just risen except in the case of an eclipse of the moon. Āp. adds that when once a śrāddha is begun in the afternoon and owing to some cause there is delay and the sun sets then the performer should perform the remaining rites the next day and he should observe a fast till the placing of the *pinḍas* on the *darbhās*. Viṣṇu Dh. S. declares that śrāddha performed during an eclipse satisfies the Manes as long as the moon and stars exist and brings to the performer all advantages and the satisfaction of all his desires, while the Kūrmapurāṇa threatens that he who would not perform a śrāddha in an eclipse sinks (incurs sins or becomes ruined) as a cow in mud. The Mit. on Yāj. I. 217 is careful to point out that though there is a prohibition against eating during the progress of an eclipse of the sun or moon, that prohibition would only affect the eater (the brāhmana who eats śrāddha repast in an eclipse) but not the giver who will secure happiness (or good results) thereby. <sup>843</sup>

<sup>842</sup> न च नक्तं श्राद्धं कुर्वति । आरब्धे चाभोजनमा समापनात् । अन्यत्र राहृदर्शनात् । आप ध सू II. 7. 17 23-25 ; नक्तं तु वर्जयेच्छ्राद्धं राहोरन्यत्र दर्शनात् । सर्वस्वेनापि कर्तव्यं क्षिप्रं वै राहृदर्शने ॥ उपरागे न कुर्याद्यः पक्षे गोतिव सीदति ॥ कूर्मपुराण II. 16. 3-4.

<sup>843</sup> यद्यपि 'चन्द्रसूर्यमहे नाथात्' इति ग्रहणे भोजननिषेधस्तथापि भोक्तृदोषो बाहुर-  
म्युपप' । मिता on य I 217-218.

Very learned disquisitions are held in *Aparārka* p. 465 ff, *Hemādri* p. 313 ff and other writers and digests as to the meaning of *aparāhna* which is the time for *śrāddha* prescribed by *Manu* (III 278). There are several views. Some hold that the part of the day after noon is 'after-noon.' The word 'pūrvāhna' occurs in *Rg. X. 34. 11*. Others relying on a *śruti*<sup>844</sup> text 'The forenoon is for gods, mid-day for men and afternoon for *pitṛs*' hold that the third part of the day divided into three parts is 'aparāhna.' A third view is that *aparāhna* is the 4th part of the day divided into five parts and they rely<sup>845</sup> on *Śat. Br. II. 2. 3 9*. The five parts are called *prātaḥ*, *saṅgava*, *madhyandina* (or *madhyāhna*), *aparāhna* and *sāyāhna* (or *sāyam* or *astagamana*). The first three are expressly mentioned even in the *Rgveda V. 76. 3* *Prajāpati-smṛti* (verses 156-157) says that each of these five parts extends over three *muhūrtas* (the day being divided into fifteen *muhūrtas*). It further states that *kutapa* is the 8th *muhūrta* from sunrise and that *śrāddha* should be begun in *kutapa* and should not last beyond *Rauhina* *muhūrta* and that five *muhūrtas* (from 8th to 12th) are the maximum time for *śrāddha*.<sup>846</sup> The word *kutapa* has eight meanings as noted by the *Sm. C. (śrāddha)* p. 433 and *Hemādri* on *śrāddha* p. 320. The word is derived from 'ku' meaning 'condemned' (i. e. sin) and 'tapa' means 'what burns.' The eight<sup>847</sup> meanings of 'kutapa' are 'midday, a vessel of rhinoceros horn, woollen seat or blanket

844. पूर्वाह्णे वै देवानां मध्यन्दिनो मनुष्याणां मपराह्णः पितॄणां च । तस्मादपराह्णे वृषति । शतपथभा II. 4.2.8.

845. आदित्यरत्नेव सर्वं ऋतव । यद्वैचोदेत्यथ वसन्तो यदा र्गमवोऽथ मीमो यदा मध्यन्दिनो यदा यदापराह्णोऽथ शरत् यदैवास्तमेत्यथ हेमन्तस्तस्माद् मध्यन्दिन एवाधीत इति होषोऽस्य लोकस्य नेदिष्टं भवति । शतपथ II. 2.3.9, quoted by स्मृतिच (आ p 363)

846. आरम्भं कुतपे कुर्याद्वैदिषिं तु न लङ्घयेत् । एतत्पञ्चमुहूर्तान्तः आह्निककाल उदाहृत ॥ मुहूर्तास्तत्र विज्ञेया दश पञ्च च सर्वदा । तत्राष्टमो मुहूर्तो य स कालः कुतपः स्मृत ॥ *प्राजापति* verses 158-159. Compare *पद्म* (सुखिखण्ड 11.91-92) and *स्कन्द VII 1. 205 6* for similar verses. The names of the 15 *मुहूर्ता* are quoted in *दोहरानन्द* (on *आ.* folio 25a) and in *बृहद्योगयात्रा* of *बराहमिहिर* (VI. 2-4) m. in my paper on 'Varāhamihira and Utpala,' *JBBRAS* vol., 24-25 p. 21.

847. मध्यान्नः खड्गपात्रं च तथा नेपालकम्बल । रूपं वर्धमानिहा गात्रो दौहित्रश्चाष्टम स्मृत ॥ पापं कुतिलमिदं हस्तस्य सन्तापकाणि । अष्टावैते यतस्तस्य कुतपा इति विज्ञेया ॥ *स्कन्दपुराण VII 1. 205. 8-9*, *पद्म VI. 131.76-78, q. by स्मृतिच.* (*आ.* p. 433 as *स्मृत्यन्तर*) and by *हेमाद्रि* p 320 and p. 1176 (where these are quoted as *पेदीनसि*'s) *लघुशाततप* (verse 108) speaks of *खड्गपात्र* as *दौहित्र* and is quoted by *अपरार्क* (p 474) *लघुशाततप* (109) defines *कुतप* as the 8th part of the day (out of 15) and is quoted by *आ. क्रि कौ* p 317 *अपरार्क* p 474 quotes a *smṛti* giving three senses of *दौहित्र* 'अपरं दुहितृश्वैव खड्गपात्रं तथैव च । पूर्वं च कपिलाया गोदौहित्रमिति कीर्तितम्'.

from Nepal, silver, darbhas, sesame, cows and daughter's son.' The general rule is that śrāddhas are performed in the afternoon (but this applies to śrāddha on New moon, Mahālaya, Astaka and Anyastaka śrāddhas), while Vṛddhiśrāddha and śrāddha in which only corn is offered (āmaśrāddha) are performed in the morning. Medhatithi on Manu III. 245 quotes a smṛti text on this <sup>848</sup> The Trikāṇḍamandana (II 150, 162) provides that when it is not possible to perform a religious rite at the time prescribed for it as appropriate, it should be performed at some other time thereafter and that, between the proper time of a rite and the means, the former is to be preferred and one should not wait for a time later than the proper one with the desire of being able to collect all the principal materials. <sup>848a</sup>

A few words must be said about the proper places for the performance of a śrāddha. Manu (III 206-207) lays down that the performer should make efforts to secure a spot sloping to the south and smear it with cowdung, a spot that is pure and unfrequented (by many persons) and that the Fathers are pleased by śrāddha at naturally clean spots or the banks of rivers and spots that are unfrequented. Yāj. I. 227 very briefly puts the requirements by saying that the place of śrāddha should be covered on all sides, should be pure and sloping to the south. Śaṅkha says: <sup>849</sup> 'one should not perform śrāddha on the backs of bulls, elephants and horses, nor on raised earth platforms nor on land owned by others' The Kūrmapurāṇa states<sup>850</sup> 'Forests, sacred mountains, holy places, temples—these have no (definite) owner and they cannot be private property (of any one)'. Yama provides <sup>851</sup> 'if one offers śrāddha to his *pitrs* in spots

848. पूर्वाह्ने वैविक कार्यमपराह्णे तु पैतृकम् । एकोद्विष्टं तु मध्याह्ने प्रातर्द्विदिनिमित्तकम् ॥ मेधातिथि on मनु III. 245. The दीपकालिका on या. I. 226 quotes this verse as from वायुपुराण and reads पूर्वाह्ने मातृक etc.

848 a. मुख्यकाले यदावश्यं कर्म कर्तुं न शक्यते । गौणकालेऽपि कर्तव्यं गौणोप्यन्नेदको भवेत् ॥ स्वकालाद्गच्छते गौण कालः पूर्वस्य कर्मणः ॥ मुख्यकालस्तुपाश्रित्य गौणमप्यस्तु साधनम् । न मुख्यद्वयलोभेन गौणकालप्रतीक्षणम् ॥ त्रिकाण्डमण्डन II 150, 157, 162.

849. गौणजाश्चादिष्टेषु कृत्रिमाया तथा धुनि । न कुर्याच्छ्राद्धस्तेषु पारक्यास्तु च धूमिषु ॥ इहम् q. by परा मा I. 2 p 303, आ म. p. 140, स्मृतिच (आ p. 385).

850. अद्वय. पर्वता उण्यास्तीर्थान्यायतनानि च । सर्वाण्यस्वामिकान्याहुर्न ह्येतेषु परि-  
ग्रहः ॥ कूर्म II. 22 17 अपराक p 471, कल्पतरु (आ p. 116), and आ प्र p 148  
quote a very similar verse as यम's.

851. यमः । परकीयप्रदेशेषु पित्राणां निर्वपेत्तु यः । तन्मृत्स्वामिपितृभि आहुकर्म विहस्यते ॥ तस्माच्छ्राद्धानि देवानि उण्येवायतनेषु च । नदीतीरेषु तीर्थेषु स्वधूमौ भयस्ततः ॥ उपद्रानिष्कुञ्जेषु तथा पर्वतसाक्षर्यु ॥ q. by अपराक p 471, कल्पतरु (आ p. 115), compare कूर्म II 22 16

belonging to others, that śrāddha rite is destroyed by the pits of the owner of those spots. Therefore, a man should perform śrāddha on holy spots, on river banks, in sacred places and particularly in land belonging to himself, in bowers near hills and on mountain tops' The Visnudharma-sūtra chap 85 mentions numerous holy places and then adds 'in these and other *tīrthas*, big rivers, on all natural sandy banks, near streams, on mountains, in bowers, forests, groves and spots that look charming because of being smeared with cowdung (śrāddha may be performed)' Śankha (14 27-29) states 'whatever is given in holy Gayā, in Prabhāsa, Puskara, Prayāga, in the Naimisa forest (on the Sarasvatī), on the banks of the Ganges, Yamunā, Payosnī, on Amarakantaka, on Narmadā, in Benares, in Kuruksetra, Bhrgutunga, on the Himālaya, on Sapta-Venī, on Rśikūpa—all that becomes inexhaustible.' The Brahmapurāṇa (220. 5-7) also specifies river banks, lakes, mountain tops, sacred spots like Puskara as the proper places for śrāddha. The Vāyupurāṇa, chap 77 and Matsya 22 contain long lists of sacred places, countries, mountains in relation to śrāddhas. The Kalpataru (śrāddha p. 40) and Sr. P. p. 147 state that special characteristics of the *tīrthas* in the several countries that are declared to be fit places for śrāddha should be understood from the inhabitants of those various countries.

Sacred places will be dealt with in a separate section (on *tīrthas*).

The Visnudharmasūtra<sup>852</sup> (chap 84) prescribes that śrāddha should not be performed in Mleccha country, nor should one go to a Mleccha country and then defines a Mleccha country as one in which the system of the four *varnas* is not established and states that Āryāvarta is beyond that. The Vāyupurāṇa provides<sup>853</sup> that the country of Triśanku which is

852 न म्लेच्छविषये आहुं कुर्यात् । न गच्छेन्म्लेच्छविषयम् । परनिपातेऽप्य पीत्वा ब्रह्माम्यसुपगच्छतीति । चातुर्वर्ण्यव्यवस्थानं यस्मिन्देशे न विद्यते । स म्लेच्छदेशो विज्ञेय आर्यावर्तस्तत् परः । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 84 1-4

853. विशङ्कोर्वजयेदेशं सर्वं द्वादशयोजनम् । उत्तरेण महानद्या वक्षिणेन तु कीवदम् ॥ देशस्यैशङ्गो नाम आहुर्कर्मणि वर्जितः । कारकुरा कलिङ्गाश्च सिन्धोरुत्तरमेव च । मण्डल-अमवर्णाश्च देशा वज्याः प्रयत्नतः । वायुपुराण 78. 21-23, ब्रह्माण्ड, उपोद्घातपाद 14 31-33, quoted by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 162), and आह्वय. p 147 and अपराङ्क p. 472 (as from ब्रह्माण्ड). Vide also विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I 141. 2-4.

twelve *yojanas* in extent and which is to the north of the river Mahānadi and to the south of Kikata (i. e. Magadha) is not fit for śrāddha, similarly the countries called Kāraskara, Kalinga, the country to the north of the river Sindhu and all countries where the system of *varnas* and *āśramas* is not in existence should be sedulously avoided for śrāddhas. The Brahmapurāṇa (220. 8-10) makes the somewhat startling remark that the following countries should be avoided for śrāddhas viz. the Kirāṭa country, Kalinga, Konkana, Krimi (Krivī?), Daśārṇa, Kumārya (Cape Comorin), Tangana, Kratha, the northern banks of the Sindhu river and the south bank of Narmadā and the east of the Karatoyā.

The Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa<sup>854</sup> prescribes that for a śrāddha a place (ground) that is full of insects, that is arid, or is burnt by fire, from which proceed sounds that are painful to the ear, that is terrific in its aspect, that emits fetid smell should be avoided.

It was also provided from very early times that certain persons and animals are to be ejected from the place where śrāddha is to be performed and are not to be allowed to pollute the śrāddha rite by looking at it or by disturbing it in various other ways. Gaut. (15. 25-28) provides that food seen by dogs, cāṇḍālas and those guilty of mahāpātakas becomes unclean (and so unfit); therefore one should offer śrāddha in a covered (or screened) place; or he should strew round about the place sesame or a worthy brāhmana who purifies a row of diners by his presence should perform a śānti for removing the taint caused (by a dog or cāṇḍāla seeing the food &c). Āp. Dh. S. prescribes that the learned condemn the seeing of a śrāddha by dogs and those who (being *patita*) are excommunicated and that a leper, a bald man, one having sexual intercourse with another's wife, the son of a brāhmana who follows the profession of arms, the son of a brāhmana woman from a śūdra man—if these eat śrāddha food they pollute the diners sitting to eat in a row. Manu (III. 239-242) states: 'a cāṇḍāla, a village pig or cock, a dog, a woman in her monthly illness, an impotent person—these should not be allowed to see brāhmanas engaged in taking dinner. Whatever is seen by these at a *homa*

854 वर्ज्या जन्तुमयी रुक्षा क्षितिः सुखा तथाग्निना । अनिष्टद्रुष्टश्चक्षुषा दुर्गन्धा आह्व-  
कर्मणि ॥ मार्कण्डेयपुराण 29. 19 q. by आह्वय p. 139.

(agnihotra), at a gift (of cows and gold), when brāhmanas are being fed, or at a religious rite (like the Darśa-Pūrnāmāsa sacrifice) or at a śrāddha becomes fruitless. A pig taints food (offered to gods or Manes) by merely smelling it, a cock by setting in motion the air with its wings, a dog by casting a glance and a man of low caste by touch. If a servant of even the person who offers śrāddha is lame or squint-eyed or has a limb less or more (i. e. having eleven or nine fingers &c.), he should be ejected from the place where śrāddha is to be performed.' It is provided by the Anuśāsanaparva (127.13) that śrāddha food should not be seen by a woman in her monthly illness or by a sonless woman or by one suffering from white leprosy. Visnu-dharmasūtra (82, 3 ff) contains a long list of about 30 persons who are not to be allowed near a śrāddha. The Kūrmapurāṇa (II. 22, 34-35) states that one devoid of a limb, a *paṭita*, a leper, one suffering from an open ulcer, an atheist, a cock, a pig, a dog, should be kept far away from a śrāddha; one should also avoid one that has a disgusting appearance, an impure person, one who is naked, a mad man, a gambler, a woman in her monthly course, those that wear indigo-coloured or yellow-red garments and those who follow heretical views. The Mārkaṇḍeya 32 20-24, Vāyu 78. 26-40, Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 16. 12-14 and Anuśāsanaparva 91 43-44 also contain long lists which are passed over here. The Skandapurāṇa VI 217. 43 also speaks about a dog, a woman in her monthly illness, a *paṭita* and a hog not being allowed to see the śrāddha rite.

### The classification of Śrāddhas.

Śrāddhas have been variously classified. One classification, viz. into *mūhya*, *namuttika* and *kāmya* has already been described above (p. 369). Another classification is that into Ekoddista and Pārvana<sup>855</sup>. The first is offered to one deceased person alone, while the latter is performed on the amāvāsyā of a month or in the dark half of Bhādrapada or on saṅkrānti and in it the three paternal ancestors are principally invoked. Brhas-

<sup>855</sup> Vide H of Dh vol. III p 737, note 1425 for explanation of these two. अमावास्यां यत् क्रियते तत्पार्वणमुदाहृतम्। क्रियते वा पर्वणि यत्तत्पार्वणमिति स्थितिः॥ भविष्यपुराण I. 183 15 q. by कल्पतरु p. 7, आहृततरु p. 192, आ वि. of रुद्रधर, आ. क्रि. कौ. p. 6 (which explains 'पार्वणि अश्वत्थका मावीपौर्णमास्यादि') The परा. मा. I. 2 p 199 says पुरुषत्रयमुद्दिश्य यत्क्रियते तत्पार्वणम्। एकपुरुषोद्दिशेन यत्क्रियते तदेकोद्दिष्टम्. Venk. ed. of भविष्य reads दर्शे वा क्रियते यत् ।



pati quoted in the Śrāddhaviveka of Rudradhara mentions five classes of śrāddhas as declared by Manu viz. nitya, naimittika, kāmya, Vṛddhi and Pārvana<sup>855</sup>. The Śrāddhaviveka remarks that the sixteen *pretaśrāddhas* (to be described later on) are included under naimittika and that such śrāddhas as Gosthī-śrāddha enumerated in other smṛtis are included in Pārvana. The Kūrmapurāṇa (II. 20. 26) similarly speaks of the five śrāddhas as enumerated by Manu<sup>857</sup>. The Mit. on Yāj. I. 217 states that there are five śrāddhas, viz. 'ahar-ahañ-śrāddha, pārvana, vṛddhiśrāddha, ekoddista and sapindikarana. The daily śrāddha is described by Manu III. 83 (= Śankha 13.16 and Matsya 16.4) as one that is performed every day with food (cooked rice, yavas &c.) or with water or with milk, fruits and roots. Two verses of Viśvāmitra<sup>858</sup> quoted by several works speak of twelve kinds of śrāddhas, viz. nitya, naimittika, kāmya, vṛddhi-śrāddha (performed on the birth of a son, marriage or similar incident of good luck), sapindana (sapindikarana), pārvana, gosthīśrāddha, śuddhiśrāddha, karmāṅga, daivika, yātrāśrāddha, pustīśrāddha. Explanations of all these are quoted from the Bhavīsyapurāṇa by the same works. Sapindana and Pārvana will be described below. Some of the rest not already defined may be briefly explained as follows: The Gosthī-śrāddha<sup>859</sup> is one which is performed when a man be-

855. नित्य नैमित्तिकं काम्यं वृद्धिआह्नं तथैव च । पार्वणं चेति मनुना आह्नं पञ्चविंश स्मृतम् ॥ वृहस्पति q. by आ. वि. of रुद्रधर p 1

857. कर्मरम्भेषु सर्वेषु कुर्यादशुद्धये पुन । पुत्रजन्मादिषु आह्नं पार्वणं पर्यसु स्मृतम् ॥ अह्न्यहानि नित्यं स्यात् काम्यं नैमित्तिकं पुन । एकोद्धिष्टादि विज्ञेय द्विधा आह्नं तु पार्वणम् । एतत् पञ्चविधं आह्नं मनुना परिकीर्तितम् । कूर्म. II. 20.24-26 आश्वलायन q. by आह्नक-लिका enumerates them as काम्यं नैमित्तिकं वृद्धिरेकोद्धिष्टं च पार्वणम् । (folio 1)

858. नित्य नैमित्तिकं काम्यं वृद्धिआह्नं सपिण्डनम् । पार्वणं चेति विज्ञेयं गोष्ठ्यां शुद्धार्थमष्टमम् । कर्माह्नं नवमं श्रौतं दैविकं दशमं स्मृतम् । यात्रास्वेकादशं श्रौतं पुष्ट्यर्थं द्वादश स्मृतम् ॥ विश्वामित्र q. by कल्पतरु p 6, स्मृतिच (आ. p. 334), मद्. पा p. 475, आ. क. ल p. 6, निर्णयसिन्धु III. p 374 The कूर्मपुराण also (II. 20.26-27) mentions यात्राआह्नं, शुद्धिआह्नं and दैविकआह्नं This enumeration occurs in भविष्यपुराण I. 183.6-7 and स्कन्दपुराण VII. 1.205. 41-42 The कल्पतरु refers to two verses of the ब्रह्मपुराण for explaining यात्राआह्नं which are quoted at length in आ. कि. कौ p. 267 and आ. म. p. 333.

859. गोष्ठ्या यत्क्रियते आह्नं गोष्ठीआह्नं तदुच्यते । बहूना विदुषा संपत्सुखार्थं पितृवृत्तये । भविष्यपु q. by कल्पतरु p 7, मद्. पा p 476, आ. क. ल p 7. The कल्पतरु explains गोष्ठी चात्र आह्नकर्वसुखाय । संपत्सुखार्थं आह्नसामग्र्यसंयुक्ता यस्तुष्टं तदर्थं बहूनां विदुषा केनचित्मित्रेन युगपच्छ्राद्धे कर्तव्य उपरिधत्ते पृथक्पाकाद्यसम्पत्तौ सम्भूय आह्नसामग्र्यसंपादनेन यच्छ्राद्धं क्रियते तद्गोष्ठीआह्नमिति शङ्खधर. 11 (p. 7) The दण्डवति-आह्नमयोग of रघुनाथ gives another explanation 'आह्नस्य गोष्ठ्यां वार्तायां क्रियमाणाय तज्जनितोत्साहेन यत् क्रियते आह्नम् ।'.

comes enthusiastic owing to a talk about śrāddha or when many learned men gather together at a sacred place and, finding it impossible to have separate cooking arrangements for each, pool their resources for collecting śrāddha materials and perform simultaneously śrāddha for the pleasure it affords to themselves and for the gratification of pītr̥s. The Śuddhi-śrāddha is one where brāhmanas are fed when a person undergoes śuddhi (purification) after being guilty of some sin or transgression (it is a subsidiary act in a prāyaścitta). That śrāddha is called 'karmāṅga' which is performed at the time of the *Gaṇbhādhāna* rite or at the performance of a soma sacrifice, or at śmantonnayana, pumsavana (it is like Vrddhiśrāddha). That is called dāvika śrāddha which is intended to propitiate gods (it is like nityaśrāddha and is performed on the 7th or 12th *tithi*, or the like with sacrificial food). When a man going to a distant country on a pilgrimage or the like performs a śrāddha in which clarified butter is served (to brāhmanas) in abundance or when he comes back to his house, that is yātrā-śrāddha. That is called pustiśrāddha which is performed for the health (or fattening) of the body (when taking some medicines for the purpose) or for the increase of one's wealth. Out of these <sup>360</sup> twelve the principal ones are *pūrvāṅga*, *ekoddista*, *vrddhi* and *sapṛyāṅga*. There are works called *Ṣaṇ-ṇavati-śrāddha* such as those of Śivabhatta, son of Govinda, and of Raghunātha. The 96 śrāddhas to be performed in a year are briefly enumerated in a verse <sup>361</sup> quoted in the note. They are 12 śrāddhas on

860. गोष्ठ्या यत्क्रियते आहं गोष्ठीआहं तदुच्यते । बहूना विदुषा सम्पत्सुखार्थं पितृपुत्रये ॥ क्रियते शुद्धये यत्तु ब्राह्मणानां तु भोजनम् । शुद्ध्यर्थमिति तस्योक्तं वनतेय मनीषिभिः ॥ निषेककाले सोमे च सीमन्तोन्नयने तथा । ज्ञेयं पुसवने चैव आहं कर्माङ्गमेव च ॥ देवादिद्विषय यच्छ्राद्धं तन्तु दैविकमुच्यते । इद्विषयेण विशिष्टेन सप्तम्यादिषु यत्नत ॥ मन्थन्देवान्तरं यच्च आहं कुर्यान्तु सयिषा । यत्तार्थमिति तस्योक्तं प्रवेगे च न संशय ॥ क्षीरोपचये आहंमर्षोपचय एव वा । पुष्ट्यर्थमेतद्विज्ञेयमौपचारिकमुच्यते ॥ भविष्यपुर. I. 183 15-19, q. by स्मृतिच (अ.) p. 334, आ. क. ट. p. 7, निर्णयसिन्धु p. 374. There are some various readings here that are not noted. The printed text (Venk ed.) presents different readings, such as गोप्यश्च क्रियते आहं and क्रियते देवसुद्विषय सप्तम्यादिषु यत्नत. These 12 आहंs are defined in स्कन्दपुराण VII. 1. 205 43-50 also. On दैविकआहं the दोहरानन्द (आहंसौख्य folio 4 b) remarks 'अत्र यद्यपि प्रकृतं आहंमसम्भवि देवीद्विषयकत्वेन विधानात् तथापि अहंया कार्य आहमिति योगसामान्यात् आहंपदनिधेयतावचनं बोद्धव्यम्'.

861. अना शुभमनुकान्तिधृतिपातमहालया । आन्वदक्ष्य च पूर्वेषु षण्णवत्यं प्रकीर्तिता । verse 5 of षण्णवतिआहं of शिवभट्ट (Ms in Bhadrakamkar collection)

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the 12 amāvāsyās in the year, the four śrāddhas on the Yugādi days (note 841 above), the fourteen śrāddhas on the Manvantarādi days (p. 375 above), the śrāddhas on 12 *saṅkrāntis* (i. e. the sun's apparent motion from one sign of the Zodiac to another), the 13 śrāddhas on the Yoga called Dhṛti (i. e. Vaidhṛti) and the 13 śrāddhas on the Vyatipāta yoga, the 16 Mahālaya śrāddhas, the four Anvatakā days (according to Āsv. as noted on pp 359-360), the four Astakā days and the four days (i. e. 7th of dark half of the months of Hemanta and Śiśira) of the day previous (to the Astakā). These classifications and enumerations of śrāddhas will afford an idea how the doctrine of śrāddhas was carried to an exaggerated extent in the course of centuries. It goes without saying that only a few people could have indulged in the luxury of so many śrāddhas a year and most people were content with the performance of only one Mahālayaśrāddha and one or two more. It may be noted that Manu (III. 122) first prescribed that on the amāvāsyā of each month an elaborate śrāddha should be performed, but knowing that this was almost impossible Manu recommends to all (III. 281) that an elaborate śrāddha should be performed on three amāvāsyās in one year<sup>862</sup> (viz. in Hemanta, Grīśma and Varsā) and one should perform every day the śrāddha which is one of the five daily sacrifices (III. 82-83). Devala went further and recommended that an elaborate śrāddha may be performed only once a year.

The next important question is about the qualifications of the brāhmanas that were invited to dinner on a śrāddha day. Only brāhmanas were and are entitled to be invited for śrāddha

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The महालयs are 16 as stated by शास्त्राचार्य and देवल q. by परा मा. I. 2 p 319 and by सू. ह. (आह) p 745, नभस्यस्यापरे पक्षे विधिषोडशकं तु यत् । कन्यास्थार्कान्वितं चैव स्यात्तु कालः आह्नकर्मणि ॥ (शा) ; अह षोडशकं पक्षे शुक्लप्रतिपदा सह । चन्द्रक्षयविशेषेण सापि दशार्त्मिका स्मृता ॥ (देवल). Generally there are 13 वैद्युतयोगs and 13 vyatipāta yogas in a year, though sometimes there may be 14 of each. There are in a month 27 yogas beginning from विष्कम्भ. The शतपथब्रा (VI. 4. 2. 10) speaks of 12 अहकाः द्वादश पूर्णिमास्तौ द्वादशाहका द्वादशमासास्त्यः ।

862. एतेन विधिना आह्नं कुर्यात्संवत्सरं सकृत् । त्रिंशद्वर्षा यथाआह्नं मासे मासे दिने दिने । देवल q. by सूतचित् (आ.) p. 497 which explains: एतेन विधिना पार्वणविधिना प्रतिसंवत्सरमेकवारं निशिदेहि प्रतिसंवत्सरं त्रिवारं वा कल्पतरु p. 22 (आह्न) quotes the verse.

dinner whoever may be the performer of the *śrāddha*. In this connection many works contain high eulogies of *brāhmanas*, but they are passed over here, as the eulogy of *brāhmanas* has been already dealt with at some length in H. of Dh vol. II, pp. 37-38, 135-138. It may be noted that the *grhyasūtras* contain a few requirements, but as we proceed the *smṛtis* and *purāṇas* go on adding qualifications and enlarging the lists of those that should not be invited. For example, the *Āsv. Gr.* <sup>862a</sup> IV. 7. 2, *Śān.-Gr.* IV. 1. 2. *Āp. Gr.* VIII. 21. 2, *Āp. Dh. S.* II. 7. 17 4, *Hir. Gr.* II. 10. 2, *Baud. Gr.* II. 10. 5-6 and II 8. 2-3, *Gaut.* 15. 9 provide that the *brāhmanas* to be invited should be possessed of Vedic learning, should be of excellent character (free from anger and passion and possessed of control of mind and senses) and of meritorious conduct, pure, not deficient in a limb or not having an excessive limb (e. g. having six fingers). The *Āp. Dh. S.* states that he who has studied the three Vedic verses in which the word 'madhu' occurs (*Rg.* I. 90. 6-8, *Vaj. S.* 13 27-29, *Tai. S.* IV. 2. 9 3), he who has studied the *Trisuparna*, one who is a *Trināciketa*, one who has studied the mantras required for the four sacrifices (*Āsvamedha*, *Purusamedha*, *Sarvamedha* and *Pitrmedha*) or who has performed these four sacrifices, one who keeps the five fires, he who knows the *Sāman* called *Jyestha*, he who carries out the duty of daily Vedic study, the son of one

862 a ब्राह्मणान् श्रुतशीलवृत्तसंपन्नानेकेन वा । आश्व. घृ. IV. 7. 2. ब्राह्मणान् श्रुचीन् मन्त्रवत् समङ्गानशुज आमन्त्रयते । योनिगोत्रसम्बन्धान् । नाशपिंशो भोजयेत् । *Hir. घृ.* II 10 2. त्रिणशुचिषुपणक्षिणाचिकेतश्चतुर्मेध. पञ्चाग्निष्वेष्टसामिको वेदाध्याय-  
नूतानशुज ओत्रिय इत्येते आर्द्धे भूषाना. पक्षिपावना भवन्ति । आप घृ. II. 7. 17-22.

*त्रिषुपर्ण* is the name applied, according to Haradatta, to the three *anuvākas* beginning with *ब्रह्ममेतु माम्* (*तै. आ.* X 48-50) or to the verse चतुः—*क्षिण्ण्डा* *युवति* *सुपेक्षा* in *तै. ब्रा.* I. 2 1. 27 or *Rg.* X 114. 3-5. *त्रिणाचिकेत* is explained in different ways viz (1) one who knows the *Nāciketa* fire, (2) a person who has thrice kindled the *Nāciketa* fire, (3) a person who has studied the *Anuvāka* called *Virajas*. For the *Nāciketa* fire, vide *Kathopaniṣad* I. 1. 16-18 The word '*Trināciketa*' occurs in *Katha Up.* I. 1. 17 and is explained by शङ्कर as 'त्रि कृत्वा नाचिकेतोऽग्निश्चितो येन स. त्रिणाचिकेतस्तद्विज्ञानस्त-  
द्व्ययनस्तद्विज्ञानवान् वा । *Tai. Br.* (III. 11. 7-8) describes the नाचिकेत fire and the story of *Naciketas*. The five fires are *Gārhapatya*, *Āhavanīya*, *Dakṣaṇagni*, *Āvasathya* (or *aupāsana*) and *Sabhya*. Vide H. of Dh. vol II. p 679 Vide *ibid.* II. p 767 note 1838<sup>a</sup> for explanations of पक्षिपावन, उपेष्टसामिक

and the other words explained above वेवल defines ओत्रिय as 'एका शाखा सकल्पा वा पदभिरङ्गैरधीत्य वा । पदकर्मनिरतो विम ओत्रियो नाम धर्मवित्' q. by *आ. प्र.* p 59. *Pāṇini* (V. 2.84) derives ओत्रिय as ओत्रियःष्ठन्द्वाधीति पदकर्म—refers to यजनयानाध्ययनाध्यापनप्रतिग्रहदानानि.

who has studied the Veda and is able to teach the whole Veda with its *aṅgas*, a *Śrotriya*—these persons sanctify the company if they eat at a funeral repast. Gaut. 15. 28, Baud. Dh. S. II 8.2, Manu III 185-186, Yaj I. 219, Varāhapurāṇa 14.2 contain almost the same words about those who sanctify the company of diners (i. e. who are *pāṅktipātana*). The Anuśāsanaparva (90. 25-31), Kūmapurāṇa II 21. 1-14, Matsya 16 7-13, Brahmapurāṇa 220. 101-104, Vāyu 79. 56-59 and 83. 52-55, Skanda VI 217. 21-25 give long lists of *pāṅktipātana* brāhmaṇas. The Hir. Gr. II, 10.2, Baud. Dh. S. II 2. 7, Kūrma (II 21. 14) and others say that a performer of śrāddha should invite one who is not a relative connected by marriage (such as a maternal uncle) nor one who is of the same gotra, nor one who is connected with the performer by Veda study (i. e. is his teacher or pupil), nor a friend nor one who expects monetary help from the performer. Manu (III. 138-139) provides that one should not invite at a śrāddha dinner a personal friend, that one may gain a friend by making valuable gifts to him (on other occasions), that one should feed at a śrāddha a brāhmaṇa whom he does not deem either his friend or foe and that he who performs śrāddhas and offerings to gods chiefly to gain friends reaps no reward after death by those śrāddhas or offerings. But Manu III 144 (= Kūrma II 21-22) provides that one may invite even a friend but not a foe though the latter may be learned. Manu (III. 135-137 and 145-147) lays down that the main or best rule to be followed is to present śrāddha food to those who are devoted to spiritual knowledge, that between a man who has studied one whole recension of the Veda but whose father was not a śrotriya and one who is himself not a śrotriya but whose father had studied a whole recension of the Veda (i. e. whose father was a śrotriya) the latter is the more worthy of the two, that one should strive to feed at a śrāddha an adherent of the R̥gveda who has studied one entire recension of that Veda or a follower of the Yajurveda who has studied one Śākha thereof or a singer of sāmans who has finished one recension of the Sāmaveda and that if one of these preceding three is honoured and dines at a śrāddha, the ancestors of the performer will be gratified up to the seventh generation for a very long time. Hārta (q. by Hemādri on śrāddha p. 392 and Kalpataru on śr. pp. 66-67) describes the qualifications of those who are *pāṅkteya* brāhmaṇas viz. they must be born in a high family (possessing four characteristics), must be endowed with learning (of six kinds) and *śīla*

(character of 13 kinds) and good conduct (of 16 kinds). Śāṅkha-Likhita<sup>863</sup> give a long list of pāṅkteya (fit to be associated with in a *pāṅkti* i. e. row of diners) brāhmanas, viz he who knows the Veda and the Vedāṅgas (viz. phonetics, kalpa or śrauta ritual, grammar, Nirukta, metrics and astronomy); one who keeps the five fires; one who has studied the Veda with its *angas*; one who knows Śāṅkhya, Yoga, Upaniṣads and Dharmaśāstra; a śrotriya, a trināciketa, trimadhu, trisuparnaka and one that has studied Jyesthasāman; one who has studied Śāṅkhya, Yoga, Upaniṣads and Dharmaśāstra; who is devoted to Veda; who always keeps sacred fires; who is obedient to his parents and devoted to Dharmaśāstra. Similar rules are laid down by Viṣṇu Dh. S 83, Bṛhat-Parāśara p. 150, Vṛddha-Gautama p. 581, Prajāpati verses 70-72, Laghu-Śatatapa verses 99-100, Auśanasasmṛiti (Jiv. vol. I, pp. 523-524). As Medhātithi<sup>864</sup> on Manu III. 147 says the gist of all these passages is that a learned brāhmana who has studied the Veda, whose conduct is good, whose family is famous, who is the son of a śrotriya father and who is not related to the performer must be invited and all the rest is mere arthavāda (by way of eulogy). Manu (III. 128) laid down two propositions viz. all food offered as sacrifice to the gods and manes must be given only to a brāhmana who studies the Veda and that whatever is presented to the most worthy brāhmana (among brāhmanas studying the Veda) brings in the greatest rewards. Then Manu (III. 183) declares that *pāṅktipāvana* brāhmanas are those that sanctify a row of diners among whom sit some who are tainted by (latent) blemishes that make them unfit to be among the diners. Then Manu (III. 184-186) gives examples of pāṅktipāvana brāhmanas viz. those who are the foremost among students of all the Vedas or their expository works and who are born in a family of unbroken descent of Vedic students, who are Trināciketa &c. Hemādri (on śr. pp. 391-395) and Kalpataru (śr. pp. 64-65) quote numerous verses from Yama on *pāṅktipāvana*.

Manu III. 147 asserts that the best course is to invite a brāhmana who fulfils the conditions laid down in Manu III.

863. शङ्खलिखितावपि । अथ पाङ्केयाः । वेदवेदाङ्गविद् पञ्चाग्निरुचान साङ्ख्ययोगोपनिषद्दर्मशास्त्रविद्भोग्रिय, त्रिणाचिकेत त्रिमधु त्रिहृषर्णको ज्येष्ठसामग, । साङ्ख्ययोगोपनिषद्दर्मशास्त्राध्यायी वेदपरः सदात्रिको मातापितृशुश्रूषुष्वर्चनशास्त्ररति । इति । q by कल्पः (p 68), आ. म. p. 67.

864. श्रीत्रियो विद्वात् साधुचरण, प्रहृषाताभिजन श्रीत्रिपापत्यसम्बन्धो भोजनीय, । परिशिष्टे सर्वमर्थवादाय ॥ मेधा ०२ मनु III 147.

132-146, but adds that if it is not possible to secure such a brāhmana then the next best course<sup>865</sup> ('anukalpa') may be followed, viz. the performer may invite his own maternal grandfather, his maternal uncle, sister's son, father-in-law, his teacher of the Veda, daughter's son, son-in-law, a *bandhu* (such as mother's sister's son), wife's brother or a *sagotra*, or his family priest, or his pupil. Similar provisions occur in Yāj I. 220, Kūrma (Uttarārdha 21. 20), Varāhapurāṇa 14. 3, Matsya 16. 10-11, Visṇupurāṇa III. 15. 2-4 (anukalpesvanantarān). But Manu is careful<sup>866</sup> to point out in a later chapter that one who is able to observe the best course, but observes the second best does not reap other-worldly rewards by his actions. Even Āp. Dh. S.<sup>867</sup> expressly says that if strangers do not possess the requisite qualifications, then even one's full brother possessed of all the qualifications (as to Vedic learning, good conduct &c.) and pupils may be fed at a śrāddha. Baud. Dh. S. also allows even a sapinda to be fed.<sup>868</sup> Gaut 15. 20 appears to be of the view that even pupils and *sagotras* may be invited when they are possessed of excellent qualities and strangers with good qualifications are not available. Even in these times very learned brāhmanas are unwilling to be fed at a śrāddha, particularly within a few years (three or five) from the death of the person for whose benefit the śrāddha is to be performed. Smṛtis attach a certain stigma to the fact of being the recipient of a śrāddha dinner and prāyaścittas are prescribed. For example, the Mit. on Yāj. III. 289 quotes several verses of Bhāradvāja, one of which says 'If a brāhmana dines at a pārvana śrāddha he has to perform six prāṇāyāmas (as expiation), if he dines at a śrāddha from the third month after a person's death to one year, he has to undergo a fast; if he dines at a vṛddhiśrāddha, he has to perform three prāṇāyāmas, and a fast for a day and night if he dines at a sapindana śrāddha.' The Mit. further quotes a

865. मुख्यभावे चोद्रीयते प्रतिनिधिन्यायेन सोऽनुकल्प उच्यते । मेघा. on मनु III. 147. The अमरकोश says 'मुख्य-स्वात्ययनः कल्पोऽनुकल्पस्तु ततोऽधमः'

866. प्रश्नः प्रथमकल्पस्य योऽनुकल्पेन वर्तते । न साम्प्रदायिकं तस्य दुर्मेतत्विद्यते फलम् ॥ मनु XI. 30 (= शान्तिपर्व 165.17) q in तत्त्ववार्तिक p. 191, where the 2nd half is स नानोति फलं तस्य परत्रेति विचारितम् ॥

867. शुण्ढान्पां तु परेषां समुदेत सोदयोपि भोजयितव्यः । एतेनान्तेवासिनो व्याख्याताः । आप. घ. सू II 7.17.5-6

868. तस्मादेवंविधं सपिण्डमप्याशयेत् । बौ ध. II. 8 5. The आ. क. ल p. 40 explains एवंविधं as शुण्वन्तम्.

verse from Dhaumya which prescribes Cāndrāyana for dining at a śrāddha on the birth of a son or at simantonnayana, in a navaśrāddha etc. Vide also Nirṇayasindhu III, pp. 467-468 for prāyaścittas on eating śrāddha dinners. The Varāhapurāṇa (189. 12-13) provides that if a brāhmana dies while the food offered to a *preta* is still in his stomach he dwells for a *kalpa* in a horrible hell, becomes a *rāksasa* and then becomes free from the sin.

According to Gaut, 15. 10 young persons with the requisite qualifications are to be preferred to older ones, while, according to some, young men were to be invited at a śrāddha for one's deceased father and old men for a śrāddha for one's grandfather. On the other hand, Āp. Dh. S. says among brāhmanas possessing the same qualifications, the older ones are to be preferred and among those that are old are to be preferred the poor that are anxious to earn money.<sup>868a</sup>

Some of the works lay special emphasis on inviting ascetics or *yogins* at a śrāddha dinner. The Visnu Dh. S. states that *yogins*<sup>869</sup> are particularly *pañktipāvana* and quotes a stanza as recited by the pitrs 'May (a descendant) be born in our family who feeds a brāhmana yogin at a śrāddha by which we are ourselves satisfied.' The Varāhapurāṇa 14. 50 says that a yogin is superior to 100 brāhmanas. The Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa provides 'a wise man should always feed *yogins* at a śrāddha since the pitrs rely for support on Yoga; if a yogin is fed by being seated as the first among thousands of brāhmanas he saves the performer and the other diners as a boat saves men in water.' Then it quotes stanzas sung by the pitrs (29. 32-34) to king Aila. The Saurapurāṇa, after mentioning the qualifications (in 19. 2-3),<sup>870</sup> winds up by stating that even one may suffice provided he be a single-minded devotee of Śivā (verse 6)

868 a. तुल्यश्रेणेषु वयोवृद्धः श्रेयान् द्रव्यकृशश्चेत्सन् । आप ध. II 7 17.10.

869. विशेषेण च योगिनः । अत्र पितृगीता गाथा भवति । अपि स स्वात्कुलेऽस्माकं भोजयेद्यस्तु योगिनम् । विप्रं आद्धिं प्रयत्नेन येन तुष्यामहे वयम् ॥ विष्णुध. सू. 83 19-20.

870 The ब्रह्माण्डपुराण III 970 is युद्धस्थानां सद्व्रजेण वानप्रस्थज्ञेन च । ब्रह्मचारिसद्व्रजेण योग एव विधिष्यते ॥ योगिनश्च सदा आद्धिं भोजनीया विपश्चिता । योगाधारा हि पितरस्तस्मात्तान् पूजयेत्सदा ॥ मार्कण्डेय 29. 29, ब्रह्मपुराणा सद्व्रजेन्यो योगी तद्भासने यदि । यजमानं च भोजयिष्यन् नौरिवान्भसि तारयेत् ॥ बायुपुराण 76 28, मार्कण्डेय 29 30. These and other verses occur in ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 112-115. मार्कण्डेय 29.29-30 are ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 110-112 q. by हेमाद्रि p 411 and आ. म. p 72-73. The important पितृगाथाः are 'कदा नः सन्ततावगम्यः कल्पचिह्नविता पुत्रः ॥ यो योगिश्चकरोपासी भुवि पिण्ड प्रदास्यति । गयायामथवा पिण्डं सङ्गमांसं तथा हविः । कालशार्कं तिलाज्यं च वृत्तये कृशार च न ॥' ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 113-115 and मार्कण्डेय 29, 33-34.



The Matsyapurāṇa (16. 11-12) recommends 'He who expounds (the meaning of) texts; he who enters upon the discussion of śrauta sacrifices and he who knows the rules about the accents of sāmāns is a purifier of *pañktipāvanas*; one proficient in the Sāmaveda, a Vedic student, one endowed with knowledge of the Veda or of *Brahma*—where these are fed in a śrāddha it yields the highest benefit.'<sup>871</sup> Though in the above passages the greatest emphasis was laid on the possession of Vedic learning by the brāhmaṇas to be fed, one had also to see whether they were men of good character and observers of the rules of proper conduct, as provided by Āśv. Gr. IV. 7. 2 (note 862), Gaut. 15.9 and Manu II. 118 who says 'a brāhmaṇa<sup>872</sup> knowing only the sacred Gāyatri but living a well-regulated life is to be preferred and not one who knows the three Vedas but who is not well-regulated in conduct and who eats anything (even forbidden food) and who is a vendor of everything.' The Skandapurāṇa VI. 217. 27 recommends that one should make every effort to know the family of the brāhmaṇas, then their character (śīla), then their age and then the facts about whom they marry or to whom they give their daughters in marriage. The Brahmaṇḍa (Upodghāta, chap 15) says that there should be no scrutiny of a brāhmaṇa about whom nothing is known because *siddhas* (yogins) roam about on the earth in the form of brāhmaṇas. But if faults in a brāhmaṇa are easily seen or if one knows his disqualifications on account of one's dwelling near him, he should not be invited (verses 5-6). The same Purāṇa (Upodghāta 15. 24-26) arranges the orders of preference as follows: first yati (ascetic), then a brāhmaṇa who knows the four Vedas and itihāsa, then one who knows three Vedas, then one who knows two, then one who knows one Veda, then one who is an *upādhyāya*. Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 443) quotes the Agni-purāṇa<sup>873</sup> as follows: 'what is the use of (birth in a) famous

871 यश्च व्याकुरुते वाक्यं यश्च मीमांसतेऽध्वरम् ॥ सानस्वरविधिज्ञश्च पाङ्क्तिपावनपावनः। सामगो ब्रह्मचारी च वेदयुक्तोऽथ ब्रह्मविद् ॥ यत्रैते शुभते आह्वे तदेव परनार्यवत् । मत्स्यपुराण 16 11-13.

872. सावित्रीमात्रस्रोत्रोऽपि वर विप्रः सुयन्त्रित । नायन्त्रितस्त्रिवेदोऽपि सर्वाङ्गी सर्वविक्रयी ॥ मनु II. 118 = बुद्धगीतम p. 517, which reads चतुर्वेदी. हेमाद्रि p 444 quotes मनु as reading नायन्त्रितश्चतुर्वेदी

873. तदुक्तमधिपुराणे । किं कुलेन विशालेन वृत्तहीनस्य देहिनः । कुमपः किं न जायन्ते कुक्ष्येषु सुगन्धिषु । जातकर्मणोपि । अपि विद्याकुलैर्युक्तान् वृत्तहीनान् द्विजाधमान् । अनर्हान् ह्येककर्मण वाद्याजिणोपि नाचर्येत् ॥ हेमाद्रि pp 443-444, आ. म p 74.

family if the man is himself devoid of good conduct? Are not insects found in fragrant flowers?' Jātūkarnya says 'one should not honour even with a word (much less with food &c.) in rites for gods and Manes bad brāhmanas void of good conduct, even though they be endowed with learning and be born in a good family.' This insistence on worth was due to the conception that pītras assuming an aerial form enter brāhmanas at the time of śrāddha. Vide Brahmandapurāṇa (Upodghātapāda 11. 49).

These requirements of learning, character and good conduct would naturally make it incumbent on the performer of a śrāddha to inquire into the antecedents, qualities and defects of the brāhmanas to be invited. Manu and others lay down several rules about the testing of the brāhmanas to be invited. Manu III. 149, Visnu Dh. <sup>874</sup> S. 82.1-2, provide 'at an offering to the gods let a man not enquire into (the qualities of) a brāhmana (when he wants to invite), but at a śrāddha offering to the Manes close inquiry (into qualities) is declared to be proper and just.' Manu III. 130 says that even if a brāhmana be master of the Veda, one should enquire far (into his ancestry). The Vāyupurāṇa <sup>875</sup> appears to provide that inquiry into (the qualifications of) brāhmanas should not be always undertaken when gifts are to be made, but enquiry is declared (necessary) in the case of rites for gods and Manes. The Anuśāsanaparva provides <sup>876</sup> that in rites meant for gods a ksatriya knowing the rules about gifts should not (closely) inquire into the qualifications of brāhmanas, but in rites for the gods and Manes such inquiry is quite proper. Vṛddha-Manu and the Matsya-purāṇa <sup>877</sup> lay down that a brāhmana's character is to be inquired into at the place where he resides for a long time, his purity by his acts and transactions with other people, his intelligence by discussion with him: with these three one should inquire whether the brāhmana (to be invited) is a worthy person.

874. दैवे कर्मणि ब्राह्मणं न परीक्षेत । प्रयत्नाद्यिदमे परीक्षेत । विष्णुध. सू. 82. 1-2.

875. न ब्राह्मणान्परीक्षेत सदा दैवे तु मानवः । दैवे कर्मणि पित्र्ये च शूत्रे वै परीक्षणम् । वायु 83. 51 q. by हेमाद्रि p. 511 (reads दैवे तु).

876. ब्राह्मणास्तु परीक्षेत क्षत्रियो दानधर्मवित् । दैवे कर्मणि पित्र्ये तु श्वायम्पादः परीक्षणम् । अद्वैतसूत्र 90. 2 q. by हेमाद्रि p. 511.

877. परीक्षाप्रकारस्तु बृहन्मन्त्रमन्त्रयुक्तयोर्दर्शितः । शीतं संवत्सराज्येणै शौचं संवत्सराज्येणै । प्रज्ञा संवत्सराज्येणै विधिः पात्र परीक्षते । हेमाद्रि p. 513, आ. म. p. 102.

The Nṛsīṃhapurāṇa<sup>878</sup> forbids close inquiry into the character and learning of one who comes by chance as a guest at the time of śrāddha. That inquiry was allowed as to brāhmanas who were invited and not as to those who came by chance uninvited as *atithis*. There are no doubt certain passages particularly in the Purāṇas where scrutiny into a brāhmana's qualifications is condemned. For example, the Skandapurāṇa quoted by Aparārka (p. 455) and Kalpataru (on śr. p. 102) states 'The Vedic revelation is that śrāddha is to be offered (to a brāhmana) after inquiry (into his learning and character), but straightforward action is better than scrutiny. When one offers śrāddha straightforwardly without inquiry his pitrs are gratified and also gods'. The Bhavīsyapurāṇa (q. by Bālabhāṭṭi) states 'it is my view also that one should not test (the qualifications of) brāhmanas; one should only consider their caste and not their virtues'. Such passages are explained away as referring to a śrāddha at sacred places or as applicable to gifts or to *atithis* (vide Hemādri on śrāddha p. 513, and Bālabhāṭṭi on ācāra p. 494)<sup>878a</sup>.

Brāhmanas were declared to be *apāṅkṭeya*<sup>879</sup> (not fit to sit in the row of brāhmana diners or as defiling a row of diners at śrāddha) on various grounds, such as bodily and mental defects and diseases, pursuit of certain avocations, moral lapses, being guilty of crimes, being followers of unorthodox systems, being inhabitants of certain countries. A distinction has to be made between brāhmanas who should not be invited and brāhmanas that are *apāṅkṭeya* or *paṅkṭidūṣaka*. For example, one should not ordinarily invite a friend or a sagotra brāhmana even

878 न परीक्षेत चारिष्यं न विद्यां न कुलं तथा । न शीलं न च वेशादीनतिथेराग-  
तस्य हि ॥ मन्थेत विष्णुमेवैनं साक्षात्कारायणं हरिम् । अतिथिं समग्रमाप्तं विचिकित्सेन्न कर्हिचित् ॥  
चरिष्यद्वाराणं q by आ म p 102; अविज्ञातं द्विजं आद्रे न परीक्षेत पण्डितः । सिद्धा हि  
विमर्शयेन चरन्ति पृथिवीमिमाम् । तस्मादतिथिमायास्तमभिगच्छेत्कृताञ्जलिः ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड, उपोद्-  
घातपाद, 15. 7.

878 a. इत्यादीनि विमपरीक्षानिवेधकानि तानि आद्वैतरदानपराणि नित्यआद्व-  
पराणि वा तीर्थआद्वपराणि अतिथिपूजापराणि वा । बालम्भटी on आचार, p. 494

879. मेधातिथि on मद्र III. 167 explains अपाङ्क्य (derived from पङ्क्ति) as  
follows: अपाङ्क्यः पङ्क्तिः नार्हन्ति । भवार्थे दृक् कर्तव्यः । अनर्हत्वेनैव पङ्क्त्यावभवनमनेन प्रतीयते ।  
अन्यैर्बाह्यैः सद भोजने नार्हन्ति । अत एव पङ्क्तिद्वयका उच्यन्ते । तैः सहोपनिषदा अन्येऽपि  
इतिता भवन्ति । पा. IV.1.20 is स्त्रीभ्यो दक्.

though learned, but these are not apāṅkteya. The Ap.<sup>380</sup> Dh. 8, states that one suffering from white leprosy, a bald man, the violator of another man's bed, the son of a brāhmaṇa who was a soldier by profession, the son of (brāhmaṇa who had become like) a śūdra from a brāhmaṇa woman—these defile the company if they are invited at a śrāddha repast. Vas. Dh. 8, XI 19 also gives a brief list viz. 'one should avoid naked (ascetics), those suffering from white leprosy, impotent men, blind men, those who have black teeth, those afflicted with black leprosy and those who have deformed nails.' Very long lists of persons unfit to be invited at a śrāddha are given by Gaut. XV. 16-19, Manu III 150-166, Yaṣ. I. 222-224, Viṣṇu Dh. 8, 82. 3-29, Atri (verses 345-359 and 385-388), Brhad-Yama III. 34-38, Brhat-Parāśara pp. 149-150, Vṛddha-Gautama pp. 580-581, the Vāyu-purāṇa 83.61-70, Anuśāsana-parva 90.6-11, Matsyapurāṇa 16.14-17, Kūrma (II 21. 23-47), Skanda VII 1.205.58-72, VI 217.11-20, Varāhapurāṇa 14.4-6, Brahma-purāṇa 220. 127-135, Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa (Upodghāṣṭa 15.39-44 and 19.30-41), Mārkaṇḍeya 28.26-30, Viṣṇupurāṇa (III 15.5-8), Nārada-purāṇa (pūrvārtha 28.11-18), Saurapurāṇa (19.7-9) and several other works. The list in the Manusmṛiti is one of the longest and that is set out here. One should not invite a brāhmaṇa that is (1) a thief, (2) an outcaste, (3) an impotent man, (4) an atheist, (5) one who wears his hair in braids (a student yet learning Veda); (6) one who does not study the Veda, (7) one who is afflicted with a skin disease, (8) a gambler, (9) one officiating as a priest for a multitude of men, (10) a physician, (11) temple priest (who worships images for money), (12) vendor of meat, (13) one who makes his livelihood as shopkeeper, (14 and 15) a paid servant of a village or of a

380. श्विकी लिपिविदः परतल्पगन्धश्चयुविशुद्धः शूद्रोत्पन्नो ब्राह्मण्यामित्येते आद्रे  
शुक्लानाः पण्डितृवका भवन्ति। आप. ध. सू. II. 7.17 21 As the son of a śūdra male

from a brāhmaṇa woman was treated as a cāṇḍāla in many smṛtis and therefore could not possibly have been intended to be invited at a śrāddha. Kapardin explained the words शूद्रो... ब्राह्मणाय as meaning 'born of a brāhmaṇa male that had become practically a śūdra by first marrying a śūdra woman, then a brāhmaṇa woman and procreating a son on that śūdra wife and then on the brāhmaṇa wife.' This latter (as the son of a शूद्रसम ब्राह्मण) is 'अपाङ्केय'; शूद्रोत्पन्नो ब्राह्मण्या असमवर्णदारपरिग्रहे ब्राह्मण्या पुत्र-

भद्रत्वाय शूद्रायाश्चत्पादिवशुद्ध इति कपर्दी; कल्पतरु (आ p. 90), हरदत्त follows कपर्दी हेमाद्रि (आ p. 496) omits all reference to marrying a śūdra wife first and explains 'नो विशुक्लालीयायामपि ब्राह्मण्या शूद्रात् शूद्रसमानाद् ब्राह्मणादुत्पन्नः'.

king, (16) one with deformed nails, (17) one whose teeth are black (naturally), (18) one who opposes his *guru*, (19) one who has forsaken his sacred fire (*śrauta* or *smārta*) without a proper cause, (20) a usurer, (21) one suffering from consumption, (22) one who subsists by tending cattle (though not in distress), (23 and 24) a younger brother who marries or kindles sacred fires before his elder brother, (25) one who neglects the five (daily) sacrifices, (26) an enemy of brāhmanas or of Veda, (27 and 28) an elder brother who marries or kindles sacred fires after his young brother, (29) one who is a member of a guild or corporation, (30) an actor or singer, (31) one who has broken the vow of student-hood by unchastity, (32) one whose (only or first wife) is a śūdra female, (33) the son of a remarried woman, (34) a squint-eyed or one-eyed man, (35) one in whose house a paramour of his wife resides, (36) one who teaches for hire, (37) one who is taught by a hired teacher, (38) one whose teacher is a śūdra, (39) one who instructs śūdra pupils, (40) one whose speech is harsh and untrue, (41) the son of an adulteress, (42) the son of a widow, (43) one who forsakes his mother, father or teacher without (adequate) cause, (44) one who has contracted an alliance with *patitas* either through the Veda (i. e. as teacher or pupil) or through marriage, (45) an incendiary, (46) one who undertakes sea-voyages, (47) a bard, (48) an oil-man, (49) a false witness (or forger of documents or counterfeiter of coins), (50) one who has a dispute with his father in a law court, (51) one who induces others to gamble, (52) one who drinks wine, (53) one afflicted with a disease (in punishment for crimes in former lives), (54) one accused of a grave sin, (55) a hypocrite, (56) a vendor of substances used for flavouring food (such as sugar-cane juice or molasses), (57) a manufacturer of bows and arrows, (58) one who is the husband of a woman married before her elder sister, (59) the betrayer of a friend, (60) the keeper of a gambling house, (61) one who learns (the Veda) from his own son, (62) an epileptic man, (63) one who has scrofulous swellings of the glands, (64) one afflicted with white leprosy, (65) an informer, (66) a lunatic, (67) a blind man, (68) a caviller of the Veda, (69) a trainer of elephants, horses, oxen or camels, (70) one subsisting by the practice of astrology, (71) a bird-fancier, (72) one who gives instructions in the use of weapons, (73) one who diverts watercourses, (74) one engaged in obstructing watercourses, (75) one subsisting by teaching or practising architecture, (76) a messenger, (77) one who plants trees

for money, (78) a breeder of sporting dogs, (79) a falconer, (80) a defiler of a maiden (or who ascribes falsely fault to a maiden), (81) one given to injuring living beings, (82) one who gains his livelihood from śūdras, (83) one who officiates at a sacrifice on behalf of guilds, (84) one who does not follow the ordinary rules of conduct (as welcoming a guest &c.), (85) one who has no energy for religious acts, (86) one who constantly begs for gifts, (87) one who subsists by agriculture (carried on personally), (88) one who suffers from elephantiasis, (89) one who is condemned by good men, (90) a shepherd, (91) a keeper of buffaloes, (92) the husband of a remarried woman, (93) a carrier of dead bodies (for money)<sup>881</sup>. Manu III. 167 says that a brāhmana who knows the sacred laws should avoid or shun at both (sacrifices to Gods and to Manes) the worst of brāhmaṇas enumerated above whose conduct is reprehensible and who are unworthy of sitting in a row of brāh-

881. There is some divergence of views among the commentators about the meanings of certain words occurring in Manu III. 150-166. For reasons of space that matter is not discussed here in detail. A few points alone are noted here निराकृतिः is explained in two ways viz (1) one who does not perform the daily five Mahāyajñas, (2) one who after learning the Veda forgets it. The evil diseases are said by Devala to be eight 'दन्ताद्वस्त्रद्वयो राजयस्ना श्वातो नष्टुनेहो भगन्दरो नहोदरमश्मरीत्यदौ पापयोगः'; q. by अपराकं p. 451, स्तुतिच. (आ) p. 401. वृषली is explained in various ways by Skandapurāṇa VII 1. 205 77-80 as meaning a śūdra woman, as one who abandoning her husband cohabits with another, as a girl who is not married though she has reached the age of puberty, as a prostitute, as one who is sterile, or one all whose children are dead अग्नेदिधिपतिः :—When a younger sister gets married before her elder sister the former is called अग्नेदिधिर् while the latter is called दिधिर्. देवट says 'जेष्टायां यद्यनृदायां कन्यायास्तृहतेऽह्ना । सा चाग्नेदिधिर्-जेष्टायां पूर्वा च दिधिर्नृता' q. by अपराकं p. 451, निता on या III. 265. अग्नेदिधिर्-पति is taken by मेधातिथि as equal to two words viz. अग्नेदिधिर् and दिधिर्पति. The latter means, according to the Amarakośa, the husband of a remarried woman, while the former means 'one who is the first husband of a remarried woman' शुभर्षादिधिर्हृदा द्वित्तस्या दिधिर् पति । स तु द्विजोऽग्नेदिधिर् सेव यस्य कुडुम्बिनी अनरकोश q. by हरदत्त on गी 15 15. मनु. III 173 explains दिधिर्पति as one who lasciviously dallies with the widow of his deceased brother, though she be appointed (to bear a son by him) according to the sacred law. The स्तुतिः said that the brother appointed should cohabit as an act of duty and not through passion for the widow. Hemādri p. 485 gives another meaning of अग्नेदिधिर् 'जीवदस्तावद् आतुर्भार्यायान्मरुकोऽग्नेदिधिर्.' वसति I. 18 includes both अग्नेदिधिर् and दिधिर्पति among those who are called एनस्विन. Even the तै ब्रा. III. 2.8. 12 mentions अग्नेदिधिर् as a sinner and आप य च (II, 5, 12, 22) mentions both.

manas at a śrāddha repast, Manu III. 170-182 indulge in pointing out how feeding such unworthy brāhmanas results in the loss of the gratification of pītras and state that the food eaten by such unworthy persons becomes or is to be deemed as equal to foul things. The Kūrmapurāṇa<sup>882</sup> forbids inviting at śrāddhas Bauddha ascetics, Nirgranthas (devotees who have withdrawn from the world and wander about naked or as beggars), those that follow the Pañcarātra and Pāsupata doctrines, those that are kāpālikas (devotees of Śiva of the left hand order) and other similar heretical people. The Viṣṇupurāṇa (III 18. 70 ff) narrates how a king after a bath in a holy place talked with a heretic and had to pass in consequence through the bodies of a dog, a jackal, wolf, vulture, a crow, a crane and peacock and ultimately became freed from the taint by a bath at the avabhr̥tha in an Āśvamedha sacrifice. The same Purāṇa provides (III 18 97) that one should avoid talking with or touching heretics, particularly at the time of a religious rite or when one has consecrated for a solemn sacrifice. The Vāyupurāṇa<sup>883</sup> provides that people who are 'nagna' should not be allowed to see a śrāddha and then defines 'nagna' people as follows: 'the three Vedas are declared to be a protective covering for all beings and therefore those who foolishly abandon the Vedas are called 'nagna'; those who vainly keep matted hair, those who shave their heads for no purpose, those who are *nagna* (naked) without any cause, those who engage in certain observances and mutter certain words aimlessly are called *nag-nādi*'. Just as certain countries were declared unfit for the performance of śrāddhas (vide note 853 above), so certain brāhmapas hailing from certain countries were declared in some

882. बृहद्भवकनिर्यन्थाः पञ्चरात्रविदो जनाः । कापालिकाः पाशुपता पायण्डा ये च ब्रह्मिणः ॥ कूर्म (उत्तरार्ध) 21. 32 q by हेमाद्रि p 476 and 365, बृहद्भवकनिर्यन्था-शाकाजीवककापिलाद्व । ये धर्माननुवर्तन्ते ते वै नग्नादयो जनाः ॥ ब्रह्माण्डपुराण III 14 38-39 q. by हेमाद्रि p 520. The same verse occurs in a corrupt form in वायु 78.30-31.

883. सर्वेषामेव भूतानां त्रयी संवरणं स्मृतम् । परित्यजति यो मोहात्ते वै नग्नादयो जनाः ॥...वृथा जटी वृथा मुण्डी वृथा नमश्च यो हिज्ज । वृथा व्रती वृथा जापी ते वै नग्नादयो जनाः ॥ वायुपुराण 78.26 and 31, q. by हेमाद्रि ( आ ) p 520 (the first verse from ब्रह्माण्डपुराण). The स्मृतिच (आ.) p. 411 reads वर्णानां for भूतानां and ascribes that verse to the ब्रह्माण्डपुराण. ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्घातपाद 14 35-41) has these verses अपरार्ध. 473 ascribes verse सर्वेषामेव भूतानां to ब्रह्माण्डपुराण, which is found in उपोद्घातपाद 14.35.

works as not fit to be invited at a śrāddha.<sup>SS4</sup> For example, the Matsyapurāṇa states that brāhmaṇas that are ungrateful, that are atheists, that stay in *Mleccha* countries or the countries of Trisāṅku, Karavira, Āndhra, Cina, Draviḍa and Koṅkaṇa should be carefully avoided at the time of śrāddha. Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 505) quotes from the Saurapurāṇa the following: 'Brāhmaṇas hailing from the countries of Āṅga, Vaṅga, Kaliṅga, Saurāṣṭra, (Kāthiawar), Gurjara, Ābhira, Koṅkana, Draviḍa, Dakṣiṇapāṭha, Avanti and Magadha should be avoided at śrāddhas. It will be noticed that putting the above two passages together, brāhmaṇas from half of modern India would have been ineligible for being invited at śrāddhas if these passages were literally followed. This was probably a counsel of perfection prompted by the false pride and prejudices of the authors of these works. The Śrāddhāvireka of Rudradhara (pp. 39-41) contains one of the longest lists of persons unfit to be invited at a śrāddha.

The following reason is advanced by the Varāṇspurāṇa<sup>SS5</sup> and others for honouring a guest who comes by chance at the time when a śrāddha rite is in progress: "Yogins wander over the earth assuming different forms that prevent recognition, but doing good to people; therefore a wise man should honour a guest who arrives at the time of the performance of a śrāddha". The Bhaviṣya-purāṇa<sup>SS6</sup> similarly says that an *alīthi* (guest) at a śrāddha is one who comes when least thought of and not one who had arrived before the śrāddha rite started. The Mārkaṇḍeya (26. 30) provides that one should not ask such an *alīthi* about his *gotra* or *varṇa* or his Vedic study nor should one consider whether he has a fine appearance. Hemādri (on śrāddha pp. 430-433) quotes verses from the Śivadharmottara,

SS4. कृत्वा चास्मिन्काले च देवानि वासिनः । विशङ्कुर्वन् प्रावर्तयन् विद्वान् ।  
(विशङ्कुर्वन् प्रावर्तयन् विद्वान् ?) । वने हि हिंस्रः सर्वान् आहूय काले विशेषतः । न तस्य 16  
16-17 q. by हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 505, कल्पतरु (आ. p. 94).

SS5. योगिनो विविधै रूपैर्न रागादुपकारिणः । जनन्ति पृथिवीमेवानविज्ञानस्वरूपिनः ॥  
सत्त्वादस्य चैव मासं आहूय कालेऽतिथिं बुधः । आहूय कियान्ते हन्ति द्विकेन्द्रादुपहितो रतिः ॥  
बराह 14. 18-19, विष्णुपुराण 15 23-24; compare वासुदेव 79 7-8 (सिद्धा रि विप-  
रूपेण चरन्ति पृथिवीनिनाम् । सत्त्वादतिथिनायान्नमभिगच्छेद् कृत्वा जतिः).

SS6. अचिन्त्योऽप्यागतो यस्मात्सत्त्वादतिथिरुच्यते ॥ अतिथिं व विजानीयात् पुन पूर्व-  
मागतः ॥ भविष्य, I. 184. 9-10 q. by हेमाद्रि p. 427; न पृथ्वीद्वेगोत्रचरणं स्वाध्यायं चापि  
पण्डितः । शोभनाशोभनाकारं व नन्येत प्रजापतिम् ॥ अनित्य हि स्थितो यस्मात्सत्त्वादतिथि-  
रुच्यते । मार्कण्डेय 26. 30-31.



Viṣṇudharmottara and Vāyu (71.74-75) Purāṇas that gods, *siddhas* and yogins wander over the earth in the form of brāhmana *atithis* in order to favour people and to see how *śrāddhas* are being performed. About the definition of an *atithi* and the necessity and mode of honouring a guest in general, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 749-756.

Hemādri (Śrāddhakāṇḍa, pp. 380-385) holds an interesting discussion as to whether a performer of *śrāddha* belonging to one recension of a Veda must restrict himself to inviting brāhmanas that are students of the same recension of the Veda or whether he can invite any brāhmana that may have studied any of the three Vedas. Some people relying on a maxim ('as in the case of a bride so in the case of an offering') invite only brāhmanas of their own *śākhā* possessed of the qualifications above set forth. Hemādri replies that this is a wrong notion, relies on Āp. Dh. S. II. 6. 15. 9 'one should feed<sup>887</sup> in all (religious) acts brāhmanas that are pure (in their conduct) and that have studied the Veda' and asserts that no *smṛti*, *Itihāsa*, *Purāṇa*, *Grhyasūtra* nor *Kalpasūtra* contains the restriction of inviting only brāhmanas of the performer's own *śākhā*. He further says that in such texts as 'trināciketastrimadhuḥ' (quoted in note 862a above) the rule laid down is to invite brāhmanas that have studied different *śākhās* and Vedas. He rejects the idea about any restriction as to selecting a bridegroom of the same *śākhā* as the bride's father and remarks that if some people are not prepared to give their daughters in marriage to young men belonging to other *śākhās*, that is due to ignorance about the families and is also due to pride and vanity. He winds up by saying that in Āryāvarta countries it is found on all sides that marriage connections are entered into with persons studying different *śākhās* but living in the same district, (such connections) not being condemned, while persons who study the same *śākhā* of the Veda but do not know each other do not enter into marital connections.<sup>888</sup> As a contrast to this commonsense view it should be

887. शुचीन् मन्त्रवतः सर्वकृत्येषु भोजयेत् । आप. घ सू II. 6. 15 9, on which हरदत्त explains 'मन्त्रवतः अधीतवेदान् । सर्वकृत्येषु औतेषु गाह्येषु स्मार्तेषु च कर्मसु दैवेषु पित्र्येषु मानुष्येषु च भोजयेत् ।'.

888 अत्र केचिद्यथा कन्या तथा हविरिति कन्यासाधर्म्येण हविषां स्वशास्त्रीयप्रतिपाद्यत्वं ( मन्वमाना. स्वशास्त्रीयमेव श्रोत्रियत्वादिगुणविशिष्टं आर्द्धं नियोजयन्ति । तदसत् । स्मृतिविहास-

noted that the author of the Bālabhāṭṭi recommends that 'Mahārāstra brāhmanas should not invite brāhmanas of other castes (of brāhmanas) and particularly the Konkanastha brāhmanas should be avoided and it goes so far as to say that a person belonging to one's own caste not possessed of good qualities and of a blemished character (provided he is not guilty of mahāpātakas or the like) should be preferred to one belonging to another sub-caste even if endowed with good qualities.

The Vas Dh. S. provides <sup>889</sup> that the performer should invite ascetics, house-holders, well conducted men, who are not very old &c. The Kūrmapurāṇa states <sup>890</sup> 'that man whose offer-

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पुराणग्रन्थकल्पद्वयेषु कचिदपि स्वशास्त्रीयनियमाश्रयणात् । प्रत्युत स्मृत्यादिषु त्रिणाचिकेत-  
त्रिमधुखिलेषु ज्येष्ठसामग इत्यादिभिर्नानाशास्त्रीयानां नानावेदाध्यायिनामेव विधिदर्शनाच्च  
.. किं च कन्यायामेव तावदेकशास्त्राध्यायिनियमं कुतोऽङ्गतो यद्वचनेन हविष्यपि साध्यते । ...  
आर्यावर्तेषु च समानदेशवासिनां नानाशास्त्राध्यायिनामप्युपलभ्यन्त एव परस्परमनवगीयमानाः  
सर्वतो विवाहसम्बन्धाः । अविज्ञातपरस्परानामेकशास्त्राध्यायिनामपि नोपलभ्यन्ते । .. अतो न  
कन्यादाने नापि हविर्दाने स्वशास्त्रीयद्विजनियम इति सिद्ध्यत् । हेमाद्रि ( आह ) pp. 380-381.  
The words यथा कन्या तथा हविः occur in a verse of गुरु 'नैकयोर्वे हविर्देवाद्या  
कन्या तथा हविः । अभावे, ह्यन्यगोत्राणामेकगोत्रास्तु भोजयेत् । ' q by आ. प्र. p. 75. हेमाद्रि  
p. 450 reads it as नैक. दद्यात्समानप्रवरे तथा । न चाज्ञातकुले दद्याद्यथा कन्या तथा  
हविः ॥, आ. क. ल. p. 39 quotes this verse and the half verse अभावे .. न भोजयेत्  
also The निर्णयसिन्धु III, p. 397 follows हेमाद्रि and relies on मनु III 145-146.  
एवमपि महाराष्ट्रविजातीयानां न ग्राह्यास्तत्रापि कोऽङ्गणस्थादयः सर्वथा न ग्राह्या इति आहृदीप-  
कालिकादिषु ग्रामाणिकानिबन्धेष्विति सर्वशिष्टसमतम् । ... वज्र्याश्च द्विविधा द्योयन्त सजा-  
तीयाः गुणवन्तोऽपि विजातीयः सुवरा द्योयन्त । तत्र सजातीयेषु अनिषिद्धलाभेऽभिज्ञस्तत्वा-  
दिचलवद्गोपराहितो वृष्टोपि ग्राह्य । विजातीयस्तु गुणवानपि तत्त्वादेव त्याज्य किञ्च द्योयन्त । ...  
केवलां चिन्तयेज्जातिः । कन्यादानादिसम्बन्धयोग्यां जातिं यथा कन्या तथा हविरित्युक्तत्वेन  
तेपि सर्वथा हेया एवेति दिष्टः । बालम्भट्टी on आचार p. 497.

889 पूर्वद्युर्माह्वानाच्च संनिपात्य यतीच्च गृहस्थान्ताधुना परिणतवयसोऽविकर्मस्थान्  
श्रोत्रियान् शिष्यान्मन्त्रेवासिनः । वसिष्ठ XI 17, q by हेमाद्रि p. 379 who explains  
'यतयः मन्त्रजिताः तदसम्भवे गृहस्थान्' । The डोहरानन्द ( आहृदीप folio 37b )  
arranges the persons to be invited at a आहृ in the following order: तदर्थं  
संक्षेपः । आदी त्रिदण्डयतिस्तदलाभे वानमस्थस्तदलाभे ब्रह्मचारी तदलाभे गृहस्थस्तत्रापि  
पङ्क्तिपावनाद्य उल्कृष्टास्तदलाभे यो ह्यसम्बद्धः सत्कर्मा च तदलाभे तत्सम्बद्धा अपि तदलाभे  
सदाचारः शिष्योऽपि ।

890. प्रकृतेर्गुणतत्त्वज्ञो यस्याश्नानि यतिर्हविः । फलं वेदान्तवित्तस्य ( वेदविदा तस्य )  
सहस्रादतिरिच्यते । तस्माद्यत्नेन योगीन्द्रमीश्वरज्ञानतत्परम् । भोजयेद्धृदयकव्येषु अलाभादि-  
तरान्दिजात् । कर्म ( उत्तरार्ध 21, 17-18 ) g, by आ. प्र. p. 73, हेमाद्रि p. 413 ( 2nd  
verse ) and p. 417 ( first verse ).

ing (of food) is eaten by a *yati* that knows the truth about *prakṛti* (primordial matter) and the *guṇas* (*sattva*, *rajas* and *tamas*) reaps the reward (merit) of feeding a thousand (other *brāhmanas*). Therefore one should feed in offerings to gods and manes an excellent *yogin* who is intent on true knowledge of God and others only if such a one is not available.' Similar verses about ascetics and yogins occur in *Varāhapurāṇa* 14. 50, *Skanda* (VI. 217. 7 ff) and *Vāyupurāṇa*<sup>891</sup> chap. 71. 65-73, chap. 76. 28 &c. *Brhaspati* provides<sup>892</sup> a special rule that, if a person cannot afford to feed at a *śrāddha* more than one *brāhmana*, then he should feed one who has studied the *Sāmaveda*, since in him all the three viz. *Rks*, the *Yajus* and *Sāmans* co-exist, that the father is pleased by *Rks* (i. e. by the feeding of a *brāhmana* who has studied the *Rgveda*), the grand-father by *Yajus*, the great-grand-father by a *Sāman* and a *chandoga* (a chanter of the whole of *Sāmaveda*) is superior. A verse of *Sātātapa* is<sup>893</sup> quoted to the effect that if a student of the *Atharvaveda* is fed in a rite for the gods or manes, that yields endless and inexhaustible rewards.

Some of the *smṛtis* were very strict in laying down the qualifications of *brāhmanas* to be invited at a *śrāddha*. *Auśanasa* (chap. 4) asserts: 'that *brāhmana*<sup>894</sup> is called *durbrāhmana* and should never be invited at a *śrāddha* in whose family *Veda* study and *Vedi* (i. e. the performance of *Śrauta* sacrifices) have been stopped for three generations'. The same

891. *गृहस्थानां सहस्रेण वानप्रस्थशतेन च । ब्रह्मचारिसहस्रेण योगी स्वेको विज्ञिष्यते ॥ वायुपुराण 71 69 q. by हेमाद्रि p. 413, आ म p. 73, it occurs also in ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्घातपाद) 9 70. यतिरहं सर्वविद्यायां सर्वपापमयुग्मभवेत् । इतिहासपञ्चमात् वेदान् यः पठेत् द्विजोत्तमः ॥ अनन्तरं यते सोऽयं नियोक्यो विजानता । त्रिवेदोऽनन्तरस्तस्माद् द्विवेदस्तदनन्तरः । एकवेदस्ततः पश्चाच्चायाध्यायी ततः परम् । वायुपुराण 79 53-55 q by हेमाद्रि (p. 419). The printed वायु reads सर्वेषामन्य उत्तमे; almost the same verses occur in ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्घातपाद 15 24-26).*

892. यद्येकं भोजयेच्छाद्धे छन्दोगं तत्र भोजयेत् । ऋचो यजूंषि सामानि त्रयं तत्र तु विद्यते ॥ ऋचा तु वृष्यति पिता यजुषा तु पितामहः । पितुः पितामहः सामाना छन्दोगो ह्यधिरुस्ततः ॥ बृहस्पति q. by हेमाद्रि p. 385, स्मृतिह. p. 765, कल्पतरु on आह p. 58.

893. भोजयेद्यद्यधर्वाणां द्वेवे पैडये च कर्मणि । अनन्तमक्षयं चैव फलं तस्येति वै श्रुतिः ॥ शातातप q by हेमाद्रि p. 385, स्मृतिह. p. 765, कल्पतरु (आ) p. 59

894. यस्य वेदश्च वेदी च विच्छिद्येते त्रिषुरुभयम् । स वै दुष्प्रह्विणो ज्ञेयः आह्वादादौ न कदाचन ॥ औशनसस्मृति (Jiv I p. 524), जौ गृ. परिभाषासूत्र I. 10. 6 (which reads नाम यश्चैव वृषलीपतिः), q by अपरार्क p. 286 and p. 449 and हेमाद्रि p. 357, as यम's Vide त्रिकाण्डमण्डन I 134-135 for similar definitions.

author<sup>895</sup> further says that six persons are merely *brāhma-bandhus* (i. e. *brāhmanas* by birth or caste alone) viz. one who is hired by a *sūdra* or a king as a servant, who has a *sūdra* woman as his wife, who is a village priest and he who subsists by killing (animals) or by catching them. So early as the *Mahābhāṣya*<sup>896</sup> it was stated that austerities (leading a life of restraint and strict observances), Vedic learning and birth (from *brāhmaṇa* parents) are the causes of (a man being called) a *brāhmaṇa* and that he who is devoid of the first two is a mere *brāhmaṇa* by caste (but not a real *brāhmaṇa*). It is curious to note that Yama stated that, if *brāhmanas* that do not declare (or point out) the auspicious *nakṣatra* or *tithi* or day or *muhūrta* and other auspicious matters, eat (*śrāddha*) food it becomes inexhaustible.

But the requisite qualifications were so exacting that it must have been found almost impossible to secure for a *śrāddha brāhmanas* altogether free from any of the blemishes set out above from Manu. Gautama (15.15-18) contains long lists<sup>897</sup> of over 50 kinds of *brāhmanas* that were not to be invited at a *śrāddha* dinner or at a sacrifice for gods, but Gaut. adds that according to some only those beginning with '*durvāla*' (Gaut. in 15.18) were to be shunned at a *śrāddha* (but could be invited at a sacrifice for the gods). The persons so to be shunned, according to some who flourished before Gautama (i. e. at least before 600 B C) are, a bald man, a man who has deformed nails or has black teeth (naturally), one suffering from white

895. शूद्रभेष्यो भृतो राज्ञा वृषली ग्रामयाजकः । वधवन्धोपजीवी च पडेते ब्रह्मवन्धवः ॥ औशनसः (Jiv. I.) p. 525, q. by अपराकः p. 449. ब्रह्मवन्धु is a contemptuous term for one who is a *brāhmaṇa* in name only (and has not studied the Veda).

896. तपः श्रुतं च योनिश्चैतद् ब्राह्मणकारकम् । तपःश्रुताभ्या यो हीनो जातिब्राह्मण एव सः ॥ महाभाष्ये on पाणिनि II. 2.6 (ed by Kielhorn, vol I. p. 411) This appears to be a quotation. अनुशासनपर्व 121. 7 is तपः... ब्राह्मण्यकारणम् । निमित्तं सखितो ततो भवति वै द्विजः ॥ In the महाभाष्ये on पा IV. 1. 44, vol II. p. 220 ब्राह्मणग्रन्थः is defined as त्रीणि यस्यावदातानि विद्या योनिश्च कर्म च । एतच्छिव विज्ञानी हि ब्राह्मणग्रन्थस्य लक्षणम् ॥ ; 'नक्षत्रतिथिपुण्याहान् सुहृतांश्चलानि च । न निदिशन्ति ये विप्रः सौर्धुर्लक्ष्यं भवेत् ॥' यम q by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 390), कल्पतरु (आ p. 62) नियमेन तपःशब्दः । आप ध. सू. I. 2. 5. 1. हेमाद्रि p. 347 quotes a similar verse from बोधायन.

897. कुण्डाशि सोमविकल्पगारदाहि-गरदावकीर्णि-गणभेष्यागम्यागमि-हिंस-परिविस्ति-परिवेष्ट पर्याहित पर्याधातु त्यक्तात्म-दुर्बाल-कुलखि-इयावदन्त-भित्ति-पौनर्भव-कितवाजप-राज-भेष्य-भातिरूपिका शूद्रापति-निराकृति-किलाशि-कुसीदि-वाणिक्-शिल्पोपजीवि-इयावदित्ताल-द्वय-गीतशीलान् । ... दुर्बालादीन् आज्ञ एवैके । अकृताज्जभास्ते चैवम् । गौ. 15. 18, 31-32. Words joined by *sandhi* rules have not been separated by a hyphen.

leprosy, the son of a re-married woman, a gambler, one who neglects *japa* (the recitation of Vedic mantras), a servant of the king, one who uses false weights and measures, one whose (only) wife is a śūdra female, one who does not perform the daily five sacrifices, one who suffers from a virulent skin disease, a usurer, one who lives by trade or by handicrafts, one who makes his living by (manufacturing) bows (and arrows) or by playing on musical instruments or by keeping time (when another is singing), or by dancing or singing. Vas. quotes a verse<sup>898</sup> as follows: If a brāhmana knowing the Vedas is afflicted with physical defects which (ordinarily) exclude a person from a row of diners, Yama declares that he is irreproachable and that he does sanctify the row of diners. But it must be said that even in modern times emphasis is laid on inviting learned and well-conducted brāhmanas for śrāddha. The idea (expressed by Manu III, 189 and the Padmapurāṇa) persists that the *pitr*s enter into and hover round the invited brāhmanas and that the latter are to be looked upon as representing the *pitr*s.<sup>899</sup> The Garudapurāṇa states that Yama allows the departed souls and the *pitr*s to visit the world of men at the time of śrāddha from the nether regions.

The Visnu Dh. S. (79. 19-21) prescribes that the performer should avoid wrath, should not shed tears and should not do things in a hurry. The Varāhapurāṇa<sup>900</sup> provides that the performer should not employ twigs for brushing the teeth (but should rinse his mouth twelve times with water), should remain chaste and pure. Āp. Dh. S prescribes<sup>901</sup> that the performer should not eat food from the commencement (from the time he goes out to invite) up to the end of the śrāddha rite. The

898. अथाप्युदाहरन्ति। अथ चेन्मन्त्रविद्युक्त' शरीरैः पङ्क्तिदूषणैः। अदुष्यं तं यमः माह पङ्क्तिपावन एव सः ॥ वसिष्ठधर्मसूत्र XI. 20, q. by मेधातिथि on मनु III, 168. The verse is also अत्रि 350-51 and लघुशङ्ख 22

899. निमन्त्रितांश्च पितर उपविष्टान्ति तान् द्विजान्। वायुश्रुता निगच्छन्ति तथासीनाङ्कपातते ॥ पद्मपुराण (सुष्टिखण्ड 9. 85-86) Vide note 759 above. आह्निककाले यमः प्रेतान् पितॄन्श्चापि यमालयात्। विसर्जयति मातृगृहे निरयस्थांश्च काश्यप ॥ गरुडपुराण, प्रेतखण्ड chap X, 28-29.

900 बराहपुराणे। दन्तकाष्ठं च विदुजेद् ब्रह्मचारी शुचिर्भवेत्। q by कल्पतरु (आ p. 104), आ. प्र. p. 112.

901 आरब्धे चाभोजनमा समापनात्। आप. ध सू II 7, 17 24.

Kūrma (uttarārdha 22. 8) states that if a person first invites a brāhmana and then foolishly invites another (passing over the first) then he becomes a greater sinner (than the brāhmana who after accepting one invitation promises to dine at another śrāddha) and is born as a worm in human faeces. The Bhavisyapurāṇa <sup>902</sup> provides that honouring gods, pitrs and men and feeding (brāhmanas) should not be done without wearing an upper garment; otherwise the rite will bear no fruit.

About the number of brāhmanas to be invited at a śrāddha there were several options and several views. The Āsv. Gr. S. states <sup>903</sup> that at the Pārvana—śrāddha (performed on a *paṇvan* day i. e. on Amāvāsyā), the Ābhyudayika śrāddha, the Ekodista or Kūmya, the larger the number of brāhmanas the greater is the reward, that in no case should a person invite only one brāhmana at a śrāddha meant for all pitrs or he may optionally invite only one brāhmana except at the first śrāddha, that he may invite one, two or three brāhmanas for each of the three paternal ancestors. The Śān. Gr. (IV. 1.2) and Kaustiki Gr III. 14. 1-2 prescribe that one should <sup>904</sup> invite an uneven number of brāhmanas, at least three, to sit down as (representing the) fathers. Gaut. requires <sup>905</sup> 'He shall feed an uneven number

902. पितृदेवमनुष्याणां पूजनं भोजनं तथा । नोत्तरीयं विना कार्यं कृतं स्याज्जिष्कलं यतः ॥ नवम्य I 185 23.

903. ब्राह्मणाश्च श्रुतशीलवृत्तसम्यग्मानेकेन वा काले ज्ञापिताश्च स्नाताश्च कृतपञ्चीचाना-  
चाताश्च वृत्तान् पितृवदुपवेद्यैकैकमेकस्य द्वौ द्वौ त्रीन्तीन्वा वृद्धौ फलद्वयस्त्वं न त्वेवैकं सर्वपादम् ।

काममनाद्ये । आश्व. गृ. सू. IV. 7. 2-3. पितृवत् is explained in two ways by नारायण 'पितृवदिति वचनं गमैते पितर इति मनसा ध्यायजपवेद्यैदित्येवमर्थमित्येके ।' अन्ये तु पितृवृद्धं पितामहाय वृद्धतरं प्रपितामहाय वृद्धतममित्येवं यथावय उपवेद्यार्थमिति । The words नवेवैकं सर्वपादम् in आश्व. are opposed to मनु III. 125. नारायण gives several meanings of अनाद्ये, viz. आद्य refers to सपिण्डीकरण which is the first of the śrāddhas for a deceased person in which three ancestors are involved, आद्य may refer to पार्षण which is mentioned first by आश्व. गृ. सू. or अनाद्य means अभीजन and so refers to आमश्राद्ध or हिरण्यश्राद्ध; or अनाद्ये means दुर्भिक्षे. The words एकैकमेकस्य ... त्रीन्तीन्वा contradict आश्व. गृ. सू. II. 5 11-12 'नवावारान् भोजयेत् । अशुजो वा.'

904. अथ मासि मासि पितृभ्यो दद्यात् । ब्राह्मणांश्चेद्विदुषोऽयुग्मान् प्रवचार्थान् पितृवदुपवेद्यायुग्मानि तिलपात्राणि तिलैरवकीर्य ब्राह्मणानां पाणिदु निनयेत् । कौपीतिकिद्. III. 14 1-2.

905 अमावास्यां पितृभ्यो दद्यात् । ...नवावारान् भोजयेदशुज । यथोत्साहं वा । ओजियास्त्राग्न्यवय शीलसम्पत्तयः । ..एके पितृवत् । गौ. घ. सू. 15 2, 7-9, 11. हरवत् explains 'एके मन्यन्ते पित्राद्यनुरूपं दानमिति । यथा पित्रे तद्वत् पितामहाय वृद्धौ प्रपितामहाय वृद्धतरा इति' । गौतम and others simply echo what is said in शतपथ-  
भा. II. 4 2.7-8 about offering food to pitrs on amāvāsyā.

of brāhmanas, at least nine or as many as he is able (to feed) and that they should be learned in the Veda and endowed with polished speech, good appearance, mature age and good character'. If five were invited two would be for gods and three for pitrs; if seven, then four for gods and three for pitrs and so on. Vas. XI. 27 (= Manu III. 125 = Baud. Dh. S. II. 8. 29), Yaj. I. 228, Matsya 17. 13-14, Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 15.14 provide that one must feed two brāhmanas at the rite for the gods and three for the manes or one only for each of the two purposes and even a rich man should not go in for a large company. The Padma-purāṇa (Śrīti 9.98 and 141) says the same thing. So the number of brāhmanas to be invited did not depend so much upon the means of the inviter, but upon the point whether the inviter would be able to honour them all properly and with ease. The idea was that at the same time when śrāddha was to be performed two brāhmanas should be fed for gods and three for the pitrs. When only one brāhmana could be invited or was available, Vas. (XI. 30-31) provides that portions of the several foods cooked should be put in a vessel and should be placed at the place where Vaiśvadevika brāhmana would have been seated, then served in a plate and the *viśve devāḥ* be invoked and should be contemplated as present and then the food should be thrown into the fire or offered to a Vedic student (as alms) and then śrāddha rite should be continued. Śāṅkha<sup>906</sup> 14.10 provides a similar rule. The result is that if a man can afford to invite only one brāhmana or can secure one only, then that brāhmana is meant for the rite in honour of pitrs and the offering for the gods is to be cast into fire. Baud. Dh. S. II. 8.30, Manu III. 126, Vas. XI. 28, Kūrma (uttarārṇha 22 28) contain the same verse which emphatically states 'A large company destroys these five *desiderata*, viz the respectful treatment (of those invited), the securing of a proper place (such as one sloping to the south) and time, purity and (the

906. भोजयेद्यज्ञ्येकं ब्राह्मणं पण्डितानम्। देवे कृत्वा तु नैवेद्यं पश्चाद्ब्रह्मै तं तत्क्षिपेत् ॥ शङ्ख 14.10. The आ. क. ल. p. 40 remarks 'एकब्राह्मणपक्षे विश्वेदेवस्थाने पार्श्वं प्रकल्प्य देवे निवेद्य तमेकं विभं पित्रादिषु मातामहादिषु च नियुज्यते' हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1523) explains Vas. XI.31 as 'अन्नस्य प्रत्येकमेकदेशं ससुद्धृत्य देवतायतने वैश्वदेविकद्विजोपवेशनोचिते स्थाने पात्रमासाद्य तत्र परिवेद्य तत्रत्यासने च विश्वान् देवानावाह्यं तावत् पुरोवर्तितं हवामुच्यते .. विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्य इदमन्नं स्वाहा ओं तत्क्षिपति उक्त्वा' &c The translation in S. B. E. vol. 14 of देवतायतने in Vas. XI.31 (at p. 54) is wrong

choice of) meritorious brāhmanas; therefore one should not desire a large company' <sup>907</sup> The Kūmapurāṇa (uttarārḍha 22.32) insists that an *atithi* must be fed at a śrāddha or otherwise the śrāddha is not praiseworthy. Though these ancient works insisted upon the avoidance of large preparations and expenses for śrāddhas in honour of a deceased person, there were other smṛtis that favoured lavish distribution of wealth in śrāddhas. For example, Brhaspati lays down: '(An heir) should lay aside half of the wealth that comes to him (by inheritance) for the benefit of the deceased owner and should expend it in the monthly, six-monthly and yearly śrāddhas'. The Dāyabhāga XI. 12 approves <sup>908</sup> of this and also quotes Āp. Dh. S. II. 6. 13.3 'On the failure of a sapinda the teacher of the Veda takes the wealth of the deceased, on failure of the teacher, the pupil takes it and having inherited it he should employ it in the performance of works of charity for the benefit of the deceased' (or he himself may enjoy it). These passages show to what lengths the cult of benefit to the soul of the deceased was carried in India by certain writers. More practical authors such as Haradatta did not relish these extreme views. In several purāṇas such as the Vāyu <sup>909</sup> and Viṣṇu there are express directions that when a śrāddha is performed at Gayā, it should be on a profuse scale and no stinginess <sup>909</sup> (lit. cheating in money matters) in spending wealth should be shown there; otherwise the performer would not reap the benefit of the performance of śrāddha at that holy place. The Padmapurāṇa appears to inculcate profuse

907 सत्किं देशकालौ च शौचं ब्राह्मणसम्पदः । पञ्चैतां विस्तरो हन्ति तस्माद्विहितं विस्तरम् ॥ मनु III. 126.

908. धनार्जनस्य हि मयोजनद्वयं भोगार्थत्वं दानाद्यद्वयार्थत्वं च, तत्रार्जकस्य तु भुक्तत्वाद्भुक्ते भोग्यत्वाभावेनाद्वयार्थत्वमेव सिद्धम् । अत एव बृहस्पतिः । सद्युक्त्याद्वयार्थत्वं तदर्थं स्थापयेत्पुण्यम् । मातृपण्यसिद्धिं आद्ये चार्थिके च प्रयत्नतः । दायभाग XI. 13. आपस्तम्ब-धर्मसूत्र II. 6. 13. 3 is तदभावे आचार्ये आचार्याभावे अन्तेवासी हत्वा तदर्थेषु धर्मकृत्येषु वीर्ययोजयेत् । ; हरदत्त explains 'वाशब्दात् स्वयं वीर्ययुजीत'.

908 a. वित्तशास्त्रं न कुर्वति गयाशब्दे सदा नरः । वित्तशास्त्रं तु कुर्वन् न तीर्थफल-भोगमवेत् ॥ वायु 82.19. This is quoted from another Purāṇa by the स्मृतिच. (आद्य) p. 388, which adds 'अतो वित्ताद्वयसारेण शारीरबलाद्वयसारेण च गवाया आर्जं कार्यम्'.

909. सविलं नामगोत्रेण दद्याच्छक्या च दक्षिणां । गोधूहिर्गणवासांति भव्यानि क्षयानि च । दद्याद्याविष्टं विप्रागामात्मनः पितुरेव च ॥ वित्तशास्त्रेन सहितं. पितृव्यः मीति-माहरन् । पद्मपुराण, सुष्ठिसण्ड 9 179-181.



expenditure of wealth in all śrāddhas. The Vāyupurāṇa <sup>910</sup> (82, 26-28) further says that the brāhmanas of Gayā are supermen, that when they are gratified (at a śrāddha) the gods together with pitrs become gratified, that no question should be raised about the family, the character, the learning and the austerities (of the Gayā brāhmanas), that by honouring them a man attains liberation, that a man after honouring the brāhmanas should proceed according to his resources and strength to the performance of śrāddha, thereby he secures all heavenly desires and obtains the means of *Mokṣa*. The Skandapurāṇa goes so far as to say that Gayā brāhmanas even if they are depraved in their conduct and are backward deserve to be invited at śrāddha and are superior to brāhmanas who have mastered the Veda and Vedāṅgas. The Nirṇayasindhu (III, p. 401) notes that, according to the Tristhalīsetu of his grandfather, this provision holds good only in the case of the śrāddha at the Aksayya Vata in Gayā and nowhere else. In modern times the brāhmanas at Gayā used to require the performer of śrāddha while he was in the sacred Phalgu river to make a declaration about his wealth and demanded fees accordingly, thereby carrying to the letter the words of the Vāyupurāṇa. Many people returned from Gayā thoroughly disillusioned and disgusted with the conduct of the brāhmanas at Gayā. In the Varāhapurāṇa <sup>911</sup> it is said that two verses were sung by the pitrs viz 'Would such a blessed and intelligent man be born in our family who will offer pindas (i. e. śrāddha) to us without being stingy about wealth and who would bestow on brāhmanas with reference to us (i. e. for our benefit) jewels, clothes, land, costly vehicles and all other kinds of wealth including water, when he has riches enough?' Here lavish expenditure on all śrāddhas (not only at Gayā-śrāddha) appears to be strongly recommended. Devala pre-

910. अमावस्यतया विधा (अमावस्या गयविधा?) ब्राह्मणा (ब्रह्मणा?) ये प्रकल्पिता । तेषु  
तुष्टेषु सन्नुष्टाः पितृभिः सह देवता ॥ न विचार्य कुलं शीलं विद्यां च तप एव च । पुजितैस्तैस्तु  
राजैश्च युक्तिं प्रमोति मानवः ॥ तत्र प्रवर्तयेच्छ्राद्धं यथाशक्तिचलाचलम् । कामान्स लभते दिव्या-  
न्मोक्षोपायं च विन्दति ॥ वायु 82, 26-28. The first two verses are quoted from  
another (unnamed) Purāṇa by स्मृतिच (श्री) pp 388-389, 'अथाचारपरिभ्रष्टा आश्चर्यार्हा  
एव नागरा । बलीवर्द्धसमानोऽपि ज्ञातीयो यदि लभ्यते । किमन्यैर्बहुभिर्विवैर्देवेदङ्गपारस्ये ।'  
स्कन्दपुराण VI. 222, 23.

911. अपि धन्यः कुले जायाद्दत्ताकं मतिमान् नरः । अकुर्वन् विचक्षणं यः पिण्डाहो  
निर्वपिष्यति ॥ इत्येवमहोपायं सर्वं वीयादिकं वक्षः । विभवे सति विषेभ्यः अस्माद्धिष्य दास्यति ॥  
वराहपुराण 13 50-51, विष्णुपुराण III, 14, 22-23 (reads यानमहाभोगादिकं वक्षः).

vides that on the days of *śrāuta* sacrifices, of the celebration of charitable acts, of *śrāddhas* on the anniversary of death or on *amāvāsyā*, on lucky occasions (*vṛddhi*), on *Aṣṭakā* days, one should never give a frugal or poor dinner to <sup>911</sup>the worthy *brāhmanas* invited for dinner.

If no brāhmana is available, then the Śrāddhavicēka, Śrāddhatattva and other digests say that effigies of brāhmanas made with seven or nine darbhas (except in the case of a performer following the Sāmaveda who is not restricted as to the number of darbhas) should be got ready and śrāddha should be performed and afterwards the fee and other materials may be given later on to other brāhmanas<sup>22</sup>

Rules were laid from very ancient times about the method of inviting brāhmaṇas. The Āp. Dh. S. states <sup>912</sup> that the performer should make a request to the brāhmaṇas on the previous day, that on the day of the śrāddha he should request a second time (saying 'today is the śrāddha day') and then he should address them a third time (with the words 'food is ready, come'). Haradatta on the first of the three sūtras explains that the request should be 'tomorrow there is a śrāddha, you should do me the favour of being in the place of the Āhavanīya fire' i. e. you should partake of the food that will be prepared. Manu III. 187 also says that the invitation should be on the previous day or on the day of the śrāddha.

911 a. इडाहर्षुनाहेष्ट दग्धवृद्धवज्रासु च । पात्रेनरत्नेषु अनेषु देवं नैव कुमोचनम् ॥  
देवद. q. ३३ मूलवि. (आ) p. 410.

912. झाझनामनली कुमानपवाङ्गमे आइहनुं आइविते... झाझनामनमन्ने  
हनु उर्मन्नरु द्विजाल। आइ हनु विधाने पखादिउ डापने। एते आइसुत्रभाण-  
कानलद्वारहुवेकाय । आइवर p 194 and again at p 199 'ए' झाझनामा-  
नमन्नी पखबामने उर्मरुहेणेअनम्'. The three दस are डर सिठु and  
नानिठ.

912a पुष्पेणसिद्धम् । अनेष्टुष्टिनिम् । सुविज्ञानम् । आर घ ड 11 7 17.  
11-13: हलन्त explains 'म. आह' भविता वत् भवताहन्तापथं ननादः कर्त्तव्य इति ।  
The exact procedure would be पुष्पेणसिद्धं ब्राह्मणं गत्वा वनेष्वग्निरदन्तुम् यावि-  
द्वसिन् ब्राह्मणपथी माहुर्वाग्विद्विज्जडसिन्वात् वसिन्वाजेन गृह्णन् स्वी न निवृत्तान्  
नविता वत् विवेकेश्वरान् आह्वयिष्ये भवति. सग श्रीकृष्णः प्रसीदत । 'पुष्पेणसिद्धेय  
(म आह) 1010 55a For पुष्पेणसिद्धेय the d. correct will be गन्तव्यमानः.  
वसिन्वाहम् गन्तव्यमिति उद्धृतम् ब्राह्मणं &c

itself. The Matsyapurāṇa<sup>913</sup> and Padma (Śrīti-khanda 9.85-88) provide that the person intending to perform a śrāddha should in an humble manner invite the brāhmanas on the previous day or (in the morning of) the day of śrāddha, that he should touch the right knee (of the brāhmana to be invited) with the words 'you are given this invitation by me' and repeat in their hearing the following observance 'you should be free from anger, should be intent on purity (of body and mind) and should abstain from sexual intercourse and I, the performer of śrāddha, shall also act in the same way and that the pitrs in an aerial form wait upon the invited brāhmanas.' The Brhan-nārādiya-purāṇa states that the invitation should be in the words 'O best men! You should do me a favour and accept the invitation for śrāddha.' It is noteworthy that the Prajāpati-smṛti (63) prescribes that one should invite brāhmanas for a śrāddha or sacrifice for gods in the evening of the previous day after uttering the verse 'akrodhanaiḥ &c.'<sup>914</sup> The Skandapurāṇa VI. 217. 37 says that the performer should address the brāhmana as follows: 'my father (is or will enter) into this your body and so will my grand-father; let him (the grand-father) come with his father and you should strictly observe the *vrata*' (the rules). The invitation to the brāhmanas representing pitrs is to be given with the sacred thread in the *prācināvīta* form and to those for Vaiśvadevika in the *yājñopavīta* form. On the question whether the Vaiśvadevika brāhmanas were to be invited first or the brāhmanas for pitrs were to be invited first

913. पूर्वैश्वर्येद्युर्वा विनीतात्मा निमन्त्रयेत्। निमन्त्रितान् पितर उपतिष्ठन्ति तान् द्विजान्। वायुमुता ह गच्छन्ति तथासीनाद्युपासते॥ दक्षिणं जातुमालभ्य त्वं मया ह निमन्त्रितः। एवं निमन्त्र्य नियमं आवयेत्पितृवाग्धवान्॥ अक्रोधने शौचपरेः सतत ब्रह्मचारिणि। भवितव्यं भवन्निश्च मया च आह्वयकारिणा॥ मत्स्य 16. 17-20, q by आ क्रि कौ. p. 81, आह्वयत्वं p 194. The verse निमन्त्रितान् occurs in मनु III. 189 (which reads वायुवच्छाद्य-गच्छन्ति). हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 763) quotes the verse दक्षिणं जातुं (but reads आवयेत् पितृकान् ह्ययः) and स्मृतिच (आ.) p. 406 quotes both. पद्मपुराण (सुदितखण्ड 9. 85-88) has the same verses with some slight variations, Vide हेमाद्रि (on आ.) p. 1258.

914. अक्रोधनैः शौचपरैरिति गाथाहृदरियन्। सायमामन्त्रयेद्दिमान् आह्वे देवे च कर्मणि॥ प्रजापति 63. It is therefore likely that the Prajāpati-smṛti is much later than the Matsyapurāṇa or it is possible that the verse अक्रोधनैः is an ancient one and only repeated by the मत्स्य. Compare मनु III 192 where we have the words 'अक्रोधना शौचपरा. सतत ब्रह्मचारिणः.' नारदपुराण (पूर्वार्ध 28 20) puts the request as 'आह्वे क्षणस्तु कर्तव्यः यसादश्चेति सत्तम'. This supports the Mit on Yāj I 225.

there is a conflict among smrtis and the medieval digests propose an option (vide Hemādri on śrāddha pp. 1154-1157). Manu III. 205 appears to lay down that the daiva brāhmana should be invited first (daivādyantam tad-iheta). Yama quoted by several digests<sup>915</sup> says that the performer should request in the evening of the previous day brāhmanas with the words 'You should all be free from exertions and should avoid passion and anger for the śrāddha in my house which is to be performed tomorrow,' that the brāhmanas should reply 'let it be so if the night passes happily and without any mishap to us.' The digests (e. g. Śrāddhakriyakaumudī p. 81, Śrāddhatattva p. 194 and Nirṇayasindhu III. p. 804) say that the verse 'sarvāyāsa &c' may be repeated when the invitation is given on the day previous to the day of śrāddha and the verse 'akrodhanaiḥ' when the invitation is given on the morning of the śrāddha day. The words of invitation differ according to different authorities. For example, according to the Mit. on Yāj I. 225 the words are 'śrāddhe kṣaṇaḥ kriyatām.' Vide Śr. Pr. p. 106 also. Manu III. 187 and 191 show that the words 'nimantrana' and 'āmantrana' are used as synonyms. In the Śrāddhasūtra<sup>916</sup> of Kātyāyana the word 'āmantrana' is used. But Pāṇini<sup>917</sup> (III. 3. 161) apparently makes a difference between the meanings of the two words and the Mahābhāṣya explains that invitation is called 'nimantrana' which if rejected (without proper cause) involves a fault or sin, while that invitation which one is free to reject (without incurring blame) is called 'āmantrana.' Therefore, it must be held that the few writers such as Kātyāyana who employ āmantrana use it in a secondary sense. The invitation should be given by a performer himself or by his son,

915. प्रार्थयेत् प्रदोषान्ते शुक्लार्क्षं शयितान् द्विजान् ॥ सर्वानासविनिर्मुक्तैः कामक्रोध-  
विवर्जितैः । भवद्भिर्भवितव्यं न श्वोसुते आद्धकर्मणि ॥ ते त तथेत्यदिष्टेन याति चेद्भजनी  
शुक्लम् । यथाश्रुतं प्रतीक्षेत् आद्धकालमतेन्द्रिता. ॥ यम p. by आ क्रि कौ p 80, आद्ध-  
तत्त्व p. 194, मद या 564 (from अत्रि)

916. अपरपक्षे आद्धं कुर्वीतोर्ध्वं वा चतुर्थ्या यदहः सम्पद्यते तदद्भर्त्ताग्नानामन्य  
पूर्वेष्टुर्वा । आद्धसूत्र I (of कात्यायन).

917. विधिनिमन्त्रणामन्त्रणाधीष्टप्रश्नप्रार्थनेषु लिङ् । पाणिनि III. 3. 161. The  
महाभाष्य explains (Kielhorn, vol. II p. 165) यन्त्रियोगतः कर्मण्य तन्निमन्त्रणम् ।  
किं युजस्तत् । हव्यं कव्य वा । ब्राह्मणेन सिद्धं युज्यतानित्युक्तैः धर्मैः प्रत्याख्यातम् । आमन्त्रणे  
कानच्चार । The आ क्रि कौ p. 82, वेदब्रह्मनन्द (आद्धसौत्र्य folio 51) and आद्धतत्त्व  
p. 192 refer to this distinction between the two words.

brother or a pupil or a brāhmaṇa, but it should not be given through a person of another *varṇa* <sup>918</sup> or a woman or a child or person belonging to another *gotra* nor from a distance (Prajāpati 64). Pracetas provides that a brāhmaṇa performer of śrāddha when giving an invitation should touch the right knee, a ksatriya inviter the left knee of the invitee, a Vaiśya inviter should hold both feet of the invitee and a śūdra should prostrate himself at the feet of the invitee (vide Śr. Pr. p. 106 and S. K. L. p. 47). The Mārkaṇḍeya (28. 35) states an exception that if, when a śrāddha rite is going on, brāhmaṇas or Vedic students or ascetics come by chance begging for food, the performer should make them pleased by falling at their feet and feed them (i. e. no formal invitation is necessary in these cases). Vide Visnupurāṇa III. 15. 12 for feeding uninvited ascetics. It is provided by Bhṛgu quoted by Hemādri that the brāhmaṇas on accepting the invitation should pronounce the finely-worded and comprehensive Vedic benediction quoted below.<sup>919</sup>

Uśanas <sup>919a</sup> provides that the performer should wash the floor of his house with water, cowdung it and cleanse the vessels on the day previous to the śrāddha and then give an invitation to the brāhmaṇas with the words 'tomorrow I am going to perform śrāddha'. The Varāhapurāṇa and the Kūrma also provide for this and for the washing of the clothes. Manu III. 206 also requires that the spot where śrāddha is to be performed should be clean, secluded, cowdunged and should slope to the south.

The Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana <sup>920</sup> prescribes that a brāh-

918. अभोज्यं ब्राह्मणस्याक्षं क्षत्रियाद्यैर्निमन्त्रितैः। स्कन्द VII. 1. 206. 4.

919. आ ब्रह्मन् ब्राह्मणो ब्रह्मवर्चसी जायतामस्मिन् रात्रौ राजन्य इषव्यः क्षुरो महारथो जायतां दोग्ध्री धेनुर्दोहाऽनृणाणां सति. पुरान्धर्वोषा जिष्णु रथेष्टाः सभेयो युवाऽऽय यजमान-  
स्य वीरो जायतां निकामे निकामे नः पर्जन्यो वर्षतु फलिग्न्यो न ओषधयः पत्न्यन्तां योगक्षेमो  
न कल्पताम्। तै. सं. VII. 5. 18, तै. ब्रा. III. 8. 13 (where this is explained),  
वाज. सं. 22. 22. Vide हेमाद्रि (on आ p. 1159).

919 a वज्रोक्षणा। गोमयेनोदकैश्च सुस्मिर्नर्जनं भाण्डशौचं कृत्वा श्वः कर्तास्मीति  
ब्राह्मणान् निमन्त्रयेत्। सृष्टिच. (आह्) p. 409, आ. प्र. p. 108, हेमाद्रि on आ. प्र. 51;  
वज्रशौचादि कर्तव्यं श्वः कर्तास्मीति जानता। स्थानोपदेष्टनं चैव कृत्वा विमान् निमन्त्रयेत्।  
वराहपुराण p. by सृष्टिच. (आ) p. 403, आ. नि. वौ. p. 76, हेमाद्रि (on आ) p. 1150, आहृतत्त्व p. 192. हेमाद्रि explains 'आदिशब्दश्च प्रकाशवचनः। तेन आह्वी-  
पयोगिसम्भारसंपादनभाण्डमेलनशोधनादि गृह्यते'.

920. अनिग्न्येनामन्त्रितो नापक्रामेदामन्त्रितो वान्यद्वर्कं न भवितुङ्गीयात्। आहृतत्त्व of  
कात्यायन (I) p. by आहृतत्त्व p. 189 (as गोमिह.).

mana who has been invited (to a śrāddha dinner) by a faultless performer should not refuse the invitation nor should he, after being invited (and having accepted the invitation), accept a gift of even (uncooked) food from another person. Manu III 190 and Kūrmapurāṇa provide that if a brāhmana after receiving an invitation for a sacrifice to gods or manes according to śāstra directions and after having accepted it violates the appointment, he incurs sin and becomes a hog<sup>921</sup> (in his next birth). This does not apply where he is unable to go on account of illness or other valid reason.

The smrtis laid down some strict and elaborate rules which were to be observed by the brāhmanas invited for śrāddha and by the performer himself. Many of the rules are applicable to both. Gaut prescribes<sup>922</sup> that the brāhmana who has partaken of śrāddha dinner should remain chaste (i. e. shun sexual intercourse) that whole day, and if he has intercourse with a wife of the śūdra caste he thereby makes his own *pitrs* stay in the ordure of that wife. Vas XI 37 makes this rule applicable both to the performer and the invited brāhmana and as regards wives of all *varṇas*. Manu III. 188 provides that the brāhmana invited to dine at a sacrifice in honour of *pitrs* and the performer of the śrāddha should remain controlled (i. e. chaste and free from anger and passion) and should not study the Veda (except *japa*). Yāj. I. 225 (latter half) briefly puts the matter by saying 'they should be controlled as to their bodies, speech and thoughts'. The Matsyapurāṇa<sup>923</sup> prescribes that both the performer of śrāddha and the brāhmana invited to dine at it should avoid dining again (after the śrāddha dinner), journey, going in a conveyance, exertions, sexual intercourse, study of the Veda, quarrel and sleeping by day. Similar rules to observe continence are laid down for both on the day of śrāddha if invitation be given on the morning of the day of

921. अमन्त्रितो चाह्वयो वै योऽयामिह कुर्वते क्षणम्। स याति गरुड पौर चरारं प्रयाति च॥ कुर्म, उत्तरार्ध 22 7 q. b; आ. m p 110.

922. सयः आह्वी शुद्धात्तृणस्तत्पुत्री नाम नयति विष्णुः। नक्षत्रात्तद्वर्णान्नास्ते स्थाने।  
मौ. 15. 23-24; on आह्वी हरदत्त explains "आह्वनेन शुक्रमिति, 'अ' इति नो"।  
This is pa V. 2. 85 'आह्वनेन शुक्रमिति नो'. This explains the two forms  
आह्विन् and आह्विक

923. पुनर्भोजनमपानं यानमात्मन्युनन। आह्वयद्वयं च यो मन्त्रेणोदितम्।  
स्वाध्यायं कर्तव्यं यै दिवास्वप्नं च सदा। नक्षत्र 16 27-28 q. b; आ. m. p. 95  
(which reads यत्नमात्मनः) These verses are also pa (मृद्विष्णु) 9. 123-124.

śrāddha and also on the previous day if invitation be given on the day previous to the śrāddha day. Vide Visnu Dh. S. 69. 2-4. The Mit. on Yaj. I. 79 appears to strike a dissenting note about sexual intercourse with one's wife during the days from the 5th to the 16th; while most other medieval writers such as Hemādri (śr. pp. 1036-7) and Śr. P. p. 111 are opposed to this view. The Śrāddhasūtra<sup>924</sup> of Kātyāyana provides that the performer should, from the time of giving invitation to the time when the brāhmanas sip water (i. e. perform ācamana after śrāddha dinner), remain pure, free from anger, hurry, negligence, should speak the truth and should shun a journey, sexual intercourse, hard work and study of the Veda and control speech (should remain mostly silent) and the brāhmanas invited should observe the same rules. Anuśānasa (Jiv. vol I. pp. 526-527) contains verses very similar in import to Kātyāyana. The Brahmapurāṇa (220. 106-108), Mārkaṇḍeya (28. 31-33) and Anuśānasa 125.24 have identical verses<sup>925</sup> and Vāyu 79. 60-61 are very similar in import. Laghu-Śaṅkha 29, Laghu-Hārīta 75 and Likhita 60 have the same verse requiring the invited brāhmanas to avoid eight matters, viz. dining again, journey, carrying loads, Vedic study, sexual intercourse, making gifts, accepting gifts, performing homa, while Prajāpati 92 substitutes the brushing of the teeth (with a twig), tāmbūla, bath after applying oil to the body, and fast for the first four of the above eight. The Anuśānasa-parva (90. 12-13) and Padma (Pāṭalakhanda 101. 94-95) also contain a list of actions that should be avoided. Briefly put, the following were the observances for both inviter and invitee, viz. avoidance of sexual intercourse, dining again, falsehood, hurry, vedic study, heavy work, gambling, carrying burdens, giving gifts and acceptance of gifts, theft, journey, sleep by day, quarrels; the performer alone was to abstain from eating tāmbūla, shaving, applying oil to the body, brushing the teeth with a twig; while the brāh-

924. तद्ध. शुचिरक्रोधनोऽस्वर्तितोऽममत्त. सत्यवादी रयादृक्मैथुनश्रमस्वाध्यागन्त-  
जयेदावाहनादि वाग्यत ओपरपशनादामन्त्रिताश्चैवत्. आद्धृत्त I of कात्यायन. पुनर्भाजन-  
मध्यान् भाराधयनमैथुनम्. दानं प्रतिग्रहं होमं आद्धृत्तवत् वर्जयेत् ॥ लघुशङ्ख 29, q. by  
मिता on या I. 249 (without name), compare. कूर्मपुराण (II. 22. 6) and नारदीय  
(पूर्वार्ध 28. 4) for very similar verses.

925. आद्धृत्ता च धृक्त्वा च पुरुषो यं स्त्रियं ब्रजेत्। पितरस्तस्य तं मासं तस्मिन्नेतादि  
क्षेते। अशुशासनपर्व 125. 24. Almost the same words occur in मार्कण्डेय 28. 32-33  
and in अशुशासन 90. 12-13, वसिष्ठ 11. 37. The मिता. on या I. 79 says, 'एव गच्छन्  
ब्रह्मचार्येव भवति। अतो यत्र ब्रह्मचर्यं आद्धृत्तौ चोदितं तत्र गच्छतोऽपि न ब्रह्मचर्यं सफल-  
दोषोऽस्ति'.

mana invited was (alone) to observe the following, viz. not absenting oneself after accepting an invitation, making no delay when called for dinner (vide Śrāddhakalika folio 4b and 5a and Pitr-bhakti on śrāddha <sup>926</sup>).

Elaborate provisions are made from ancient times about the substances and utensils proper for being used at śrāddha and about those that should not be used therein. Āp. Dh. <sup>927</sup> S. remarks: 'the materials in śrāddha are sesamum, māśas, rice, yavas (barley), water, roots and fruits; but the pīṭras are extremely gratified by food that is mixed with clarified butter and for a very long time; so also they are gratified by wealth that is obtained lawfully and is bestowed on worthy persons'. Manu III. 267 (= Vāyu 83. 3) is to the same effect as Āp. Dh. S. Yaj. I. 258 is content to say that food which is fit to be offered in sacrifices (*haviṣya*) should be served. Manu III. 257 explains that food eaten by hermits in the forest, (cow's) milk, soma juice, meat that is not prepared with spices (or that is free from a bad smell), rock salt are by their very nature *havis* (sacrificial food). According to Gaut. 27. 11 the sacrificial food (*havis*) comprises boiled rice, food obtained by begging, ground barley (after being baked or fried), grain separated from husk, barley gruel, vegetables, milk, curds, clarified butter, roots, fruits and water. <sup>928</sup> Other smṛtis and digests very much elaborated these brief indications in the early works. The three kinds of wealth (viz. *śukla*, *śabala* and *kṛṣṇa*) and the several lawful or uncondemned means of acquiring wealth have been described already in H. of Dh. vol. II pp 130 ff. The Mārkaṇḍeya (29. 14-15) condemns the use in śrāddhas of wealth that is obtained by taking bribes or from a *patita* (one guilty of a grave sin), that springs from bride-price or that is declared to be unlawful or is obtained by saying to another 'give me for the sake of a śrāddha to be offered to my father' (q. by Sm. C. on

926. निमन्त्रितः आहूकर्ता च पुनर्भोजनं श्रमं हिंसां तत्रां प्रमादं भारोद्बन्धनं दूरतमन कलहं शस्त्रग्रहणं च वर्जयेत् । ह्युचि सत्यवादी क्षमी ब्रह्मचारी च स्यात् । पितृभक्तिं ० अदत्तः ।

927. तत्र द्रव्याणि तिलमाषा मीहिषवा आयो मूलफलानि । स्नेहवति त्वेषां च पितृणां प्रतिद्वर्षीयासं च कालम् । तथा धर्माद्वृत्तेन द्रव्येण तीर्थप्रतिपक्षेन । आप. ध. सू. II. 7. 16. 22-24.

928. ऋषभैक्षसकुम्भणयावकशाकपयोदधिधृतमूलफलोदकानि हवींश्चुचरोत्तरं प्रशस्तानि । गौ 27. 11. On आप. सू. I. 9. 6 नारायण quotes a verse of similar import 'पयो दधि यवागृह्य सर्पिरोद्वनवण्डुलाः । सोमो मांसं तथा तैलमापस्तानि वक्षैव दुः॥'.



śrāddha p. 412). The Skandapurāṇa emphasizes that at a śrāddha purity (*śuddhi*) must be specially secured in seven matters viz. the body (of the performer), the materials, the wife, the place (where śrāddha is to be performed), the mind, the mantras and brāhmanas.<sup>929</sup> Manu III 235 (= Vas. 11.35) states: three are the sanctifying things in a śrāddha, viz. a daughter's son, a Nepal blanket and sesamum grains and three are commended in śrāddha viz. cleanliness, freedom from anger and absence of hurry.<sup>929a</sup> Pracetas mentions several kinds of corn that are commended as food in śrāddha. Manu III, 255 summarises that in śrāddha the riches (i. e. the most important matters) are afternoon, *darbhās*, proper cleansing of the place (or house) for śrāddha, sesame, generous expense (on food &c.), seasoning food, eminent brāhmanas.

The Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa says that several kinds of corn-yielding plants (some due to tillage in villages and some growing wild) were produced by Brahmā when he milked the earth for famished people, while Brahmavaivarta (q. by Hemādri on śrāddha p. 537) affirms that when a few particles fell down on the earth while Indra drank Soma, from them arose such corn as *śyāmāka*, wheat, *yava*, *mudga* and red paddy and as they were produced from soma they were like nectar to the pītr̥s and food prepared from these should be offered to pītr̥s. The Mārkaṇḍeya speaks of seven kinds of *grāmya* corn and seven kinds of wild (*āranya*) corn. Prajāpati 119 recommends the use of eight kinds of corn, viz. nīvāra, māsa, mudga, wheat, paddy, yava, grain and sesamum. The Matsya (q. by Hemādri on śrāddha p. 538) narrates that when the Sun drank nectar some drops fell down from which arose the several kinds of

929. शरीरद्वयद्वाराधूमनोमन्त्रद्विजन्मनाम् । शुद्धिः सप्तसु विज्ञेया आहुतकाले विशेषतः ॥ स्कन्द VII, 1. 205. 17.

929 a. ऋणि आहुते पवित्राणि दौहित्रः कुतपस्तिलाः । ऋणि चात्र प्रशंसन्ति शौचम् कोधमल्वराम् ॥ मठ. III. 235, वसिष्ठधर्मसूत्र XI, 35. This very verse (the first half) is quoted in several Purāṇas as in विष्णुपुराण III. 15 52, भविष्य I. 185. 20, मार्कण्डेय 28. 64, स्कन्दपुराण (प्रभासखण्ड 205. 13). The पद्मपुराण (सुहृत्खण्ड 47. 278-279) has the whole verse but reads आहुते ऋणि.. दौहित्रं and सत्यमकोधमल्वरा. It appears clear from the preceding verse that in Manu at least दौहित्र means daughter's son. But in the स्कन्द (प्रभासखण्ड 205 14 ff) several meanings of दौहित्र are given such as 'a vessel made of the horn on the nose of the rhinoceros' or 'clarified butter made from the milk of a cow of variegated colour.' The word कुतप also has nine meanings acc. to a Smṛti text quoted by Aparāṅka p. 474 'ब्राह्मणः कम्बलो गावः स्योर्गोमिस्तिथिरेव च । तिला दूर्वाश्च कालश्च नैते कुतपाः स्मृताः ॥'; vide note 847 for कुतप

paddy, *mudga*, sugarcane and that therefore sugar is sacred and may be employed in sacrifices to gods and manes. The *Mārkandeya* <sup>930</sup> mentions several kinds of corn that may be employed for śrāddha food. The *Brahma-purāṇa* 220. 154-155, *Vāyu* 82. 3, *Viṣṇu-purāṇa*, III. 16. 5-6, *Viṣṇu*, Dh. S. <sup>931</sup> *Brahmāṇḍa* II. 7. 143-152 and III 14. contain similar lists of different kinds of corn that may be used in śrāddhas. The *Vāyupurāṇa* (80. 42-48) mentions various desirable eatables prepared from corn of various kinds, sugar and clarified butter and milk. <sup>932</sup>

Certain kinds of corn and cereals were forbidden. For example, the *Matsya-purāṇa* and *Padma* (*Srstikhandā*, chap. 9 62-66) <sup>933</sup> declare that masūra, linseed, nispāva, rājamāsa, kusumbhika, kodrava, udāra, gram, kapittha, madhūka and linseed are forbidden. *Viṣṇu* Dh. S. 79. 18 provides that the performer should avoid the bean called rājamāsa, masūra, stale food and salt manufactured from seawater. The *Sat-kṛmśa-nmata* <sup>934</sup> forbids the use in śrāddha of all kinds of cereals covered with dark husk except sesamum, *mudga* and *māsa*.

930. राजस्यामाकश्चामाकौ तद्वच्चैव मशासिका। नीवारा पौष्कराश्चैव वन्यानि पितृतृप्तये॥ यवनीहिसगोधूमसिलिखद्वा ससर्पया। मियङ्गवः कोद्रशश्च निष्पावाश्चातिशोभनाः। चज्या मर्कटका आद्धे राजमापास्तथाणव। विमपिका मसुराश्च आद्धकर्मणि गहिता॥ मार्कण्डेय 29,9-11 q. by हेमाद्रि (आ. pp 542-43) and explained as मशान्तिकाः मध्यदेशे यसिद्धो धान्यविशेषः पौष्कराः पद्मबीजानि निष्पावा. वल्गा The last are called बाल in modern Marathi.

931. तिलैर्वीरियैर्मोघैरन्निर्मूलफलैः शकैः श्यामाकैः मियङ्गुभिर्नोवारैर्द्वैर्गोधूमैश्च मांसं गीयन्ते। विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 80 1

932. द्वेष्याणि संप्रश्यानि आद्धे चज्यानि यानि ह॥ मसुराण्यनिष्पावराजमाव-कुसुम्भिकाः।। कोद्रशोदारचणका कपित्थ मधुकातसी॥ मत्स्य 15 36-38 q. by हेमाद्रि (आ) pp. 548-549 and आ म p. 40, पद्मपुराण (V. 9. 64-67) q by हेमाद्रि p 548 has almost the same list. हेमाद्रि explains मधुक as ज्येष्ठीमधु and reads कोद्रशोदारचणक कपित्थः in मत्स्य. चरक is चरी in Marathi.

933 राजमापमसुरपुंषितकृतलवणानि च। विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 79. 18; राजमापमसुराश्च कोद्रवाव कोरद्वपकात्। लोहितान् वृक्षनिर्गतान् आद्धकर्मणि वर्जयेत्॥ शङ्ख 14 21 q by हेमाद्रि on आद्ध p. 548, who explains कोरद्वपक. वनकोद्रव.

934 पट्टनिशमन्ते। कृष्णधान्यानि सर्वाणि वर्जयेच्छ्राद्धकर्मणि। न वर्जयेत्तिलाश्चैव छद्मान्मापास्तथैव च। q by हेमाद्रि (आद्ध) p. 544, आ. प्र. p. 38. - 'हविष्ये आद्ध-एनिर्गम्य जीहिशालिपयोगोधूमसुद्रमापमुन्यज शालशाकमहाशकैलाह्ण्टीमरीचहिङ्गुलशर्करा-कर्पूरसैन्धवसाम्भरणसनालिकेरकदलीयद्वयव्यपयोद्धिषितपायसमधुमासमश्रुति स्मृत्यन्तर-मसिद्धं वेदितव्यम्। हविष्यन्ति-त्यनेनवायोग्यस्य स्मृत्यन्तरप्रतिषिद्धस्य कोद्रवमसुराचणककु-लित्युलकाकिष्णापराजमापकृष्णमाण्डवार्ताकटुतीक्ष्णयोषोदकीवशाङ्गुरपिप्पलीवचाशतगुणोपर-विडलवणमाहिषचामरकीरद्विषितपायसादीना निवृत्तिः। मित on व्या. I, 249

From considerations of space this matter cannot be pursued further. The Mit. on Yāj. I. 240 puts together a long list of allowed and of condemned kinds of grains and other articles.

What milk should be ordinarily partaken of and what should be avoided has been dealt with in H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 782-783. A few words are added here. Manu III. 271 and Yāj. I. 258 provide that if cow's milk or rice cooked therein (called *pāyasa*) is offered in śrāddha the pītr̥s are satisfied for one year. Vāyu 78. 17, Brahma<sup>935</sup> 220. 169, Mārkaṇḍeya 32. 17-19, Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 16. 11 forbid the use in a śrāddha of the milk of a she-buffalo, of a camari or female deer, of sheep or ewes, of she camels, of human females and of all animals with one hoof and the use of the curds and clarified butter prepared from such milk. But ghee prepared from buffalo milk was allowed by Sumantu and Devala (q. by Hemādri on śrāddha p. 572).

The Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa<sup>936</sup> (29. 15-17), Vāyu (78. 16) and Viṣṇupurāṇa (III. 16. 10) lay down that the water to be employed in śrāddha must not have a bad smell, must not be foamy, or taken from a puddle or a small reservoir which cannot slake the thirst of a cow, must not have been brought overnight, must not be taken from a reservoir not dedicated to all or from a trough or the like meant for beasts.

Several rules are laid down about the fruits, roots and vegetables recommended or condemned for use in śrāddha. For example, the Brahma-purāṇa (220. 156-158) enumerates several kinds of fruits such as mangoes, *bīḥa*, pomegranate, cocoanut, dates, grapes, as fit to be given in śrāddha. Vide Śāṅkha 14. 22-23 also. Vāyu (78. 11-15) states<sup>936a</sup> that garlic, leeks and onions, other things that are of bad odour or taste

935 माहिषं चामरं मार्गमाविकैकशफोद्भवम् । खैणमौद्भमाविकं च (०द्भमावीकं ?) दधि क्षीरं घृतं त्यजेत् ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 169 q. by हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 573.

936. दुर्गन्धि केनिलं चाम्बु तथैवालपतरोदकम् ॥ न लभेद्यत्र गौरतृप्तिं नक्तं यच्चाप्युपा-  
हृतम् । यत्न सर्वार्थसुखदं यच्चाभोज्यनिपातजम् ॥ तद्वर्ज्यं सलिलं तात सदैव पितृकर्मणि ॥  
मार्कण्डेय 29. 15-17 Vide also ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्धातपाद 14. 26)

936 a. लघुनं गृजनं चैव पलाण्डं पिण्डमूलकम् । कर्ममाद्यानि चान्यानि ह्रीनानि  
रसगन्धतः ॥...अवेदोक्ताश्च नियोसा लवणान्यापराणि च । आह्वकर्मणि वज्र्यानि याश्च नाया  
रजस्वलाः ॥ बायु 78. 12 and 15 q. in हेमाद्रि (आ p. 555) and स्तुतिच. (आ ) p. 416.  
The स्तुतिच (आ p. 415) quotes a verse and a half from Sūśruta for ten varieties of पलाण्ड.

and all exudation from trees not permitted by the Veda and as gathered from saltish earth, should be avoided in śrāddha. The Visṇudharmasūtra<sup>937</sup> (79.17) contains a long list of fruits bulbs and vegetables that were not to be employed in śrāddha. The Rāmāyana states<sup>938</sup> that Rāma when an exile in the Daṇḍaka forest gratified his pītṛs by offering the fruits of *inguda*, *badara*, and *bilva* trees and generalises that deities are offered that food which is partaken of by a person (who is a devotee of that deity). From considerations of space detailed references to the smṛtis and purānas are passed over. The Smṛtyarthasāra pp. 52-53, Śrāddhaviṇeka (pp. 43-47) of Rudradhara and other digests collect in one place the foods, vegetables, fruits and roots that are allowed to be offered in śrāddha and that are condemned in śrāddha. Manufactured salt was forbidden, but natural salt from a lake (called saindhava) was allowed. Salt was not to be served directly (as Visṇudharmasūtra 79. 12 says) but when put in while cooking vegetables it was not prohibited. There was a difference of opinion about the employment of asafoetida (vide Hemādri on Śrāddha p. 565). The Visṇudharmasūtra (79. 5-6) provides that flowers having a strong (or nasty) odour or no odour at all, the blossoms of thorny plants and red flowers should not be given, but one may give white and sweet-smelling flowers even though they are taken from thorny plants and flowers though red in colour may be taken from aquatic plants. Śankha (14. 15-16) is to the same effect (q. by Hemādri p 684). Vāyu (75. 33-35) is to the same effect and adds that the flowers called Japā, Bhaṇḍi, Rūpikā (of arka plant), Kurantaka should be avoided in śrāddha. The Brahmapurāna (220. 162-165) specifies the several kinds of flowers that may be offered in śrāddha such as jāti, campaka, mallikā, mango blossom, tulasi, tagara, ketakī and various kinds of lotuses (white, blue and red &c.). The Smṛtyarthasāra includes *tulasi* among things to be avoided in śrāddha. The Sm. C. notes this and remarks

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937. पिप्पली-सकुवक-सूतृण-शिग्रु-सर्षप-सुरसा-सर्जक-सुवर्चल-हृष्माण्ड-अलाङ्ग-  
वार्ताकु-पालङ्गु-चा-उपोदकी-तण्डलीयक-कुसुम्भ-पिण्डालुक-महिषीसौराणि वर्जयेत् । विष्णु-  
धर्मसूत्र. 79. 17.

938. इक्षुदेवदरीपिल्वे रामस्तर्पयते पितॄन् । यदर्जं पुरुषो यष्टे तद्वक्षास्तस्य देवताः ॥  
रामायण, अयोध्या 103 30, 104.15 q. by हेमाद्रि on आश्व p 561, मेघालये on मनु V.  
7, स्मृतिच. (आ ) p 416. स्कन्द ( नागरखण्ड) 220. 49 is 'यदर्जं पुरुषोऽस्नाति तद्वक्षा-  
स्तस्य देवताः'.

that it is not clear on what this dictum prohibiting tulasi is based<sup>938</sup>.

Kūśas are required in śrāddha. Vide H. of Dh. vol. II. p. 657 for general remarks on kūśas. A few words may be added here. The Śat. Br. VII. 2. 3. 2 states that the waters that loathed Vṛtra went out to waterless deserts and became bushes of darbhas<sup>939</sup>. Similarly, Āśv. Gr. III. 2.2 summarizes a Brāhmaṇa text stating that darbhas are the essence of waters and herbs (apām vā esa osadhinām raso yad-darbhaḥ). Prajāpati (verse 98)<sup>939a</sup> provides that darbhas should be gathered from a pure spot in the morning by a brāhmaṇa, should have mantras repeated over them, should be greenish in colour, should be as long as a cow's ear and then they are holy. The Gobhila gr. (I. 5. 16-17) states 'the darbhis consists of kūśa grass cut off at the points at which the blades diverge from the main stalk and that the blades should be cut off near the roots at the rites meant for the Fathers'. Dakṣa (II. 33 and 35) provides that the second part of the day (divided into eight parts) is the proper time for collecting fuelsticks, flowers and kūśas. The Gobhilaśmṛti (I. 20-21) says<sup>940</sup> that the darbhas used in sacrifices are greenish, those to be used in Pākayajñas should be yellowish, those in rites for the pītr̥s must be taken out from the roots and those that are to be used in Vaiśvadeva should be dark-pale, and that

938 a. उपोषकी-तुलसी-कुष्णातसी-शियुर्महासर्प-पत्रशाक-कुष्णसर्प-पूतिगन्ध-शकानि कूष्माण्डपोलकाद्याश्च (दर्भ्यानि)। स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 53; स्मृत्यर्थसारे तु तुलस्यपि वर्णोक्तं तत्र मूलं चिन्त्यं प्रसिद्धस्मृतिसूत्रेषु तुलसीनिषेधस्यादर्शनात्। स्मृतिच. (आ) p. 435. The वेदरानन्द (आद्यसौख्य) remarks: ग्रन्थान्तरे तुलसीनिषेधस्तु शाकविषयः मेनश्चाद्विषयश्च। तत्र तुलसीवर्णं यद्वराजादि प्रकृतम्। (folio 47 b.).

939. The शतपथब्राह्मण has the following legend about darbha and derives the word from वृम् 'अपश्च ह्येता ओषधयश्च या वै वृत्राश्च बीभर्तमाना आपो धन्व इभन्व उवापते वर्मा अभवन् यदुभन्व उदार्यस्तस्माद्वर्माः। ता हैताः कुदा मेभ्य आपो वृत्राभिषधति। यद्वर्मास्तैर्नौषधय उभयेनैवैनमेतद्वक्षेन प्रीणाति। VII. 2.3.2.

939 a. मन्त्रपूता हरिद्वर्णाः मातर्विषस्यकुट्टाः। गोकर्णमात्रा वर्माः स्युः पवित्राः पुष्पभूमिजाः॥ यजापति 98. The उत्पादनमन्त्र is 'विरिञ्जिता सदीत्यक्ष परमेष्ठिन् विमर्गन्॥ उद पापानि क्षीयान् भव स्वस्तिकरो मम॥ g. by. स्मृतिच. I. p. 107, अपराक p. 458.

940. हरिता यज्ञिया वर्माः पीतकाः पाकयज्ञिकाः। समूलाः पितृदेवत्या. कल्माषा वैश्वदेविकाः॥ गोभिलस्मृति I. 21 g. by स्मृतिच. I. p. 109, अपराक p. 458, आ. कि. की. p. 46 (which last explains: समूला मूलसनीये लूना द्वयर्थः); हरिता वै सपिण्डाः कुद्राः रिंग्वा समाहिताः। रत्निमात्रा. प्रमाणेन पितृतीर्थेन संस्कृताः॥ गोभिलस्मृति I. 21 and ब्रह्माण्ड, उपोद्घातपाद 11. 74-75, quoted as from ब्रह्मपुराण by अपराक p. 458, which explains 'बद्धसृष्टिः करो रत्नि, संस्कृता परामृष्टाः.' Vide ब्राह्मपुराण 75.38-39 for a similar verse

greenish *darbhas* together with ends uncut, that are smooth and well nourished, one *aratni* in length and touched with that part of the hand called *pitrtīrtha* are pure. The Padmapurāṇa (Śrīstikhanda 11.92) and Skanda VII.1, 205.16 state that kuśas and black sesamum spring from the body of Viṣṇu and the Viṣṇudharmottara I, 139.12 says that *tilas* and *darbhas* sprang from the perspiration and hair of Viṣṇu in the Boar incarnation. The Matsya (22.89) says the same.

The Garuḍa <sup>941</sup> (Pretakhanda 2.21-22) states that all the three gods dwell in kuśa grass viz. Brahmā at its root, Viṣṇu in the middle and Saṅkara at the end and that brāhmanas, mantras, kuśas, fire, *tūlasi* leaf—these do not become *nirmālyā* (stale and so unfit to be used again) even when the same are employed again and again. But an exception is made by Gobhila <sup>942</sup> that those *darbhas* which are spread on the ground for placing pindas on them or that are used in *tarpana* and those that are held in the hand while a man is answering the calls of nature should be given up (and not used again). The Viṣṇu Dh. S. 79.2 and Vāyu 75.41 provide that if kuśas are not available, kāśa grass or Dūrvā may be substituted. The Skandapurāṇa VII (Prabhāsakhanda) part 1.206.17 says that straight *darbhas* are used in giving gifts, at baths, in *japa*, *homa*, dinner and worship of gods, but they are double-folded when used in rites for pitṛs. The Skanda VII.1 205.16 provides that the top of *darbhas* is for divine rites, while *darbha* with the root and tip is meant for *patrīka* rites. This is based on the Sat. Br II 4. 2.17 which states that the top of the *darbha* belongs to gods, the middle to men and the root part to the fathers.

Great importance was attached to the use of *tila* (sesamum) in śrāddha. The Jaiminigrhya II.1 states that the whole house should have sesamum grains scattered about in it. Baud Dh. S II 8.8 provides that when the invited brāhmanas come they should be given water mixed with sesame. The Baud. gr. II. 11.64 provides that sesamum grains are holy in śrāddha for making gifts of them or as part of food or for being mixed in

941. विष्णु मन्त्रा कुशा वह्निस्तुलसी च खगेश्वर । नेत्रे निर्माल्यतां यान्ति क्रियमाणान् । पुनः पुनः ॥ श्रद्धां प्रेतस्वर्ग 2. 22).

942. पिण्डार्थं ये स्तुता वर्मा स्तरणार्थं (वर्मास्तरणार्थं?) तथैव च । धृतैः कृते च विष्णवे स्वागस्तैर्वा विधीयते ॥ गोभिलस्मृति I. 22, q. by अवतारिक p 458, हेमाद्रि p 640, आ. क्रि. कौ. p 49.

water. The Prajāpatismṛti speaks<sup>943</sup> of four kinds of *tilas* viz. white, black, very black and *jantilas* and states that each succeeding one gives greater gratification to the pīṭras than each preceding one. The Tai. S. V. 4.3.2 refers to *jantilas* and Jai. X. 8.7 holds a discussion thereon. The Nārada-purāṇa (pūrvārdha 28-36)<sup>944</sup> provides that the performer of śrāddha should scatter *tilas* in the midst of the brāhmanas invited and at the doors with the mantra 'apahatā' (may the asuras and evil spirits that sit on the altar be struck and run away). Yaj. I. 234 also recommends this mantra (which is Vāj. S. II. 29). The Kūrmapurāṇa (II. 22.18) states that sesame should be scattered all round and a goat should be tied near the spot, since śrāddha polluted by *asuras* becomes purified by sesame and a goat. The Viṣṇupurāṇa (III. 16.14) prescribes that by *tilas* scattered on the ground one should ward off evil spirits (Yātudhāna). The Garudapurāṇa<sup>945</sup> (Pretakhanda 2. 16) makes Śrīkṛṣṇa say 'tilas have sprung from the perspiration on my body and are holy; *asuras*, *dānavas* and *dātyas* run away on account of *tilas*.' The Anuśāsana-parva (90.22) says that *yātudhānas* and goblins snatch away the *havis* when the śrāddha is offered without *tilas*. The Kṛtyaratnākara (p. 540) quotes a verse as follows: 'he who applies as unguent *tilas*, who bathes with water in which *tilas* are mixed, offers *tilas* into fire, makes gifts of *tilas*, eats *tilas* and who grows *tilas*—these six never sink (i. e. are not unlucky nor in trouble).

A great deal is said about the vessels to be used in offering *arghya* (water for honouring the invited brāhmanas and pindas), for cooking śrāddha food, for dining and for serving. The Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana<sup>946</sup> provides that the *arghya* water

943. छल्ल- कृष्ण. कृष्णतरश्चतुर्थो जर्तिलस्ति । उत्तरोत्तरतः आद्धे विदूणा वृत्ति- कारका ॥ प्रजापति 99. जर्तिलस्य are wild *tilas* The तै सं V. 4.3.2 has this passage 'जर्तिलयवाग्वा वा जुहयाद्द्वीषुकयवाग्वा न ग्राम्यान् पशून् हिनस्ति नारण्यानथो खल्वाहुर- नाहुतिर्वै जर्तिलाश्च गवीषुकाश्चेत्यजक्षीरेण जुहोति'. शबर appears to quote काठकसंहिता 6.3 also The conclusion arrived at by Jai. X. 8.7 is that the passage about जर्तिलस्य is an अर्थवाद for praising पयोहोम The स्मृतिच. (आद्ध) p. 433 says जर्तिलास्तु तिला प्रोक्ता. कृष्णवर्णा वने भवा इति सत्यव्रतेनाभिधानात्

944. The मन्त्र is अपहता असुरा रक्षासि वेदिषदः । वाज सं II. 29.

945. श्रीकृष्ण उवाच । मम स्वेदसमुद्भूतास्तिलास्त्वादर्थं पवित्रकाः । असुरा दानवा दैत्या विद्वान्ति तिलैस्तथा ॥ गरुड (प्रेतखण्ड) 2.16; तिलोद्भूता तिलस्नायि तिलहोता तिलमदः । तिलभक्षी तिलावापी पद्विली नावसीदति ॥ q. by कुर्यपरत्वाकार p. 540.

946. याज्ञियवृक्षचर्मसेषु पवित्रान्तर्हितेषु एकैकास्मिन्प आसिञ्चति इक्षो देवीरिति ।... सौवर्णराजतौहृत्परखड्गमणिमयानां पात्राणामन्यतमेषु यानि वा विद्यन्ते पत्रपुटेषु एकैकरथैकेन ददाति सपवित्रेषु हस्तेषु । आद्धद्वय (of कार्यायन) II

should be taken in *camasas* (cups) made of sacrificial trees (such as *palāśa*, *śvāttha*, *udumbara*) or in vessels of gold, silver, copper, rhinoceros horn, precious stones whichever may be available, or in a vessel made of leaves. The *Visnu Dh. S.* (79. 14-15) provides that the performer should employ metallic vessels, particularly vessels made of silver. The *Mārkaṇḍeya* (31.65) and *Vāyu* (74.3) state that in a vessel of silver the (ancient) *pitrs* milked *sradhā* and hence a silver vessel is highly desired by *pitrs* and brings delight to them. *Yaj. I.* 237 also specially recommends silver vessels. The *Vāyu* (74. 1-2), *Matsya* (17. 19-22), *Brahmāṇḍa* (*Upodghāta* 11. 1-2) and *Padma* (*Śrīstikhanda* 9. 147-150) state that vessels of gold, silver or copper are the (proper) ones for *pitrs*; that even the talk about silver or the sight or gift of silver gives inexhaustible results to *pitrs* in heaven, that vessels to be used for *arghya*, for *pinda* and for the food to be offered should be preferably of silver and that in rites for gods a silver vessel is not auspicious. *Atri* (q by *Sm. C. II.* p. 464) says that in rites for the gods and *pitrs*, vessels of gold and silver should be respectively employed and in default of these vessels of other metals (such as copper, bell-metal) should be used (as stated by *Visnu Dh. S.* 79.22 and 24). The *Padma* provides<sup>947</sup> that the vessels may be of sacrificial wood or of *palāśa* or of silver or made from a sea product (such as conch shell) and that since silver was produced from the eye of *Śiva*, it is a great favourite with *pitrs*. *Prajāpati* (111) provides that the three *pindas* should be cast in a vessel of gold or silver or copper or bell-metal or of rhinoceros horn but not in earthenware or a wooden vessel, that (verse 112) the cooking vessels should be of copper or of any metal, but an earthen vessel baked in fire and immersed in water is the best (for cooking), that food cooked in an iron vessel is like crow's flesh, that (115) the vessels to be used for taking food by the *brāhmanas* should be made of gold, silver or of an alloy of five metals or they may take their food in *patrāvah* (i. e. leaves stitched together); vide also *Matsya*

947. पात्रं वज्रस्यातिमयं तथा पर्णमयं पुन ॥ राजतं वा प्रकुर्वीत तथा सागरतन्मयम् ।  
सौवर्णं राजतं पात्रं पिदूणां पात्रमित्यते । ...वार्यपि अद्भुता वृत्तमक्षययोगकल्पते । अर्घ्ये  
पितृपिण्डेषु पिदूणां राजतं स्मृतम् । ...शिवनेत्रेन्द्रवं यस्माद्वतस्तत्पितृवृद्धभम् । यत्र ( संहिसण्ड 9.  
147-151), तथा अर्घ्यपिण्डभोज्यादीं पिदूणां राजतं मतम् । शिवनेत्रो...वृद्धभम् । अमङ्गलं तयत्नेन  
देवकार्येषु वर्जयेत् ॥ मत्स्य 17. 22-23.



17. 19-20. The use of plantain leaves for bhojana is forbidden<sup>947a</sup> by some. Brāhmanas should not take ācamana from a vessel made of bell-metal, kharpara, śukra, stone, clay, wood, fruit or iron. Ācamana should be performed with water from a copper vessel. Atri (153) prescribes that no food should be served from an iron vessel; if so served the food is like ordure to the diner and the server goes to hell. The vessels for cooking śrāddha food are to be made of gold, silver, copper or bell-metal or even of clay provided the last are new ones and strong (well baked) but never of iron. Vide Sr. Pr. p. 155 for details. The Visnu Dh. S. (79. 24) quotes a verse which says that food offered in vessels of gold, silver, copper, rhinoceros horn or of *phalgu* wood becomes inexhaustible.

Visnu Dh. S. 79. 11 provides that for unguents (*anulepana*) to be applied to the bodies of the invited brāhmanas, sandal-wood, saffron, camphor, *aguru*, *padmaka* may be used. The Brahmapurāṇa (220. 165-166) mentions kustha, jaṭa-māñśī, nutmeg, uśīra, mustā and some others as proper perfumed articles to be used at śrāddhas.

It has already been seen at pp. 413-14 what kinds of food were recommended or condemned for śrāddha. The Matsyapurāṇa<sup>948</sup> states that food containing milk and curds and clarified butter from cow's milk mixed with sugar gives satisfaction to all pitṛs for one month and that whatever food, whether cow's milk or ghee or rice cooked in milk, is mixed with honey, yields inexhaustible results. The Brahmapurāṇa also (220. 182-184) provides that such eatables as are sweet and oily and are slightly sour and pungent should be served in śrāddha and one should shun eatables that are very sour or very saltish or very pungent, since they are *āsurā* (fit for *asuras*). Great emphasis was laid on serving preparations of food made from *mūṣa*

947 a यत्वाह्निरसोकम् 'न जातिकुसुमानि न कदलीपत्रम्' इति कदलीपत्रमत्र भोजनमिति पात्रतया प्राप्तं निषिध्यते। स्मृतिच (आ) p 434. Others said that there is an option as to कदलीपत्र, as certain smṛtis (e. g. लघुशालग्राम 23. 42) allowed plantain leaves. ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्धातपाद् 21. 35-40) mentions that the leaves of पलाश, अश्वत्थ, उडुम्बर, विकङ्कत, काश्मर्य, खदिर, एल, न्यग्रोध, किल्व may be used for taking food in and that vessels made of *Phalgu wood*, of *Bilva* wood and bamboo are allowed and yield certain good rewards.

948. अन्नं सदाधिकीरं गोघृतं शर्करान्वितम्। मांसं प्रीणाति वै सर्वान् पितृनिर्त्याह केशव ॥ यत्किञ्चिन्मधुसंमिश्रं गोक्षीरं घृतपायसम्। दक्षमक्षयमित्याहुः पितरः पूषदेवताः ॥ मत्स्य 17. 30-36, the first being q by स्मृतिच (आ) p. 431,

beans. The *Aśvānasa*<sup>949</sup>—smṛti pronounces the threat that the brāhmana, who, when dining at śrāddha, does not eat māsa food, becomes a beast for twenty-one births after death. The Śm. C. quotes a smṛti text saying that a śrāddha in which no māsa preparation is offered is as good as not performed.

The greatest divergence has prevailed about the employment of flesh at śrāddhas among writers from the earliest times. The subject of flesh-eating in general has been discussed at great length in the History of Dharmasāstra, vol. II pp 772-782. A few remarks about flesh in relation to śrāddha will not be out of place here. The Āp. Dh. S. prescribes<sup>950</sup> that the obligatory śrāddha (to be performed every month) must contain food mixed with fat, the best course (for supplying fat) is to employ clarified butter and flesh; on failure of these two, sesamum oil and vegetables may be employed. The same sūtra also provides<sup>951</sup> that the pītṛs are gratified for a year by the offering of cow's flesh in a śrāddha, that by the flesh of a buffalo the gratification of pītṛs extends to more than a year, that this rule extends to the flesh of wild animals (like hares) and village (or domesticated) animals (like goats) that are declared to be fit for being sacrificed, that the gratification of pītṛs extends to endless time if the flesh of a rhinoceros is offered to brāhmanas seated on rhinoceros skin, so also by the flesh of the

949. यो नाश्नाति हिंजो माप निशुक्त पितृकर्मणि । स प्रेत्य पशुता याति सन्ततामेक-  
विंशतिम् ॥ औशनसस्मृति (V.) p. 531 (Jiv.-I.).

950. नैयमिकं तु आहु स्नेहवदेव दद्यात् । सर्पिर्मांसमिति प्रथम. कल्प । अभावे तैल  
जाकमिति । आप ध सू II. 8. 19. 13-15.

951. सवत्सरं गव्येन प्रीति । श्रूयसमतो माहिषेण । एतेन ब्राह्मणस्याना पशूना मासं  
मेधय स्वाहयातम् । खड्गोपरतरणे खड्गोप्रासेनानन्त्यं कालम् । तथा ज्ञातवलेर्मत्स्यस्य मांसेन वार्ध्नी-  
णस्तस्य च । आप ध सू II 7.16 25—II 7.17.3. वार्ध्नीणस्त or वार्ध्नीणस्त is explained as  
a red-coloured goat that is *tripida* (whose ears are so long that they touch the  
water it drinks), that is old and the foremost of the herd त्रिपिबन्निद्रियक्षीणं  
यूथस्याश्वर तथा । रक्तवर्णं तु राजेन्द्र छागं वार्ध्नीणस्तं विदु ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I 141. 48 q. 'by  
स्मृतिच. (आ p. 431) The Mit On यत् I. 260 and मेधासिधि on मनु III. 271 quote  
a slightly different verse त्रिपिबन्निद्रियक्षीणं श्वेतं वृद्धमजापतिम् । वार्ध्नीणस्तं तु तं प्राहुर्व्या-  
जिका आहुकर्मणि ॥ and Mit. explains त्रिपिब as 'पिबत. कर्णौ जिह्वा च यस्य जल स्पृशन्ति  
स त्रिभिः पिबतीति त्रिपिब. ', अपराक p. 552 cites this verse as a नियम. हेमाद्रि (आ.  
p 590) states that the 2nd verse is a various reading of the first अपराक p 553  
quotes another verse according to which वार्ध्नीणस्त is a white-feathered bird  
with red head, and dark throat 'कृष्णशीरो रक्तशिराः श्वेतपक्षो विदुः ॥ स वै  
वार्ध्नीणस्त भोक्तृ इत्येषा जैमिनी श्रुतिः ॥' Several forms are met with in printed  
works viz वार्ध्नीणस्त or वार्ध्नीणस्त or वार्ध्नीणस्त The दीपकालिका gives the two  
explanations of वार्ध्नीणस्त (this is the reading of the printed work) as a white  
goat and as a bird.

fish called 'śatabali' and the flesh of a *Vārddhinasa*. Vas. XI. 34 contains the following remarkable verse: 'an ascetic, when invited in a rite for the gods or pitrs, who avoids (does not partake of) flesh, dwells in Hell for as many years as the number of hair (on the body of the animal whose flesh he avoids).' Even the *Visnudharmottarapurāṇa* (I. 140. 49-50) emphatically asserts that he who does not partake of flesh-food in a row of diners at a śrāddha which has been properly employed goes to hell. *Manu* V. 35 and *Kūrma* II. 17.40 contain a similar verse applicable to all those who are invited as brāhmanas at a śrāddha. The *Kūrmapurāṇa* II. 22.75 provides that the brāhmana who is employed for the performance of a śrāddha and does not eat flesh offered therein becomes a beast for 21 births. *Manu* III. 257 states that the following are said to be proper offerings in a śrāddha by their very nature viz. food (prepared from *nivāra* grain and the like) fit for a forest hermit, milk, soma juice, flesh that does not emit foul smell and unmanufactured salt. An ascetic was ordinarily required not to partake of flesh; but Vasistha insisted on his partaking of it when invited at a śrāddha.

*Manu* III. 267-272, *Yāj.* I. 258-260, *Viṣṇu Dh. S.* 80 1 ff, *Anuśāsanaparva* chap. 88, the *Śrāddhasūtra* of *Kātyāyana* (kandikās. 7-8), *Kūrmapurāṇa* II. 20. 40-42, 29. 2-8, *Vāyu* 83. 3-9, *Matsya* 17. 31-35, *Viṣṇupurāṇa* III. 16.1-3, *Padmapurāṇa* (Sṛsti 9. 158-164), *Brahmapurāṇa* 220 23-29, *Visnudharmottara* I 141.42-47 state at length the periods of time for which pitrs are gratified by the flesh of certain animals being served at śrāddha. The verses of *Yāj.* being the shortest in all these works are given below. *Yāj.*<sup>952</sup> states; Pitrs are gratified by the serving of sacrificial food (such as rice, fruits, roots & c) for a month, for a year by (cows's milk or) rice cooked in cow's milk, for 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 months respectively by the flesh of fishes (*pāthina*), of (red coloured) deer, of ram, of a bird (such as a *tūlri*), of a goat, of a spotted deer, of a dark-coloured deer, of a *ruru* deer, of a wild boar, of a hare the offering of rhinoceros flesh, of a fish called *Mahāśalka*, c'

952. हविष्याक्षेन वै मांसं पायसेन तु बल्लरम् । मात्स्यहारिणकौरव्रजशकुनच्छागपतैः ।  
ऐणरीरववाराहशङ्खैर्गोमैर्थाकम् । मासवृद्धाभितृप्यन्ति दत्तैरिह पितामहा । खड्गामिदं मह  
शल्कं मधु शुन्यक्षमेव वा । लौहामिदं महाशालकं मांसं वाघीर्गोमसस्य च ॥ यददाति गयास्थश्च  
सर्वमानन्यमश्नुते । या I 258-261. महाशालकं is explained as कालशालकं by the मिता  
शर, while the स्मृतिच (आ p. 431) frankly admits that it does not know  
what कालशालक is. 'कालशालक कीदृशमिति न विदः ॥

honey, of food fit for hermits (wild corn such as *nivāra*), the flesh of a red goat, of Mahāśaka (i. e. Kāśāśaka), and the flesh of Vārdhrinasa—these secure inexhaustible fruit. There is some divergence of views among the several works. For example, Manu III. 267 and 271, Kātyāyana (in śrāddhasūtra 7) appear to hold that by offering food prepared from village corn (such as rice, māsa & c.) or wild eatables (such as *nivāra* or fruits and roots) the gratification is only for one month and the flesh of Vārdhrinasa produces gratification for twelve years only (and not for all time). Visnu Dh. S. 80, 10 and Manu III. 270 bring in buffalo flesh and tortoise flesh as giving gratification for ten and eleven month respectively. Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 590)<sup>953</sup> is careful to point out that these words about the duration of time are not to be taken literally but what is really intended is to convey greater and greater gratification of the pītras according to the kind of flesh offered. Pulastya quoted by the Mit and Aparārka p. 555 provides that a brāhmana should generally or mainly offer at a śrāddha hermit's food, a ksatriya or a vaiśya should offer flesh, a śūdra should offer honey and all varṇas may offer anything else (except these three) which is not forbidden.<sup>954</sup> Whoever may be the offerer, the eater at a śrāddha dinner was to be a brāhmana alone and so it follows that brāhmanas invited to a śrāddha by a ksatriya or vaiśya had to eat flesh. Yet it is remarkable that even the Mitākṣarā and the Kalpataru written about 1100-1120 A. D. do not expressly say that in the Kali age flesh-eating at śrāddha is totally prohibited at least for brāhmanas. It has been shown already (H. of Dh. vol III pp. 775-776) that even when animal sacrifices were the order of the day in the Rgveda and the Brāhmanas there was an undercurrent of thought that the offerings of fuel-sticks or of boiled rice when made with heartfelt devotion to the gods were as good as flesh offerings for

953. इह सर्वत्र अतिविशयो विवक्षितः। न तु यथाशुत एव कालः। तथा सति द्वादश-वर्षपर्यन्तं पित्राणां तुलत्वात् आह्वयकारणे प्राप्ते सति न प्रतिवर्षं यत्नत्वात्परम्। इत्येतद्वचनं विवक्ष्यत इति हरिद्विपदयः। हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 590)

954. अत्र यथापि मुख्यकर्मात्मनश्चादीनि सर्ववर्णानां सामान्येन आह्वये योग्यानि दक्षि-तानि तथापि पुलस्त्योका व्यवस्थादणीया। मुख्यं ब्राह्मणस्योक्तं मांसं क्षत्रियवैश्ययोः। मधु-प्रदानं शूद्रस्य सर्वेषां चाविरोधि यत्। मिता on या I 260, तथा च आह्वयकारणे ब्रह्मणोदीये यथाचारं श्रेयं तु मधुर्मासादिकं तथा—इति। तथा मांसादनं तथा आह्वे इति कलिवर्जपरिणयमा-मभिधाय देशाचाराः परिग्राह्यास्तद्देशीयजैरे। अन्यथा पतितो ज्ञेयः सर्वपरमवहिष्कृतः ॥—इति सत्त्वान्यत्राभिहितत्वात्। पृथ्वीचंदोदय on आह्वे (folio 416) quotation नारदीय-पुराण.

securing their favour. In course of time that conception grew stronger and stronger, so much so that Manu (V. 27-44 and V. 46-47) and Vasistha appear to be in two minds (vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 778-780). Gradually the offering of flesh in Madhuparka and in śrāddhas came to be totally condemned in works of the 12th and 13th centuries and onwards as a matter prohibited in the Kali age (Varātithipitrbyaśca paśūpakaranakriyā). (Vide H. of Dh. vol. III pp. 945-946 and p. 964). Now except among the brāhmanas (in Northern India) who have no objection to include fish in diet as permissible to them no brāhmana offers flesh in śrāddha. The usage of Northern India would be in accordance with the view set out in Brhannāradiya purāṇa that one should offer honey, flesh and other things according to the usage of the country, as explained by the Prthvicanodaya.

Manu (V.11-18) contains long lists of animals, birds and fishes whose flesh was not to be eaten even by those who were flesh-eaters.

If a person is destitute, some of the Purāṇas such as the Viṣṇu (III. 4.24-30) and the Varāha (13.53-58) mercifully provide in identical<sup>955</sup> verses that instead of entertaining brāhmanas with a sumptuous dinner or flesh the poor man may offer only uncooked corn, or some vegetables growing wild or some slight *dakṣiṇā* if he cannot offer even uncooked food or vegetables, or he may offer a few grains of sesamum (7 or 8) to a brāhmana with water in his folded hands, or grass to a cow enough for one day and if he cannot afford even any one of these, then he may repair to a thicket of trees, raise his arms so that his armpits are exposed and loudly address the guardians of the worlds such as the Sun in the following words: 'I have neither wealth nor money nor anything else fit to be offered by way of śrāddha; I bow to my pitrs; may the pitrs be satisfied by my devotion; I have stretched these arms in space!' (lit. the path of the wind).

955. असमर्थोऽन्नदानस्य धान्यं मांसं स्वशक्तिः ।...सर्वाभावे चर्चं गत्वा कक्षमूलमदर्शकः ।  
सूर्यादिलोकपालानामिदं दृष्ट्वै पठिष्यति ॥ न मेऽस्ति वित्तं न धनं न खान्यन्मृदाश्चैव योग्यं  
स्वपितृभक्तोऽस्मि । तुष्यन्तु भक्त्या पितरो मयैतौ शुभौ ततौ वर्त्मनि मातृतरय ॥ ब्राह्मपुराण 13.  
57-58 = विष्णुपुराण III. 14. 29-30, q by मद्. पा pp. 515-16 from विष्णु and by  
निर्णयसिन्धु III p. 467 from both This passage explains the origin and the  
present meaning of the Marathi phrase खाका वर करणे ब्रह्मपुराण (chap. 5 p 152)  
has similar provisions. The पुष्टी- (folio 56 b) notes 'धान्यं मांसानि च चर्चं  
शकमिति ब्राह्मपुराणीयः पाठः'; in the printed विष्णुपुराण the reading is not धान्यं  
मांसं, but the निर्णयसिन्धु had these words and it appears that the text  
was tampered with in modern times.



formed in Sakamedha, the third of the four Caturmāsyaś: "He offers to Soma accompanied by the pītṛs a cake baked on six potsherds, to the pītṛs Barhisadah (sitting on darbha grass or in a yajña) fried grains, for the pītṛs called Agnisvāta he milks a drink from a cow which has to be won over (to another calf). This for thee, O father and for those who come after thee (i. e. for thy descendants); this for thee, O grandfather, great-grandfather and for those who come after thee; do, ye Pītṛs rejoice in your portions. May we gladden thee, O Indra, that castest thy glance at us, come forth now with full chariot seat; being praised (by us) thou goest to places desired by you. Yoke, O Indra, thy two bay steeds. They (*pitarah*) have eaten, they have rejoiced, the dear ones have dispelled (evil); the radiant sages have been praised with newest hymn, Yoke, O Indra, thy two bay steeds. The pītṛs have eaten, the pītṛs have rejoiced, the pītṛs have been glad, the pītṛs have purified themselves. Go away, O Pītṛs, that art soma-loving by your majestic ancient paths. Then reach ye the *pītṛs* that well know you (or everything) and that revel in the company of Yama."

In the Tai.<sup>959</sup> Br. I. 2.10 the Pindapitṛyajña is dealt with at some length. In the note below the important passages are set forth leaving out the legends, repetitions and matters not relevant to our purpose: "Therefore the rite (called pindapitṛyajña) is performed the day previous (to the Darśeṣṭi).

959. तस्मात्पितृभ्यः पूर्वेषु क्रियते।...सोमाय पितृपीताय स्वधा नम इत्याह ।...अग्नये कन्यवाहनाय स्वधा नम इत्याह । ए एव पितृणामग्निस्तं ग्रीणाति । तिस्र आहुतीर्जुहोति त्रिर्निदधाति यदसम्पद्यन्ते । पट्ट वा ऋतव । ऋतवे ग्रीणाति ।...ऋतवः खलु वै देवाः । पितरः ।...सकृदाधिष्ठं बहिर्भवति । सकृदिव हि पितरः । त्रिर्निदधाति । तृतीये वा इतो लोके पितरः । तानेव ग्रीणाति । पराहवर्तते । ह्रीका हि पितरः । ओष्मणो व्यावृत्त उपास्ते । उष्मभागा हि पितरः ।...अवमेयमेव तन्नेव प्राशितं नेवाप्राशितम् । वीरं वै पितरः । प्रयन्तो वरन्ति । वीरं वा वदन्ति । वृक्षां छिनन्ति । हरणभागा हि पितरः । पितृनेव निरवदन्ति । उत्तर आहुतिं लोम छिन्दीत । पितृणामेतां नैदीयः । नमस्कारोति । नमस्कारो हि पितृणाम् । उत्तर आहुतिं लोम छिन्दीत । पितृणामेतां नैदीयः । नमो वः पितरो जीताय । नमो वः पितरः स्वधायै । नमो वः पितरो मन्थवे । नमो वः पितरो घोराय । पितरो नमो वः । एष वै मनुष्याणां यज्ञः । देवानां वा इत्येते यज्ञाः । ते आ I. 3. 10. 1-10. The words नमो वः पितरो रसाय to पितरो घोराय occur in वाज. सं. II. 32 and सै स I. 10. 3 but in a slightly different order and वाज. सं. reads शोषाय for श्रुषाय । It may be noted that though the तै. ब्रा. speaks of three deities it mentions only two deities; the third is supplied by the सूत्रकार in the words यमायाङ्गिरस्यते पितृभ्यो स्वधा नमः । Vide note 781 above. On 'देवाः पितरः' सायण says 'दिविधा हि पितरः देवात्मका मनुष्यात्मकाश्च । पितृलोकस्वामिनो देवात्मकाः । मृताः सन्तो भोगाच्छरीर्गं प्राप्ता मनुष्यात्मकाः ।' On वीरं...वदन्ति, सायण explains 'वैकल्ये दुर्बलं शरयन्ति साकल्ये दुर्बलं प्रयच्छन्ति । अत्र वैकल्यस्य दुष्परिहरत्वेन दुष्प्रमत्तान्मायत्वेन वक्त्राग्रनीय-स्वधं छित्वा पिण्डेषु निदध्याह ।'.

He says 'to Soma drunk by the pitrs, *svadhā*! Adoration!' He says 'to Agni, the carrier of *kavya*, *svadhā*! Adoration! (Thereby) he pleases the fire that pertains to the pitrs. He offers (into fire) three oblations; he puts down (on the darbhas spread on the ground) three pindas. (These) thus come to six in number. Six indeed are the seasons. He (thereby) pleases the seasons. The seasons are indeed the shining (or divine) pitrs.....The darbha grass is cut with one stroke; the pitrs have as it were (passed away) once for ever. He puts down thrice (the pindas) The pitrs are indeed in the third world from here. He (thereby) pleases them. He (the performer) turns his face away (to the north from the south), for the Fathers are shy. He remains with his face turned away till the steam (of the boiled rice of the pindas) ceases to rise, for the Fathers have the steam of rice as their share; he should simply smell (the pindas). That as if does not amount to eating or non-eating. The pitrs when departing (from the śrāddha rite) take away or grant a valiant son. He cuts off the fringe (of a garment to place it on the pindas), for the share of Fathers is taking away (what is offered). He (thereby) allots their proper share to the pitrs (and dismisses them). When (the performer) is in the latter part of life (i e. over 50 years of age) he cuts off hair (from his chest instead of presenting a *daśā*) At that time he is nearer to the pitrs (when above 50 years of age). He offers adoration, because adoration (*namaskāra*) is dear to the pitrs. Adoration to you, O Fathers, for vigour; adoration to you, O fathers, for life, adoration to you, O fathers, for *svadhā*, adoration to you, O fathers, for ardour; adoration, O fathers, for the terrible! O fathers! here is adoration to you. This (pindapitryajña) is indeed a sacrifice of men (i e. sacrifice to departed men) and other sacrifices belong to the gods" In the Tai Br. I, 4 10 the Pitryajña performed in *sūkamejha* is praised (in 2) and further on it is said that *Rtus* (seasons) are pitrs and they offered pitryajña to Prajapati, their father. This passage supports the provision made in Manu and some of the digestists that the *Rtus* are to be identified with pitrs and obeisance is to be made to them.<sup>960</sup>

960 वत्सात्सकमेधैर्यजमान. इद्वावत्स्वरीणां स्वस्तिमाशास्त इत्याशासीत। यत्पितृयज्ञेन यजते देवानेव तदन्ववस्यति। 2....अथर्तवः पितरः प्रजापतिं पितरं पितृयज्ञेनायजन्त। त एतं लोकमजयन् यस्मिन्दृत्तवः। यत्पितृयज्ञेन यजते एतमेव लोकं जयति यस्मिन्दृत्तवः। ऋदुर्गामेव सायुज्यश्चैवेति। ते ब्रा. I 4 10.8 The word पितृयज्ञ here and in ते सं III. 2 2 3, मे. सं. I. 10 17 (यदेव पितृयज्ञस्तेनैवाय पितरोऽभीष्टाः प्रीता भवन्ति) means a sacrifice  
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The Śat. Br. (II. 4. 2) contains the following somewhat fuller account of the Pinda-pitryajña, omitting legendary or other irrelevant matters —When the moon is not seen either in the east or in the west, then he (the performer of the Darśa sacrifice) presents food to the Fathers in each month ..... He presents it in the afternoon. The forenoon indeed belongs to the gods; the midday to men; and the afternoon to the Fathers; therefore he presents (food to the Fathers) in the afternoon. While seated behind the Gārhapatya fire with his face turned towards the south and the sacred thread on his right shoulder he takes that material (for the offering from the cart). Thereupon he rises from thence and threshes the rice while standing north of the Dakṣina fire and facing the south. Only once does he clean the rice, for it is once for all that the fathers have passed away. He then boils it. While it stands on (the Dakṣina fire) he pours some clarified butter on it. After removing it (from the fire) he offers to the gods two oblations in the fire ..... Here he is engaged in a sacrifice to the Fathers; hence he thereby propitiates the gods and being permitted by the gods, he presents that food to the Fathers. He offers to both Agni and Soma .. He offers with the formula 'To Agni, the carrier of *kavya* (what is offered to the Manes), *svāhā!*', 'To Soma accompanied by the Fathers, *svāhā!*' (Vaj S. II 29). He then puts the *pot-ladle* (*meksana*) on the fire, that being in lieu of the *Svistakṛt*. Thereafter he draws (with the *spṛiṣṭa*, the wooden sword) one line south of the Dakṣina fire, that being in lieu of the altar. He then lays down a firebrand at the further (south) end of the line. For, were he to present that food to the Fathers without having laid down a firebrand, the Asuras and Raksasas would certainly tamper with it. ... He lays it down with the text 'whatsoever Asuras roam about being attracted by the *svadhā* (offering to Fathers), assuming various shapes, be they large-bodied or small-bodied, may Agni expel them from this world (Vaj S. II 30) ... He then takes the water jar and makes the Fathers wash (their hands) merely saying 'N. N., wash thyself' (naming) the sacrificer's father; 'N. N. wash thyself (naming the sacrificer's) grandfather; 'N. N., wash thyself

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offered to the manes, while it is doubtful whether in Ṛg X. 16. 10 the word *पितृयज्ञ* means the same thing. But as the verse that immediately follows (Ṛg. X. 16 11) mentions *pitṛs* in the plural, it looks as if the meaning of *पितृयज्ञ* being well known was used in a secondary sense in Ṛg. X. 16.10.

(naming) the sacrificer's great-grandfather. As one would pour out water (for a guest) when he is about to take food, so in this case. Now those (stalks of sacrificial grass) are severed with one stroke and cut off near the root; the top belongs to the gods, the middle part to men and the root part (of darbhas) to the fathers. Therefore they are cut off near the roots ..... He spreads them along with the line with their tops towards the south. Thereon he presents (to the fathers the three round cakes of rice). He presents thus:—for the gods they offer thus for men they ladle out; and in the case of the fathers they do in this very way; therefore he presents (the cakes to the fathers) thus With 'N. N., this for thee!' he presents one cake to the sacrificer's father. Some add 'for those that come after thee', but let him not say this, since he himself is 'one of those to whom it would be offered in common. Let him therefore merely say 'N. N., this for thee' as to the sacrificer's father; 'N. N., this for thee' as to his grandfather; 'N. N., this for thee' as to his great-grandfather. He then mutters 'Here, O fathers, regale yourselves; like bulls come hither each to his own share!' (Vāj. S. II. 31). Whereby he says 'Eat each his own share'. He then turns round to the left so as to face the opposite (north) side; for the fathers are far away from men; and thereby he also is far away (from the fathers). 'Let him remain (standing with bated breath) until his breath fail' say some; 'for thus far extends the vital energy'. However, having remained so far a moment—he again turns round (to the right) and mutters 'the Fathers have regaled themselves; like bulls they have come each to his own share' (Vāj. S. II. 31); whereby what he says is 'they have eaten each his own share'. Thereupon he takes the water jar and makes them wash themselves (by pouring water on the pindas), merely saying 'N. N., wash thyself' (naming) the sacrificer's father; 'N. N., wash thyself' (naming) his grandfather; 'N. N., wash thyself' (naming) his paternal great-grandfather. Even as one would pour out (water for a guest). When he has taken his meal, so it is here. He then pulls down the tuck (of the sacrificer's garment) and performs obeisance. The tuck is sacred to the Fathers; therefore he performs obeisance to them after pulling down the tuck. ... Six times he performs obeisance, for there are six seasons and the fathers are the seasons. He mutters 'Give us houses, O fathers', for the fathers are the rulers of houses; and this is the prayer for blessing at this sacrificial performance. After the

pindas have been put back (in a dish) the sacrificer smells at (the rice); this (smelling) being the sacrificer's share. The stalks of darbha cut with one stroke he puts on the fire; and he also throws away the firebrand on to the fire. <sup>960a</sup>

It will be noticed that many of the fundamental conceptions of a pārvana-śrāddha are very clearly brought out in the Śat. Br. Wearing the sacred thread on the right shoulder, afternoon as the proper time, cleansing the paddy only once, boiling the rice on the Dakṣiṇa fire, offering into the same fire two oblations to the gods first, the two formulas of presentation to Agni Kavyavāhana and to Soma Pitṛmat, drawing a line or

960 a अथैनं (यज्ञापतिं) पितरः प्राचीनावीतिनः सव्यं जान्वाच्योपासीद्वंस्तान्मवी-  
न्मासि मासि योजनं स्वधा वो मनो जवो वश्वम्द्रमा वो ज्योतिरिति। इतपथ II. 4. 2 2...  
मासि मास्येव पितृभ्यो ददतो यदैवैष न पुरस्तात् एवाद्ददतेऽथैवो ददाति... (7)। ...स वा  
अपराह्णे ददाति पूर्वार्हो वै देवाना मध्यन्दिनो मधुण्याणामपराह्णं पितॄणां तस्मादपराह्णे ददाति।  
स जयनेन गार्हपत्यं प्राचीनावीती भूत्वा दक्षिणासीन एतं शृणोति। स तत एवोपोत्थायोत्तरेणा-  
न्वाहार्यपंचनं दक्षिणा तिष्ठन्नवहन्ति सकृत् फलीकरोति सकृदु ह्येव पराश्रं पितरस्तस्मात्सकृत्  
फलीकरोति। (9) तं श्रपयति तस्मिन्निधिश्रित आज्यं प्रत्यानयति...। (10) स उद्धारशायी द्वे  
आहुती जुहोति देवेभ्यः। ... अथैतत्पितृयज्ञेनैवाचारत्... स देवैः प्रसूतोऽथैतत्पितृभ्यो ददाति। ...  
(11) स वाग्रये सोनाय च जुहोति...। (12) स जुहोति। अग्रये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहा सोमाय  
पितृभ्यो स्वाहेत्यग्नौ मेक्षणमग्न्यादधाति तत्सिद्धं कृत्वा जनमथ दक्षिणेनान्वाहार्यपंचनं सकृदु-  
ल्लिखति तद्वेदिभाजनम्...। (13) अथ परस्तादुल्लुङ्गं निदधाति। स यदनिधायोत्सुकमथै-  
तत्पितृभ्यो दद्यादधुररक्षसानि हैपामेतद्विमथनीरन्...। (14) स निदधाति। ये रूपाणि प्रति-  
शुश्र्वमाना असुराः सन्तः स्वधया चरन्ति। पराधुरो नियुरो ये भरन्त्याग्निर्होतात्पुत्रादत्तस्यमा-  
दिति।...। (15) अथोदपाञ्चमादायावनेजयति। असाववनेनिश्चेत्येव यजमानस्य पितरमसाव-  
वनेनिश्चेति पितामहमसाववनेनिश्चेति प्रपितामहं तद्यथाशिष्यतेऽभिपिञ्चेदेवं तत्। (16) अथ  
सकृदाच्छिन्नान्मूलं दिनानि भवन्ति अग्रमिव वै देवाना मध्यमिव मधुण्याणा मूलमिव पितॄणां  
तस्माद्रूपमूलं दिनानि भवन्ति। (17) तानि दक्षिणोपरं दृष्ट्वाति। तत्र ददाति स वा इति  
ददातीतिव वै देवेभ्यो जुहोत्युद्धरन्ति मधुण्येभ्योऽथैवं पितॄणां तस्मादिति ददाति। (18) स  
ददाति। असावेतत् इत्येव यजमानस्य पित्रे ये च त्वामन्विष्यु वैक आहुस्तदु तथा न ब्रूयात्तत्र  
वै तेषा सह येषा सह। तस्मादु ह्ययादसावेतत् इत्येव यजमानस्य पित्रेऽसावेतत् इति पितामहा-  
यासावेतत् इति प्रपितामहाय...। (19) तत्र जपति। अत्र पितरो मादयध्वं यथाभागमाहुपा-  
यध्वमिति यथाभागमश्रीतेत्येवैतदाह। (20) अथ पराह्णं पर्यावर्तते। तिर इव वै पितरो मधुण्येभ्य-  
स्तिर इवैवज्जपति स वा आतन्तितीरासीतेत्याहुरेतावान्हासुरिति स वै शूर्तमेवास्ति। (21)  
अथोपपल्लव्य जपति। अमीमदन्त पितरो यथाभागमाहुपायिपतेति यथाभागमाशिषुरित्येवै-  
तदाह। (22) अथोदपाञ्चमादायावनेजयति। असाववनेनिश्चेत्येव यजमानस्य पितरमसाववने-  
निश्चेति पितामहमसाववनेनिश्चेति प्रपितामहं तद्यथा जहुषेऽभिपिञ्चेदेवं तत्। (23) अथ नीवि-  
शुद्धं नमस्करोति। पितृदेवता वै नीविस्तस्मात्नीविशुद्धं नमस्करोति...पदकृत्वा नमस्करोति  
पद्वं कृतव कृतवः पितरः...गृह्यः पितरो दत्तेति गृह्याणां ह पितर ईशते। एषो एतस्यासीः  
कर्मणोऽभावजिघ्रति प्रत्यवधाय पिण्डान् स यजमानभागोऽग्नौ सकृदाच्छिन्नान्मग्न्यादधाति  
एनरुत्सुकमपि सृजति। (24).

furrow to the south of the Daksina fire, laying down a firebrand, making the three paternal ancestors wash (*avanejana*),<sup>961</sup> darbha grass severed from near the root, spreading the darbhas on the line or furrow and offering three pindas to the three ancestors to regale themselves, turning away from the pindas for a moment and then resuming his position and saying that the ancestors have regaled themselves, offering water for washing (*pratayavanejana*), pulling down the tuck and performing obeisance six times (and identifying the Fathers with seasons) and praying to the Fathers to bestow houses, smelling the boiled rice, throwing the darbhas and firebrand into the fire—these are the principal matters even now in the Pārvana-śrāddha performed by students of the Śukla Yajurveda, although several other details (such as the introduction of the mother's paternal ancestors) and some mantras are added. The Kātyāyana Śr. IV. 1. closely follows the Śat. Br., but adds certain details viz. he folds his hands and repeats the six mantras (Vāj. S. II. 32 'namo vah pitaro rasāya' &c) throwing three threads on each pinda with the mantra 'etaadvah' (Vāj. S. II. 32) or the woollen fringe of a garment or hair from the chest of the sacrificer when he is beyond fifty years of age, sprinkling water on the pindas or on the ground near them with (Vāj. S. II. 34)<sup>962</sup>.

The other *samhitās* also contain identical mantras. For example, the Vāj. S. II. 29-34<sup>963</sup> are mantras most of which are

961. On 'wash thyself' the com. on कर्त्तव्य औ सू IV. 1. 10 says 'अपसर्ग्य यथा स्वात् हस्तस्य सव्यमक्षेक्ष्योक्षिणमक्षेक्षेनोदकमिनीयन् यथा स्वात्तथाङ्गुष्ठमक्षेक्ष्योरन्तरालेनावनेजयति अवावेनोदकं ह्युच्चीक करोति पिण्डदानाय । असाधिति सम्बुद्धचन्त-गोत्रनामादेशपूर्वक, अमुकसगोत्र यजमानस्य पितरमुकशर्मस्यवनेनिक्ष्व । Some other sūtras provide अमुकगोत्र for अमुकसगोत्र

962. About the use of the words 'those that come after thee' vide n. 781 for the Tai. S passage where those words are employed and also notes 1040, 1052, 1053. 'He presents them thus'—When the pinda is to be offered to the Fathers it is done with the *pitṛtīrthā* (the part of the hand between the thumb and forefinger) This is indicated by the teacher by means of a gesture 'He then pulls down the tuck—' The sacrificer (or *adhvaryu*) puts on an upper garment when the rite commences, the *dasā* or unwoven edge of which he tucks under the waistband. This he loosens or pulls out at this stage It will have been noticed that the Śat. Br. in dealing with Pindapitṛyajña employs Vāj. S. II. 29 (except 'apabātā asurā rakṣāmsi vedisadah'), 30, 31.

963. अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहा सोमाय पितृमते स्वाहा । अपहता अहुरा रक्षन्ति वेदिपदः ॥ ये रुपाणि ॥...प्रष्टुदात्यस्मात् ॥ अत्र पितरो माद्वध्वं...वृषापविषत ॥ नमो व पितरो रसाय.. नमो वा पितरो मन्यवे नमो व पितरः पितरो नमो वो यदाक्ष पितरो दत्त सतो  
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employed in the Pindapitryajña in Śākamedha<sup>964</sup>. Similarly, in the Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā<sup>965</sup> I, 10.3, 10-21 these are mantras for the pitryajña employed in Śākamedha many of which are the same as in Vāj. S. or Tai. Br. M. S. I 10. 3.11 is the same as Vāj. S. III 52 and M. S. I 10, 3. 17-20 are the same as Vāj. S. III, 51, 53-55. M. S. I, 10, 3, 13-14 greatly resemble Vāj. S. II 32 and Tai. Br. I 3, 10. 8.

Coming to the sūtra literature, it is best to begin with the procedure of *pārvanaśrāddha* as described in the Āśv. gr. IV, 7-8<sup>966</sup>. It is stated by the Anākula on Āp. gr. 21.1 that the

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वः पितरो देष्मैतद्वः पितरो वास आधत्त ॥ आधत्त.. सत् ॥ ऊर्जं वहन्तीरसृत्तं घृतं पयः कीलालं परिस्रुतम् । स्वधा स्थ तर्पयत मे पितृन् ॥ वाज सं. II 29-34 The verse ये रूपाणि and the mantras अन्न . वृषापिपत are quoted above in n. 960a from the इतपथना For नमो व. पितरो, vide n. 959 and for आधत्त ..सत् n 780. Both the commentators, Uvata and Mahidhara, of Vāj S., hold that *rasa*, *śosa* and the other four are to be identified with the six seasons from spring (*madhu* etc.) and some of the digests provide for the worship of *ṛṣṭus* in *śrāddha* in this way. The कात्या. औ छ (V. 9 24-25) states that with this mantra (Vāj. S. II, 32) the performer folds his hands or makes six obeisances Vide Hemādri (Śr pp. 1459-60) who quotes the Vāj S. (II, 32) and Tai. Br. and explains them.

964 अक्षममीमदन्त...ते हरी ॥ सुसम्भ्रं ..ते हरी ॥ मनो न्वाहामहे नाराक्षसेन स्तोमेन । पितृणां च मन्मथि ॥ आ न एतु मनः पुनः क्रत्वे दक्षाय जीवसे । ज्योक् च सूर्यं दृशे ॥ पुनर्नः पितरो मनो ददातु देव्यो जनः । जीवं ब्रावं सन्वेमहि ॥ वाज सं III. 51-55. वाज. सं. III, 51-52 are the same as Rg I, 82 2-3.

965. नै सं I 10.3 13-14 are as follows. अमीमदन्त पितरो नमो व पितर इये, नमो व पितर ऊर्जे, नमो व पितरः छुष्माय, नमो वः पितरो रसाय, नमो वः पितरो यज्ञीव तस्मै, नमो व. पितरो यद्भूते तस्मै, स्वधा व. पितरो नमो नमो वः पितरः । एषा छुष्माकं पितर इमा अस्माक जीवा वो जीवन्त इह सन्तः स्याम । Compare also अथर्ववेद 18.4. 81-85.

966. अथात पार्वणे आर्द्धे काम्य आभ्युदयिक एकोद्विडे वा । ब्राह्मणान् श्रुतशील... सर्वेषाम् । काममनाद्ये । पिण्डैर्व्याख्यातम् । अप. प्रदाय । दधाम् द्विगुणमुद्रानासनं प्रदाय । अपः प्रदाय । तेजसाश्ममयसृष्टमयेषु त्रिषु पात्रेष्वेकमव्येषु वा दधाम् न्तिष्ठेतिष्वप आसिष्य इक्षो देवीरभिष्टय इत्यष्टमन्त्रितासु तिलानावपति तिलोऽस्ति सोमदेवत्यो गोसुवे देवनिर्मितः । प्रलवद्भिः प्रतः स्वधया पितृनिर्मल्लोकान् प्रीणयाहि नः स्वधा नम् इति प्रसव्येन । इतर पाण्यद्विगुणान् रेणोपवीतित्वा दक्षिणेन वा सव्योपयुहीतेन पितरिदं ते अर्घ्यं पितामहेदं ते अर्घ्यं प्रपितामहेदं ते अर्घ्यमिति । अथर्ववेद । ताः प्रतियाहयिष्यन्तस्त्वत्स्वत् स्वधा अर्घ्या इति । प्रष्टा अहमन्त्रयेत या दिव्या आपः पृथिवी सम्भूयूर्या अन्तरिक्षा उत पार्थिवीर्या । हिरण्यवर्णा यज्ञिपास्ता न आपः क्षर्याना भवन्ति । संज्ञान्त्वमवनीय ताभिर्द्विः युज्जामो मुखमनक्ति । नोद्वेत्प्रथमं पात्रं पितृणामर्घ्यापातितम् । आहुतास्तत्र तिष्ठन्ति पितरः शौनकोऽन्ववीत् ॥ एतस्मिन्काले गन्धमात्यधूपदीपाच्छादनात् प्रदानम् । उद्धृत्य शूताकमक्षममुद्रायययशौ करिष्ये करवे करवाणीति मत्स्यमुद्रा क्रियायां कुरुष्व कुर्वति । अथाग्नौ जुहोति यथोक्त पुरस्तात् । अग्न्युद्रायां पाणिष्वेव वा । आग्निमुद्रा वै देवाः पाणिमुद्रा. पितर इति हि ब्राह्मणम् । यदि पाणिष्व्वाचान्तेष्वन्यदक्षममुद्राशक्ति अक्षमस्ते । छर्द दत्तमुद्राकामिति । वृषाञ्जाला मधुमती आवयेदक्षममीमदन्तेति च । सम्पन्नमिति प्रष्टा यद्यदक्षमुद्राकं तत्तत्प्राणीपाकेन सह पिण्डार्थमुद्धृत्य शेषं निवेदयेत् ।

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monthly śrāddha (māsi-śrāddha) is the prakṛti of Astakā and other śrāddhas in which three ancestors are to be invoked. It is as follows. Now then at a Pārvana-śrāddha, or at a śrāddha celebrated for securing some desired object, or at an Ābhyudayaika-śrāddha or at an Ekoddistaśrāddha, the performer causes to sit down brāhmanas who are endowed with learning, moral character and proper conduct or who are endowed with (at least) one (of these three characteristics), who have been invited already in proper time, who have taken a bath, whose feet are washed (by the performer) and who have sipped water (taken ācamana), as representatives of (or equal to) the Fathers, with their faces turned to the north, one for each of the Fathers, or two for each or three for each. The larger the number of brāhmanas invited the greater is the fruit or reward. But in no case (should he invite) only one for all (the Fathers), or he may invite only one brāhmaṇa except at the first śrāddha<sup>967</sup>. By the exposition of the Pindapitṛyajña the rules for the pārvana-śrāddha have been declared. Having given water (into the hands of the invited brāhmaṇa or brāhmanas after they sit down) and double-folded darbha blades as a seat (on which the darbhas are to be kept), having again given water to them and having poured water into three vessels of metal (silver &c.), of stone and of earthenware or into three vessels made of the same substance (out of these three) which are covered over with darbha blades and having recited (over the water in the vessels) the verse 'śanno &c.' (Rg X, 9.4)<sup>968</sup> the performer puts sesamum grains into the water with the mantra "Sesamum art thou, Soma is thy deity, at the Gosava"<sup>969</sup>

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अभिमतैस्तुमते वा शुक्रवत्त्वनाचान्तेषु पिण्डाभिदध्यात् । आचान्त्येष्वेके । प्रकीर्याजघुषवीर्यो  
स्वधोच्यतामिति विद्यजेत् । अस्तु स्वधेति वा । आन्व रू सू IV 7-8. For the second and  
third sūtras vide n. 903. कृतपण्डोचात्-मन्त्र IV. 76 states आर्द्रपादस्तु शुञ्जीत, which  
is almost the same as अनुज्ञासनपर्व 104 61-62. The first half of the verse वा दिव्या  
आपो occurs in तै. ब्रा II. 7. 15. 4. The ब्राह्मणसर्वस्व reads मत्नमग्निं पृक्तं and  
मीणादि (folio 78), and explains अग्निः पृक्तः जलेन मिश्रितः पितृन् लोकान् मिश्रयितवान्हा-  
वृत्तिं मत्नं चिरकालं स्वधया स्वधोच्चारणेन मीणादि मीतान् कुष This yields a good sense  
Different editions of the आन्व. सू. number the sūtras differently. Here the  
Nirn edition of 1894 is relied upon.

967. Vide n 903 above for the several meanings of 'anādyē'.

968. The verse is इं नो देवीरभिधय आपो भवन्तु पतितये । शयोरभि सवन्तु न. ॥ ऋ.  
X 9. 4. This मन्त्र is recited only once

969. For the गोसव sacrifice, vide H. of Dh vol II. p 1213 n 2644.  
The mantra about sesamum is repeated over each of the three vessels.

sacrifice thou hast been created by the gods, thou hast been offered by persons who are like ancient ones; through the *svadhā* mayst thou make the Fathers and these worlds pleased with us! *svadhā! Adoration!*" The different items of the rite are performed from the right to the left<sup>970</sup>. With the part of the other hand (i. e. left) between the thumb<sup>971</sup> (and forefinger) since he wears the sacred thread over the left shoulder, or with the right which he seizes with the left, (he offers the *Arghya* water) to Fathers with the words 'Father, this is the *arghya* for thee; Grand-father, this is the *arghya* for thee; Great-grand-father, this is the *arghya* for thee, after first offering (ordinary) water to the Fathers. When about to induce the brāh-

970. The rules about Pindapitryañja have been set forth in Āśv. Sr. S. II. 6 Nārāyana notes (on Āśv gr. IV 7 2) that Āśvalāyana treats of only the procedure relating to the rite for pitrs and that he does not at all refer to the dinner given to *darva* or *Vaiśvadeva* brāhmanas at the time of śrāddha. It is therefore possible that feeding *daiva* brāhmanas was added to the ancient ritual, though it must be said that Manu III. 125, Yāj. I. 224-28 and Vas. XI. 27 prescribe such feeding. Dr. Caland (in 'Ahnen cult' p. 161) asserts that he can prove that the detail of feeding *daiva* brāhmanas spread from the Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana to the other śūtras and he relies on the fact that Kātyāyana (in *Kandikā* 2) prescribes that the *viśve devāḥ* should be invoked with the verse 'Viśve devāsa āgata' and the performer should mutter the verse 'viśve devāḥ śrutemam' which are respectively Vāj. S. VII. 34 and XXXIII 53. But Dr. Caland tries to prove too much. The first verse occurs twice in the Rg. (II 41. 13 and VI 52 7) and the second occurs in Rg. VI. 52 13, Tai S II 4 14 5. They are not found only in the Vāj. S. as Dr. Caland seems to have thought. It is possible that other works took over those mantras from the Rgveda or the Tai S. It may also be noted that Yāj. I. 229 mentions only 'Viśve devāsa' and specifies that it is a *rk* (and not a *mantra* or *yajus*). So Yāj. at least does not appear to have borrowed the prescriptions of Kātyāyana. It is not necessary to examine the other arguments.

971. The part of the hand between the thumb and forefinger is called *pitṛtīrth* and water is offered by that part of the hand for the pitrs; vide H. of Dh. vol. II, pp. 316 note 652. नारायण explains इतरपाण्यङ्गुष्ठान् in two ways as follows: 'येन पाणिना कर्म करोति दक्षिणेन वा सव्येन वा तस्मिन्नेव यज्ञोपवीते स्थिते प्राचीनावीती भवति ततोऽन्यस्मिन्नेव स्थिते उपवीती भवति। अत्र उपवीतित्वा प्राचीनावीतित्वं सिद्धत्वे सव्यपाणिपितृतीर्थेन दातव्यमित्यर्थः। अथवा सव्यपाणे. शिष्टगदितत्वाद्दक्षिणं पाणिं सव्येन पाणिना गृहीत्वा दक्षिणेनैव पाणिनोपवीत्येवाहं मयच्छेत् ॥'. The कल्पतरु. (on आ. p. 148) explains: मसव्येन वामेन हस्तेन। तत्रापि न केवलं वामेनैव अपि तु इतर पाण्यङ्गुष्ठान्तरेण इतरस्य दक्षिणस्य पाणेः अङ्गुष्ठान्तरेण पितृतीर्थेन। तेनैतदङ्गुष्ठं भवति। वामहस्तेन अर्घ्यपात्रं धृत्वा दक्षिणहस्तेन पितृतीर्थं संस्पृश्य यथा ब्राह्मणहस्तेषु जलं पतति तथा देयमिति। अर्घ्यं is respectful offering of water or water with husked rice grains, flowers etc. to gods or venerable persons.

manas to accept the arghya water he should once only (for each brāhmana or group of brāhmanas for each of the Fathers) say to them 'svadhā! these are arghya waters' and then over the waters that are poured out he recites the verse (separately for each brāhmana) 'The heavenly waters which have been produced on the earth, in the aerial regions and the waters that are terrestrial, that are golden-hued, and fit for sacrifice—may these waters bring us welfare and be favourable to us'. Pouring together (in the first vessel) what has been left in the vessels (for holding arghya water) he anoints his face with that water if he (the performer) desires that a son be born to him. 'He should not remove the first vessel into which the arghya water for the Fathers has been poured (till the end of the rite). The Fathers dwell therein concealed; thus did Śaunaka say' <sup>972</sup>. Just at that time the gifts of sandalwood paste, flowers, incense, lamp, and clothes are to be offered (to the brāhmanas). <sup>973</sup> Having taken some food (from the Sthālipaka prepared for Pindapitrayajña) and smeared it with ghee he asks the brāhmanas' permission in the words 'I shall offer it in the fire' or in the words 'let me offer in the fire'. The permission is given (by the brāhmanas) in the words 'Let it be done' or in the words 'do it'. He then sacrifices in the fire as stated before <sup>974</sup> or (if the brāhmanas give permission) in the hands of the brāhmanas; since the Brāhmana text says 'fire is verily the mouth of the Fathers'. If he offers in the hands of the brāh-

972. 'He should not remove etc.' नारायण gives two explanations of this verse of Śaunaka 'तृतीयेन पात्रेण प्रथमपात्रस्यापिधानमिच्छन्ति। अन्ये तु तत्रैव तृतीयांशं सप्तमी। अर्घ्यपात्रं प्रथमं पात्रं न्यग्मिलं कुर्यात् तच्च नोद्धरेदा समासेरिति व्याचष्टुः' आश्व. सू. IV. 8. 14.

973. Gifts of गन्ध etc.—नारायण notes on आश्व. सू. IV. 7. 10 that from अर्घ्यदान up to (excluding) the gift of the five articles गन्ध etc. the performer is यज्ञोपवीती (i. e. wears the sacred thread on the left shoulder and under the right arm). When giving these he becomes प्राचीनावीती (i. e. wears the sacred thread on the right shoulder and under the left arm)

974. यथोक्तं पुरस्तात् The reference is to आश्व. औ. सू. II. 6. 12 which reads: प्राचीनावीतीष्मदुपसनायाय मेक्षणनादायावदानसम्पदा जुहोति। सोमाय पितृभ्यस्वधा नमः अग्नये कण्ववाहनाय स्वधा नम इति. The word अयं in आश्व. सू. IV. 8. 4 indicates that all the items of the सिन्धुपितृयज्ञ up to होम (i. e. excluding it) are performed before this stage is reached. If the performer has no sacred fire and offers into the hands of the brāhmanas the same mantras are employed. The आश्व. औ. सू. II. 6. 13 allows an option viz. the word स्वाहा may be used but then the order of मन्त्रस्य will be अग्नये कण्ववाहनाय स्वाहा, सोमाय पितृभ्यस्वधा and he will be यज्ञोपवीती.



manas<sup>975</sup>, then he assigns other food to them after they have sipped water and the food (that remains) is mixed with the food that is served to the brāhmanas, since it is said 'what is abandoned and given to (brāhmanas)<sup>976</sup> brings prosperity'. When he sees that the brāhmanas are satiated (with the food served at the dinner) he (the performer) should recite to the brāhmanas the verses containing the word 'madhu' (Rg. I. 90.<sup>977</sup> 6-8) and also the verse 'they have eaten, they have enjoyed themselves' (Rg. I. 82.2). Having asked the brāhmanas 'was the dinner perfect?' (they should reply that it was) and then having taken (portions of) the different foods that were enjoyed by the brāhmanas together with the sthālīpāka food in order<sup>978</sup> to make lumps (pindas) thereof he should present all (the rest of the food) to the brāhmanas. After the brāhmanas have either accepted (the rest of the food) or given him permission (to use it for his family and friends), and after they have finished eating he should, before they have sipped water (performed ācamana after finishing their dinner), put down the lumps<sup>979</sup> (pindas) for the Fathers. According to some teachers (pindas are put down) after the brāhmanas have sipped water (on getting up from the dinner). Having strewn the food on the ground (near the remnants of food) and wearing the sacred thread on his left shoulder<sup>980</sup> he should (after turning the first vessel with top upside and after giving *dakṣiṇā* to the brāhmanas) bid adieu to the brāhmanas saying 'utter Om!

975. 'If in the hands.' मनु III. 212 provides that if a man has no Smārta fire, he should offer in the hand of the brāhmana only. छटं is explained by हरदत्त and नारायण as मधुतम्.

976 On IV. 8. 7. नारायण remarks. अर्थद्वयमत्र विधादुभिमिति गम्यते। तत्राग्नीं कृत्वा भोजनेषु भोजनार्थमन्यदक्षमस्तुदिशति ददात्येकोर्थः। यदि पाणिहोमः कृतस्तदाचान्तेषु अन्यद्वर्जं ददातीत्यपरः।

977. Rgveda I. 90 6-8 (मधुवाता ऋतायते etc.) are called मधुमती verses because each contains the word मधु several times

978 On 'स्थालीपाकेन सह' नारायण observes 'स्थालीपाकेन सहेति नात्रापूर्वः स्थालीपाकश्चोद्यते।.. तेन यत्र स्थालीपाको विहितस्तत्र तेन मुक्तशेषेण च पिण्डनिर्पूर्णं भवति। यत्र तु स्थालीपाकविधिर्नास्ति तत्र मुक्तशेषेणैव केवलेन निरर्णं भवति।' In some श्राद्ध such as कान्यश्राद्ध, आम्बुदयिक, अष्टमीश्राद्ध and एकोदश there is no स्थालीपाक.

979. 'He should put down the lumps'. Here आम्बुलायन appears to differ from मनु III. 253, 260.

980 The word 'उपवीच' shows that till then the performer was आग्नीनावीची.

Svadhā' or he should say 'Om! Svadhā!' (and they should reply 'Om! Svadhā!').<sup>980a</sup>

From considerations of space it is impossible to set out all the differences among the several grhyasūtras of the R̥gveda, of the Taittirīya śākhā (viz. Baudhāyana, Āp., Hir., Bharadvāja and Vaikhānasa), of the Vājasaneyi śākhā (such as Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana), of the Sāmaveda (such as Gobhila and Khādīra) and of the Atharvaveda (being Kausika sūtra). A few matters may be set out by way of illustration. The Āp. gr. (21. 3-4)<sup>981</sup> states that (after the brāhmaṇas are invited for śrāddha dinner) from the food prepared for the dinner a portion is taken out in a vessel and therefrom seven *āhūtis* are cast into the fire with the seven mantras beginning with 'yan me mātā' (in Āp. M. P. II. 19. 1-7), the first two for the father, the next two for the grand-father, next two for the great-grand-father and the 7th to pītṛs in general with svāhā (but without naming any one) and then six oblations of clarified butter are offered with the six formulas beginning with 'svāhā pītṛe' (Āp. M. P. II. 19. 8-13). Thus the agnaukarana in Āp. consists of two parts viz. āhūtis of food and of clarified butter, while in Āśv. it is made only with food. Then the performer should touch all food (cooked food and the remainder of what is employed for offering into fire) with the three mantras 'esa te tata madhumān' (Āp. M. P. II. 19. 14-16), he should make the brāhmaṇas touch the food served to each with the *Yajus* formula 'the earth is thy vessel' (Āp. M. P. 2. 20. 1) quoted in n. 992 below.

Āp. gr. prescribes the mantra, 'putrān pautrān' (Āp. M. P. II. 20. 24) for moistening the pindas, while Baud. gr. and Vaikhānasa gr. (IV. 6) employ the mantra 'ūrjam vahantrī' (Vāj. S. II. 34) for the same purpose. It may be noted that

980 a. It will be noticed that Āśv. omits several details viz. (1) he does not say that the brāhmaṇas for all the gods are to be seated, facing the east, (2) he mentions no mantra such as 'ye agnīdadghā &c.' (3) nothing is said about *dakṣiṇā* or about the performer following the brāhmaṇas a few paces and then returning with their permission.

981. The आप. सू. 20. 9 sets down the whole procedure very succinctly after the brāhmaṇas have taken the dinner as follows: शुक्लवतोद्भवस्य मदक्षिणीकृत्य द्वेयं दक्षिणायाम् दूर्भाच्च संस्तीर्य तेषुत्तरैरपो वृत्तोत्तरैर्दक्षिणायवर्गाच्च तिष्ठन्वाच्च वृत्ता पूर्ववदुत्तरैरपो वृत्तोत्तरैरुपस्थायोत्तरयोदयात्रेण त्रिः प्रसव्यं परिवक्ष्य च्युज्य पात्राण्युत्तरं यजुरनवानं उपवराः पर्यसावर्तयित्वा मोक्ष पात्राणि द्वन्द्वमभ्युदाहृत्य सर्वतः समवदायोत्तरेण यजुषा क्षेत्रस्य प्रासाः वरास्यै माह्वीयात् । The mantras referred to here occur in आप. म. पा. II. 19. 1 to II. 20. 26.

these sūtras which belong to the Taittiriya śakhā employ a verse from another recension viz. the Śukla Yajurveda.

The Hir. Gr. (II. 10-13) is more elaborate than the Āp. Gr. and not only sets out at length many of the mantras in Āp. M. P. II. 19-20, but adds some more. The Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana (1-3) sets out the procedure of the monthly śrāddha almost in the same way as the Yājñavalkyasmṛti (which is set out below). It states that in the monthly śrāddha first come the daiva rites and then the various items occur as in the Pinda-pitryajña 'pindapitryajña-vad-upacāraḥ' (first sūtra of the 2nd kandikā). Some details which it contains (and Yaj. does not expressly mention) may be set out here. It gives in full the mantras 'tilosi', 'yā divyā' (both of which occur in Aśv. gr.), 'prthivi to pātram' (which is Āp. M. P. II. 20.1). It prescribes that in addition to the Gāyatri and the Madhumati verses the word 'madhu' should be repeated thrice. The holy texts to be repeated while the brāhmanas are engaged in eating according to Kātyāyana are the Gāyatri (once or thrice), the five Raksoghni verses (Rg. IV. 4. 1-5, Yaj. S. XIII. 9-13, Tai. S. I 2. 14. 1-2), Purusasūkta, the Apratiratha hymn (Rg. X. 103. 1-13 = Yaj. S. 17. 33-34, 46 = Tai. S. IV. 6. 4 1-4) and others. It expressly states that the *svadhūvācana* (Yaj. I 244) relates to both paternal and maternal ancestors. Besides the blessing contained in Yaj. I 246, Kātyāyana provides that the performer is to pray for and the brāhmanas are to pronounce two more viz. 'May the pītṛs be kind (lit. not dreadful) to us' and 'May our family prosper'. Dr. Caland in his learned work 'Altindischer Ahnencult' (pp. 150-152) appears inclined to hold that when a sūtrakāra has not actually said anything on certain items in the śrāddha ritual, one has no right to anticipate, on the authority of later authors, that those items existed in the times of that sūtrakāra. I demur to this conclusion. Dr. Caland has attached no weight to the fact that Jaimini (as stated in H. of Dh. vol. III p. 870) laid down the principle that one may include certain items from another śakhā. Jaimini's sūtras cannot be supposed to have laid down those propositions for the first time. Jaimini's sūtras are at least as old as some of the extant śrauta sūtras such as that of Kātyāyana. Therefore hardly any chronological conclusions can be drawn with certainty from the silence of a sūtrakāra as to a certain item in the śrāddha ritual.

We shall now turn to the metrical smṛtis. Mānu treats of the procedure of śrāddha at some length in III. 208-265. But

as the procedure prescribed by the Yājñavalkyasmṛiti (I. 226-249) is more compact and at the same time more lucid it is set out here. "When the invited brāhmanas come in the afternoon the performer having a *pavitra*<sup>982</sup> in his hand should seat them on seats and make them sip water. The brāhmanas invited should be even in number (2, 4 &c.) according to the performer's resources at the *dava* rite (i. e. the Vaiśvadevika brāhmanas should be two, four &c.) and uneven (three or five &c.) at a (pārvana) śrāddha for the *pitṛs*; the brāhmanas should be seated in a pure (cowdunged) plot screened on all sides and sloping towards the south. At the *dava* (part of pārvana-śrāddha when Viśve-devāḥ are to be invoked) two brāhmanas facing the east should sit down and three brāhmanas facing the north should be seated in the rite for the *pitṛs* or only one may be seated for each (i. e. in *dava* and in *pitṛya*). The same rule applies to a śrāddha for maternal ancestors. In both (pitṛśrāddha and mātāmahaśrāddha) the worship of Viśve-devas may be performed separately or simultaneously<sup>983</sup>. Then having poured water on the hands of the brāhmanas (meant for the rite in honour of viśve-devāḥ) and having given kusa blades for a seat<sup>984</sup> (towards their right side on the seat already

982 For the meaning of *pavitra* see H of Dh vol II p 657 notes 1553-54. It is a ring-like loop of *darbhas* to be worn in the right hand or in both hands on the finger next to the little finger. The Mit. supplies that the invited brāhmanas also should have a *pavitra*. The गोमिलस्मृति I, 28 defines it and is quoted by अपराकं pp 43 and 480.

983. On Yā. I. 228 'तन्त्रं वा', the मिता remarks यदा तु द्वावेव ब्राह्मणौ लभ्ये तदा तु वैश्वदेवे पात्रं प्रकल्प्य उभयत्र एकैकं ब्राह्मणं नियुज्यताम् । यथाह वसिष्ठ । Vide p. 403 above for Vas. 11. 30-31 which the मिता quotes. The विष्णुपुराण III. 15. 16 says. तथा मातामहआहुं वैश्वदेवसमान्वितम् । कुर्वीत भक्तिसम्पन्नं तन्त्रं वा वैश्वदेविकम् । तन्त्र means उभयोद्देशेन सकृदुत्थानम् or as क्षर on ज्ञे. XI 1 1 explains 'यत् सकृत् कृतं बहुनामुपकरोति तत् तन्त्रं यथा बहूनां ब्राह्मणानां भवेत् कृतं प्रदीप' । Yā. I 228 contains several options about the number of brāhmanas. तन्त्रं वा-If the three paternal ancestors and the three maternal ancestors are to be invoked in one śrāddha one may separately invite two वैश्वदेवब्राह्मण for पितृत्रय and two वैश्वदेवब्राह्मण for मातामहत्रय, or only two ब्राह्मण may do as वैश्वदेविकब्राह्मण for both पितृत्रय and मातामहत्रय. Or even one may do as वैश्वदेवब्राह्मण for both

984. For विष्टर (in वा I 229), a seat made with 25 darbhas, vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 543 n. 1259. The मिता says that in addition to the vedic verse, a smṛta verse should be recited for invoking the विश्वदेवा. ॥२॥ 'आगच्छन्तु महाभाग विश्वदेवा महाबला । ये यज्ञं विहिता आद्रे सावधाना भवन्तु ते ॥'. This verse is स्कन्दपुराण VII 1. 217. 32-33 and गरुडपुराण I 218.7. On p. 478 अपराकं attributes this स्मृतिमन्त्रं to बृहस्पति and to the ब्रह्मपुराण on p. 481. The

occupied), he should, with the permission of the invited brāhmanas, invoke the *Viśvedevāḥ* with the verse 'O' all the gods come!' (Rg. II. 41. 13 or VI. 52. 7; Vāj. S. VII. 34) Having scattered on the ground (near the brāhmanas representing *Viśve-devāḥ*) barley grains and then having cast into a vessel (of metal &c) covered with a *pavitra* water with the verse 'śan no devīr' (Rg. X. 9. 4, Vāj. S. 36.12, Tai. Ār. IV. 42.4) and barley grains with the mantra, 'Yavosi' (Vāj. S. V. 26, Tai. S. I. 3. 1. 1) and (also sandalwood paste and flowers) he should place in the hands (of the brāhmanas) the *arghya*<sup>985</sup> water with the verse 'yā divyā' (those heavenly waters &c., Tai. Br. II. 7. 15. 4). Then he should pour water into the hand (of the *Vaiśva-deva* brāhmana or brāhmanas) for washing the hand and give to them perfumes, flowers, incense, lamp<sup>986</sup> and garment. Then wearing the sacred thread on the right shoulder<sup>987</sup> and

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कल्पतश्च (on आ pp. 142, 151) also attributes it to both. हेमाद्रि (on आ. p. 1226) quotes it from the ब्रह्मपुराण, while the मद्र पा p. 574 quotes it as बृहत्पति's. The नित्ता notes that this and the following items up to (including) the gift of perfumes and four other things should be done by the performer being यज्ञोपवीती and having his right side towards the brāhmanas "एतच्च यज्ञोपवीतिना प्रदक्षिणं च कार्यं 'अपसव्यं ततः कृत्वा पितृणामप्रदक्षिणम्' इति पित्र्ये विशेषस्मरणात् ।" अपसव्यं ततः कृत्वा—is वा. I. 232 latter half. हेमाद्रि (on आ pp 1257-58) explains 'प्रदक्षिणादन्वद्प्रदक्षिणम् । प्रदक्षिणं नामाभिमुखपुरुषवामाङ्गोपलक्षितं प्रदेशं मति कर्मणो निर्वहणं यथा पूर्वोभिमुखोपविष्टदेविकपद्धिर्भूयन्प्रद्विजादारभ्य तत् पद्धिचरमद्विजा-पर्वणा ।'

985. 'Arghya water'—The नित्ता. states 'विश्वेदेवा इदं चो अर्घ्यमित्यर्घ्योदकं विनिक्षिपेत्.' The arghya is to be offered to each ब्राह्मण separately as required by गोभिलस्मृति III 74 'अर्घ्येक्षणीदके चैव पिण्डदानेऽवसेजेन । तन्त्रस्य तु निवृत्तिः स्यात्स्वधावाचन एव च ॥' The printed नित्ता reads the मन्त्र as यवोसि धान्यराजो वा, which is not found in the Vāj. S. or other *samhitās*. Similarly, the नित्ता reads the मन्त्र 'या दिव्या आपः पयसा' for अर्घ्य, which is probably Rg. VII. 49. 2 with the order of words changed. अपराक्ष (p 479) states that if there are two वैश्वदेवब्राह्मण then water and yavas should be put in two vessels and the मन्त्र is to be repeated each time when putting water, putting yavas and at each अर्घ्य. हेमाद्रि (on आ p. 1229) defines: 'अर्घ्यो नामाहणीयान. दुरत. संमाननार्थः मशस्तद्व्यग्रक्षेपः'.

986. 'दीपे च विशेषः कङ्कालोक्तः । घृतेन दीपो दातव्यस्तिलतैलेन वा पुनः । वसामेदो-द्वं दीपं प्रयत्नेन विषर्जयेत् ॥' नित्ता. on वा. I. 231. The विष्णुधर्मोत्तर has the verse घृतेन (I. 141. 12),

987. वा. I. 232—अपसव्यं ततः. The Mīt quotes बृहज्ज्ञातातप that from hence the performer should face the south 'उदङ्मुखस्तु देवानां पितॄणां दक्षिणामुखः । मद्यात् पर्वणे सर्वं देवपूर्वं विधानतः ॥'. 'Double-folded kuśas'—compare Āśv,

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under the left arm (i. e. being *prācinābiliti*) the performer should offer to the pītr̥s (i. e. to the three brāhmanas representing them) double-folded kuśas (with water) for a seat on the left (1 e on the seats already occupied kuśas should be placed on the left side for a *vistara*), he should then invoke<sup>988</sup> the pītr̥s after taking the permission of the brāhmanas with the rk 'uśantas-tvā' (Rg. X. 16. 12, Vāj. S. 19. 70, Tai. S. II. 6. 12. 1), and should then recite in a low voice the mantra (āyantu nah pītarah) 'may the pītr̥s come to us' (Vāj. S. 19. 58). The performer, having scattered sesamum seeds all round (the brāhmanas) with the mantra 'Apahata' (Vāj. S. II. 29), should employ sesamum for all purposes where *yavas* were employed (in the daiva part of the ceremony) and should perform all the items such as giving arghya (water for worship) for the pītr̥s as before (for the daiva rite). After offering arghya water, he should collect the drops of the arghya water fallen from the hands (or fingers) of the brāhmanas in one vessel (the pītr̥ vessel), then turn it upside

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above (p. 434). The स्कन्दपुराण (VII. 1. 206. 17) provides 'दाने स्नाने जपे होमे भोजने देवतार्चने। देवानामुजवो दर्माः। पितृणां हिणुणास्तथा॥' In offering each of the things in daiva or *pītr̥ya* rite in śrāddha water must be given before and after. The मिता says that here the method called काण्डावसमय (and not पदार्थावसमय) has to be followed. These two are dealt with in Jai. V. 2 1-15, Vide H of Dh vol II. pp. 739-740 In this case if there are three brāhmanas, water, kuśas and water are all to be given to one, then the same three to the second and the same three to the third. This is काण्डावसमय. If water is given one after another to the three, then kuśas one after another to them, then water one after another to three, that would be पदार्थावसमय. काण्ड means पदार्थार्ग. हेमाद्रि (on आ pp. 759-766) has an exhaustive and lucid discussion on these two. He states that पदार्थावसमय is the rule but काण्डावसमय also has to be followed in certain cases. For example, on p. 764 he says 'चरणमशालना-श्मनमदानासनपवेशनानि पदार्थावसमयेन। आसनक्षणावाहनार्चनघण्टधूपदीपाच्छादनानां पदार्थानां कृत्स्न काण्डे वैश्वदेविकेऽपि पितृकर्मणि च' and relies on या I. 229-234 to show that all items relating to वैश्वदेविकब्राह्मण are first finished and those relating to पितृकर्मब्राह्मण are then taken up : i. e. there is काण्डावसमय as to वैश्वदेविक and पितृकर्मब्राह्मण. Vide हेमाद्रि (आ) p. 1215 also.

988. आवाह्य (या. I 233). The मिता. remarks "अथ पितृन् पितृतामहन् प्रपितामहा-नामाहयिष्य इति ब्राह्मणान् वृद्धा आवाहयेति तैरुज्ज्ञात उदान्तस्त्वा निधीमहि इत्यनयर्चा पित्रादीनावाह्य 'आयन्तु नाः पितरः' इत्यादिना सन्नेषोपतिष्ठेत्॥". It may be noted that in all cases where a question is to be put or permission is to be asked the performer addresses the chief among them or all of them as the आह्वय्य of का. *days*—'सर्वेषु मन्त्रेषु पारिवर्त्यैव वृत्तंति सर्वान्वा (2nd काण्डिका of आह्वय्य)'.<sup>1</sup>

down<sup>989</sup> on the ground (over a bunch of kuśas with ends turned towards the south) with the mantra 'thou art a place for the pīṭrs.'<sup>990</sup> Then, being about to perform 'agnaukarana' (offering in sacrifice), he takes the food mixed with clarified butter and asks the brāhmanas (in the words 'I shall offer into the sacred fire') and when permitted by them with the words 'do so', he offers into the fire (two portions cut off from the food mixed with ghee) with a *mekṣana*<sup>991</sup> according to the

989. The *mita* remarks that on the vessel turned upside down the *pavitras* covering the three vessels should be placed and unguents, flowers, incense, lamp and garment should be offered to the brāhmanas with the words 'पितर्यं ते गन्धः' etc.

990 पूर्ववत्—The *mita* very briefly sets forth how the items are to be repeated for वैश्यब्राह्मणः 'राजतादिषु पात्रेषु त्रिज्वर्युग्मकुशानिर्मितकूर्चान्तहितेषु 'ज्ञो नो देवी.' इति मन्त्रेणाप क्षिप्त्वा 'तिलोसि सोमदेवस्यः' इत्यादिमन्त्रेण तिलाच्च गन्धशुष्पाणि च क्षिप्त्वा स्वधाव्या—इति ब्राह्मणानां पुरतोऽर्घ्यपात्राणि स्थापयित्वा या दिव्या इति मन्त्रान्ते पितरिदं ते अर्घ्यं पितामहेदं ते अर्घ्यं प्रपितामहेदं ते अर्घ्यमिति ब्राह्मणानां हस्तेष्वर्घ्यं दद्यात्। Vide आश्व गृ in note 966 above for ज्ञो नो देवी, तिलोसि, या दिव्याः The मन्त्र is 'अपहता असुरा रक्षांसि वेदिषद्ः' (वाज. सं. II. 29) The बहुचगृह्यपरिशिष्ट, अपराक्ष (p 484)

and others say that the name and gotra of the ancestors should be mentioned in offering पाद्य, अर्घ्य, गन्ध etc Therefore the अर्घ्य will be offered in the form 'असृकगीत्र पितरसृकशर्मन्नेतरेऽर्घ्यम्'. हलायुध (folio 18a on आश्वसूत्र) notes that in the case of वाजसनेयस the last words are एष तेऽर्घ्यः

991 मेक्षण is a rod of Aśvattha wood one *aratm* long having at one end a square board four *angulas* in length (to be used like a mixing spoon). Two offerings are made with the words अग्नये कव्यवाहन्यै स्वधा नमः, सोमाय पितृमते स्वधा नमः (वाज सं II. 29 where the same formula occurs with स्वाहा for स्वधा नमः) Acc to Baud. Dh S II. 8. 8-11 the offerings are three viz to सोमाय पितृपतिाय, यमायाङ्गिरस्वते पितृमते, अग्नये कव्यवाहन्यै स्वधक्कृते Acc. to मद् पा. p. 590 this is peculiar to Baudhāyānīyas The ब्रह्मपुराण q. by मद्. पा. (p 591) speaks of आहुतित्रय and so does Brahmanānda (upodghāta, 11.93-94) If the performer is आह्विताग्नि and has observed सर्वाधान method he offers into दक्षिणाग्नि; if he is not आह्विताग्नि or has followed अर्धोधान method he offers into grhya or āvasathya fire and if he has neither the śrauta or grhya fire he offers into the hand of the brāhmana. For the procedure of पिण्डपितृयज्ञ (which varies from one śākhā and sūtra to another) vide H. of Dh vol. II pp 1085-1090 and मद् III. 212 for पाणिहोम. The food offered on the hand has to be mixed with the food served in the plate and then eaten. When there are several pīṭya brāhmanas invited the पाणिहोम is to be made on the hand of the best of the brāhmanas acc. to the मद्. पा. 585 and स्मृत्युच (आ. p. 462). both of which quote गोभिल II 120 'पित्र्ये यः पाङ्क्तिर्धन्यस्तस्य पाणावनश्चिमान्।

हत्वा मन्त्रवदन्नेषां पूर्णौ पात्रेभ्य निक्षिपेत्॥'. हलायुध holds that, since या. (I. 237 हुतशेषे प्रदद्यात् भोजनेषु समाहित.) employs the word भोजनेषु without any qualification, the remnants of the food for होम should be put in all plates including those for देवब्राह्मणः The सौरपुराण (19.22) says. अग्नेरभावादिमस्य पाणी होमो विधीयते। महादेवस्य पुरतो गोष्ठे वा अङ्गयान्वितः ॥

procedure laid down for Pīṇapitrayajña. He, being intent (only on performing śrāddha correctly), should serve the food that remains after (making the two offerings mentioned above) in plates (except earthen one) that he may be able to secure, and particularly silver oness (plates are meant for feeding pitrya brāhmanas). After serving the food in the plates, he should invoke over the plates the mantra 'the earth is thy<sup>992</sup> support', he should take hold of the thumb of the brāhmanas and put it on the food (served in the plates) with the mantra<sup>993</sup> 'idam Viśnur' ('Viśnu strode over this' Rg. I. 22. 17, Vaj. S. V. 15, Tai. S. I. 2. 13. 1). The performer should then mutter the Gāyatri verse (Rg. III. 62. 10, Vaj. S. III. 35, Tai. S. I. 5. 6. 4) together with 'Om' and the 'Vyāhrtis' and the three verses beginning with 'Madhu vāts' (Rg. I. 90. 6-8, Vaj. S. 13. 27-29, Tai. S. IV. 2. 9. 3), he should say 'partake (of the food) as you please' and the brāhmanas also should eat the food silently. He should serve without anger or bustle food fit for being offered as *havis* (in a śrāddha) and liked by the brāhmanas till they are satiated (so that some food is left in their plates) and should repeat (while the brāhmanas are engaged in eating) sacred texts and the texts for *Japa* (Gāyatri &c. already referred to in Yāj. I. 239 above). The sacred texts to be repeated according to the Mit on Yāj. I. 240 are the Purusasūkta (Rg. X. 90. 1-16), the Pāvamāni verses (i. e. verses like 'svādīsthayā madīsthayā' from the 9th mandala of the Rgveda as stated by Medhātithi on Manu III. 86 and Haradatta on Gautama (19. 12). Manu III. 232 mentions other works for recitation such as the dharmaśāstras, *ākhyānas*, *itihāsa* (Mahābhārata), purāṇas and *khilas* (like Śrīsūkta and Vidyāsūkta). There is great divergence of views about the sacred texts to be recited by the performer in a low voice, while the brāhmanas are engaged in partaking the food

992. यः I. 238. The मन्त्र meant is. पृथिवी ते पात्रं द्यौरपिधानं ब्रह्मणस्त्वा शुभे लुहोमि ब्राह्मणानां त्वा प्राणापानयोर्लुहोम्यक्षितमसि मेवा श्रेष्ठा अहुत्राहुर्मिहोके। आप. न. पा. II. 20 1. The मन्त्र is addressed to the remainder of the food used for अग्नौकरण. पात्र means support. As stated in n. 783, in आहु the आहुवनीय is the ब्राह्मण invited for dinner. About अहुत, यम q. by कल्पतरु (आ p. 183) says: अहुतमात्रो भगवान् विष्णुः पर्यटते महीम् । राक्षसानां वधार्थं को मेऽयं प्रहरिष्यति । तस्माच्छ्राद्धेषु सर्वेषु त्वहुतयदणं स्मृतम् । These are quoted also by अपरार्क p. 494, स्मृतिच (आ.) p. 462 and by हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 1378.

993. यम q. by अपरार्क p. 494 says 'विष्णो हव्यं च कव्यं च ब्रूयाद्वक्षेति च क्रमात्.' The मिता quotes it as मन्त्र's and says that in the विष्णु rite the performer being प्राचीनीवीतिन् should say 'विष्णो कव्यं रक्ष.'



cooked for śrāddha. Vide note 1005 below. It may be that the *japa* of sacred texts is to be done by the performer wearing the sacred thread in the *upavīta* way as stated by Hemādri p. 1070 and the Madana-pārijāta p. 599, but the Śrāddhatattva (p. 231) is opposed to this and relies on Manu III, 279. Certain verses from the Purāṇas also are to be recited such as the verses from the Varāhapurāṇa (14. 26-31) and Viṣṇupurāṇa (III. 15. 31-36, which are identical with the preceding) quoted by the Kalpataru on śrāddha (p. 197), Aparārka (p. 502) and Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 109), the first and last of which are quoted in the note below<sup>994</sup>. The Garuḍapurāṇa (Ācārakhaṇḍa 218.20 ff.) prescribes that while the brāhmanas are eating one may recite a eulogy of *pīṭrs* such as the 'saptavyādha' verses<sup>994a</sup>. Then, after holding the food in his hands, the performer should ask the brāhmanas 'are you satisfied' (and after they reply that they are satisfied) he should tell them that there is food still left (and ask them what to do with it) and after taking their per-

994. The first and last verses are: पिता पितामहश्चैव तथैव प्रपितामहः । मम वृत्तिं भगवन्वच्य विप्रदेहेषु संस्थिताः ॥...यज्ञेश्वरो हव्यसमस्तकण्यभोक्ताप्ययात्मा हरिरीश्वरोऽत्र । तत्संनिधानादपयान्तु सद्यो रक्षांस्यशेषाण्यसुराश्च सर्वे ॥

994 a. The सप्तव्याध verses from the हरिवंश (I. 24. 20-21) and गरुडपुराण are. सप्तव्याधा दशार्णेषु युगाः कालञ्जरे गिरौ । चक्रवाकाः शरद्दीपे हंसाः सरसि मानसे ॥ वेभिजाताः कुरुक्षेत्रे ब्राह्मणा वेदपारगाः । प्रस्थिता दूरमध्वानं यूयं किमवसीदथ ॥. On these the आद्भुतच (p. 231) says 'अपहृतयुरगर्वीमांसकृतआदिमहत्स्रकाशकपितृगाथात्वेन सप्तव्याधा इति च पठ्यते ॥'. These very verses occur in the अग्निपुराण chap. 117. 56-57. The story is very clearly set out in हरिवंश I, chapters 21-24 and the Matsyapurāṇa chap. 20-21. Seven pupils of Garga guarding their guru's cow thought of eating that cow as they were famished. But the youngest said 'let us make use of the cow's flesh in śrāddha, so that we may be saved from sin'. Two of the brothers became daiva brāhmanas, three became pītr-brāhmanas, one became the giver and the 7th became a guest. They told the guru that the cow was eaten by a tiger. They passed through several births first as seven hunters, then deer in Kālāñjara hill and so on. Śrāddha ultimately saved them. The same story is narrated in Padma V. 10.49-125, and V. 47.282-304 (in which last the disciples are said to have been those of वसिष्ठ). After becoming hamsas three of them became kings (a king and two ministers, acc. to मत्स्य) and cared not for the other world. The four others knew the path to mokṣa, sent word to the three with these verses saying that they four had started on the long road to the other world (प्रस्थिता ..ध्वानं) and asking the other three not to be immersed in the mire of worldliness (यूयं...दथ). The story also occurs in the शिवपुराण (उनासंहिता chap. 41.24 ff.). It is interesting to note that in the Jaina Uttarādhyayana-sūtra (S. B. E vol. 45 p. 56) the echoes of this story of the brothers are heard for illustrating the influence of *karman*,

mission<sup>995</sup> (in the words 'partake of it along with your friends and relations'), he should spread (in front of the brāhmanas for pitrs) the remaining food on (*darbhā* with their ends to the south placed over) the ground (with the mantra 'ye agnidagdāh', those that were cremated and those that were not cremated &c.) and he should pour water once for each into his hand (for rinsing the mouth). Collecting all the cooked food (i. e. portions from each food) with *sesamum* mixed with it, the performer facing the south should offer the *pindas* near the remains of the food (eaten by the brāhmanas) according to the procedure of the *pindapitṛyajña*. For maternal ancestors also the same procedure is to be followed (from invoking the *Viśve-devāh* to offering *pindas*). Then he should give water to the brāhmanas for sipping. Then (he should say to the brāhmanas 'pronounce benediction'); after making the brāhmanas say '*svadhā*', he should offer water into their hands for saying 'let it be inexhaustible (after he requests them 'let it be inexhaustible'). Then after giving to the brāhmanas *dakṣiṇā* (fee or presents)<sup>996</sup> according to the ability of the performer, he should say to the brāhmanas "may I request you to repeat the word '*svadhā*'" and when they permit him in the words 'do request us', he should say 'let *svadhā* be pronounced for the persons concerned' (i. e. the pitrs and maternal ancestors). Then the brāhmanas should say 'let there be *svadhā*'. On the brāhmanas saying so, he should sprinkle water on the ground and say 'let the *Viśve-devāh* be pleased' and when the brāhmanas have responded with 'let the *Viśve-devāh* be pleased' he should mutter the follow-

995 तदन्नं विकिरेज्ज्मी दद्याच्चाप. सकृत् सकृत्। या I. 241 The *Mitā* comments 'तदन्नं पितृस्थानमाग्नयस्य दुरस्तादुच्छिष्टसन्निधौ दक्षिणाग्रदध्नान्तरितार्थं ज्मी तिलोदकप्रक्षेपपूर्वकं 'ये अग्निदग्धा' इत्यनया व्रत्ता निसिप्य पुनस्तिलोदकं प्रक्षेपेत्। तदनन्तरं माग्नयस्तैषु गण्डुपार्थं सकृत्सकृदप्यु दद्यात्। ये अग्निदग्धा—this is Rg. X, 15 14 translated above (p 196). *Sesamum* grains and water were to be cast before as well as after placing the food on the ground. The *Mit.* speaks of the verse ये अग्निदग्धा as a *rk*, so it should be taken to be Rg. X. 15. 14; but later works like the *Āraṇyaka* (pp 231-32) prescribe that the two verses quoted in the beginning of note 1007 below should be recited here. Vide तै. ब्रा III 1. 1. 7 for pitrs that were अग्निदग्ध and that were not so in another connection.

996. या. I. 244 दद्यात्तु दक्षिणां शक्त्या—देवल prescribes that दक्षिणा was to be given to the पित्र्यमाग्नय first and then to the वैश्वदेविकामाग्नय 'दक्षिणां पितृवैश्वेभ्यो दद्यात्पूर्वं ततो हव्यो.' q. by स्मृतिच. (आ. p 483). मल्ल 17 50-52, वायु 75. 14-15 specify the various gifts. Vide n. 1008.

ing: 997 'May donors increase in our family, may the (study or teaching of) Vedas prosper and progeny increase (in our family); may our faith (in rites for pitrs) not vanish and may there be plenty of things for us to make gifts' 998. Having muttered this, having spoken pleasing words to the brāhmanas, 999 having fallen at their feet (after going round them) he being pleased in his heart should dismiss the brāhmanas with the mantra 'Vāje vāje' (Rg. VII. 38.8, Yāj. S. 21.11, Tai. S. I. 78.2), the sending them away being so arranged that the brāhmanas representing the pitrs start first, 1000 (i. e. first goes the representative of the great-grandfather, then the one for the grandfather, then the one for the father and then the one representing the Viśvedevāh). The vessel in which the drops of *arghya* water from the hands of the brāhmanas had been collected before should be turned face upwards 1001 and then the brāhmanas should be dismissed. After following the departing brāhmanas (up to the boundary) and going round them, he (should return) and should eat the food that (remains in the

997 वागरो नो—या I 246 This very verse occurs in मनु III. 252, विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 73.28, पद्मपुराण (सुविस्मण्ड 9.117), मत्स्य 16 49-50, विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I 140.42.

998 The विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 73.30, मत्स्य 16 50-51, पद्म (सुवि 9 118) add another verse to या I 246 viz. अजं च नो बहु भवेदतिथीश्च लभेमहि । याचितारश्च नः सन्तु मा च याचिष्म कंचन ॥.

999 इत्युक्त्वोक्त्वा मिया वाच—या I 247. अपरार्क p 512 quotes from बृहस्पति two verses stating what should be said 'अथ मे सफल जन्म भवत्यादाभिवन्दनात् । अथ मे वशजाः सर्वे गतास्तेजुगहाद् दिवम् । अथ शाकादिपात्रेण क्लेशिता ये मयेदृशाः । तत्क्षेपजातं चित्तेन विस्तृत्य क्षन्तुमर्हथ ॥.'

1000. For पितृपूर्वं विसर्जनम् (या I 247), compare विष्णुपुराण III 15 48 and विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 140.15 which say 'वैश्वदेवनिविष्टानां चरमं हस्तधावनम् । विसर्जनं च निर्वर्द्धितं तेषु रक्षा यतः स्थिता ॥'. The *Mit.* adds, following the मत्स्यपुराण 17 59, that before dismissal he should touch the brāhmanas with the tip of a *darbha* 'वाजे वाजे इति जपन् कुशायेण विसर्जयेत्'.

1001. The *Mit.* notices that the upturning of the vessel should be done (as the termination त्वा in कृत्वा indicates) first before the mantra 'vāje vāje' (Yāj. I. 247) is recited and after the brāhmanas recite the benedictory mantras, and then the brāhmanas start. Compare Jai IV. 3.37 for क्वा denoting पूर्वकालता. संस्रव has two meanings, viz. (1) the drops of water fallen from the hands of the brāhmanas when *arghya* water was offered to them (*Mit.*), (2) the drops of water that remain in the *arghya* vessels. श्रीदत्त in his पितृभक्ति (D C Ms 152 of 1892-95) says 'संस्रवपदं ब्राह्मणहस्तसु तज्जन्मपरमिति निबन्धनम् । कर्मभार्ये तु अर्घपात्रस्थशेषीभूतजलं संस्रवपदमित्युक्तम् । युक्तं चैतत् । शेषे प्रतिपत्तेरपेक्षितत्वात् ।' folio 25b.

house after) the brāhmanas representing the pitrs have partaken of it. He and the brāhmanas that partook of the śrāddha dinner should abstain from sexual intercourse on the night of the śrāddha day <sup>1002</sup>.

Many of the Purāṇas contain detailed descriptions of the śrāddha to be performed on every *amāvāsya*; for example, Matsya 17. 12-60 (closely resembling Yāj. 225-259), Viṣṇu-purāṇa III. 15. 13-49, Mārkaṇḍeya 28 37-60, Kūrma (II. 22. 20-62), Padma (śrīṣṭikhaṇḍa) 9. 140-186, Brahmanāṇḍa (Upod-ghāṭapāda, chap. 12), Skanda VI. 224. 3-51, Viṣṇudharmottara I. 140. 6-44. The Agnipurāṇa chap. 163 verses 2-42 are the same (with very slight variations and the omission of 2½ verses) as Yāj. I. 227-270; while Agni chap. 117 contains many verses that closely follow the Āśv. Gr and Yāj. Similarly the Garuḍa-purāṇa contains numerous verses that are identical with Yājñavalkya's. For example, compare Yāj. I. 229-239 with Garuḍa I. 99. 11-19. The Purāṇas closely follow the Grhya-sūtras, Manu and Yājñavalkya and often employ the same mantras and formulas, though here and there they introduce some details. As remarked by the Varāhapurāṇa 1451, the procedure for śrāddha is the same in all Purāṇas (*iyam sarva-purāṇesu sāmānyā pātriki kriyā*). For sample, a summary of the procedure in the Padma (śrīṣṭi 9. 140-186) is set out here. The performer having honoured the Viśve-devāḥ (i. e. the brāhmana or brāhmanas invited to represent them) with a seat and with yava grains and flowers should fill two vessels with water and should place them on a *pavitra* of *darbhā*s. The water should be offered with the verse 'śam no devīr' (Rg. X. 9.4) and the yava grains with 'Yavosi'. They should be invoked with the verse 'Viśve devāsah' (Rg. II. 41.13) and yavas should be scattered about with the two verses 'Viśve devāsah' (Rg. II. 41. 13-14) and he should scatter about *yava* grains with the verse 'thou art yava, the king of grains &c.' (quoted <sup>1003</sup> below). After decking the brāhmanas with sandalwood paste and flowers

<sup>1002</sup> या I. 249. नित्ता, adds that by reason of the word 'tu' in Yā I 249 the performer and the brāhmanas have to shun eight actions enumerated in n. 924 above.

<sup>1003</sup> यवोऽस्ति धान्यराजस्तु वाँषणौ मधुनिभित्। निर्वोद सर्वपापानो पवित्रं हि-  
स्तुतम् पद्य (छट्टि) 9.144 जो. घ सू III. 65 is almost identical. The नित्ता, on  
या. I. 231 refers to the मन्त्र 'यवोऽस्ति धान्यराजो वा' which appears to be the  
same. अपर्णाक p 479 speaks of 'यवोऽस्ति' as a *yajus*.

he should honour them with water with the verse<sup>1004</sup> 'yā divyā' (vide n. 985). After taking leave of the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas that have been honoured with *arghya* he should begin the pitṛ yajña. He should prepare seats with darbhas on them, worship three vessels, place *pavitrās* on them and pour water in them with 'śam no devīr' (Rg. X. 94), should cast sesamum grains in them with 'tilosi' and then put in them sandalwood and flowers. (Then verses 147-152 speak about the vessels to be employed). He then should announce the names and gotra of his ancestors and give darbhas in the hands of the brāhmanas. He should then request brāhmanas with the words 'I shall invite the pitrs' and when they reply 'let it be so' he should invoke the pitrs with the two verses 'usantas tvā' (Rg. X. 16.12) and 'a yantu' (Vaj. S. 19.58). Then, having offered *arghya* to the brāhmanas (representing the pitrs) with 'yā divyā' (vide n. 985), having given them sandalwood paste and the other things including garment as the last, he should collect the remainder of the water (in the *arghya* vessels) into the vessel meant for the father and should keep aside the latter to the north with its top turned downwards with the words 'thou art a seat of the pitrs'. Then he should begin to serve various kinds of food after bringing the utensils in which the food was cooked and holding them with both hands. (Verses 157-165 speak of the various foods to be offered and the periods of gratification caused thereby to the pitrs). While the brāhmanas are engaged in eating he should recite the Vedic hymns<sup>1005</sup> referring to

1004. मित्ता. on या I. 231 refers to the मन्त्र 'या दिव्या आपः पयसा'. The mantra in आश्व. गृ. IV. 7.13 'या दिव्या आपः पृथिवी' has been translated above, as also the mantra 'tilosi' from Āśv. gr. IV. 7.8. How the offering of *tila* water in the midst of mango trees serves two purposes is finely stated in the following verse एको मुनिस्ताम्रकराग्रहस्तो ह्याग्नेषु मध्ये सलिलं ददाति। आम्नाश्च सिक्ताः पितरश्च नृणां एका क्रिया ह्यर्चयन्ती मसिद्धा॥ पद्म (सुदित्पण्ड 11 77). वासु 111. 37, अग्नि 115. 40, compare महाभाष्य 'आम्नाश्च सिक्ताः पितरश्च ग्रीणिताः।' vol. I p. 14.

1005 The verses of the पद्म (सुदित्पण्ड 9. 165-169) about what is to be recited are quoted by अपराक्ष p. 502, the first verse स्वाध्यायं etc. being मनु III. 232. Compare नारदपुराण (पूर्वार्धे 28 65-68) which among others mentions राक्षोघ्न, वैष्णव and पैतृक (Rg X. 15 1-13) मन्त्रस, धुक्पसूक्त, त्रिमधु, त्रिसुपर्ण. The Sāntika chapter, acc. to हेमाद्रि (श्र.) p. 1075, is वाज सं. 36.10 ff which begins नो वात. पवताम्. The मधुब्राह्मण is what is called मधुविद्या contained in the बृह. उ II 5 (beginning with इयं पृथिवी सर्वेषां भूतानां मधु) and छान्दोग्य III 1 (beginning with असौ वा आदित्यो देवमधु). The मण्डलब्राह्मण is an उपनिषद् (vide Indische Studien III, p. 325). हेमाद्रि (on श्र.) p. 1075 says 'यदेतन्मण्डलं तपतीत्यादि मण्डलब्राह्मणम्.'

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the Fathers, all the Purāṇas, various eulogies of Brahmā, Visnu, the Sun, Rudra and the Vedic hymns addressed to Indra, Rudra and Soma and the Pavamāni verses, the Sāmans called Brhat, Rathantara and Jyestha Sāman, the chapter on Śānti rites (propitiatory rites for removing evil events or prognostications), the Madhubrahmana, the Mandala Brāhmana and whatever else gives pleasure to the brāhmanas and the performer, and the Mahābhārata also should be recited, as it is very dear to the pitrs. After the brāhmanas have finished their dinner the performer should collect together in a lump portions from all kinds of food, put water over them and spread <sup>1006</sup> it (on the ground over darbhas) in front of the plates of the dining brāhmanas and should say <sup>1007</sup> 'May those persons in our

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These verses of the पञ्चपुराण about what it is to be repeated occur in मत्स्य-पुराण also (17.37-39). The राक्षोघ्नमन्त्रः are five verses (Rg IV. 4 1-5=Vā. S. XIII. 9-13=Taī S. V. I. 2.14). हेमाद्रि (आ pp. 1069-1073) first sets out the texts mentioned by मनु, विष्णुधर्मसूत्र and the पुराण, then gives the vedic texts to be repeated by the respective followers of the four Vedas (pp 1073-1074), then deals with the Saptārcis mantra (vide note 1020). Ultimately Hemādri and Śr. P. say that if a man does not know much he should engage in गायत्रीजप.

1006. The verse सार्वभौगिकमन्त्राय . विकिरन्धुवि in पद्म (सृष्टि 9 170) is the same as Manu III. 244, मत्स्य 17.41 and विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 81.21

1007 अग्निदग्धाश्च ये जीवा येऽप्यदग्धा कुले मम। भूमौ दत्तेन हृष्यन्तु पुत्रा यान्नु परां गतिम्॥ येना न माता न पिता न बन्धुर्न खान्द्यमेव न तथाकमस्ति। तत्तृषयेऽन्य शुचि दत्त-मेतत्प्रयान्तु योगाय यतो यतस्तत्॥ असंस्कृतप्रमीतानां त्यागिनां कुलयोगिताम्। वच्छिद्यभाग-वेयानां वर्धये विकिरानन्द॥ पद्म. (सृष्टि 9 171-173) These verses occur in मत्स्य 17. 42-44 which presents some various and better readings (viz प्रयाग्यु लोकेषु सुखाय तद्वत् and त्यागिनां कुलयोगिताम्), नौ य च II 10.42 (येऽग्निदग्धा जाता जीवा ये ये त्वदग्धा . गतिम्॥) is almost the same as the first verse. The verse असंस्कृतः is मनु III 245, विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 81 22, and Skandapurāṇa VI. 218 10-11. कात्यायन as quoted by अपसरक p 505 reads 'ये अग्निदग्धा ये अनग्निदग्धा जीवा जाता कुले मम। भूमौ . गतिम्॥'. Halāyudha in his com. on Kātyāyana's Śrāddhasūtra holds that अदग्धा is the proper reading and अनग्निदग्धा is a bad reading and relies on a verse of the Brahmapurāṇa (folio 26b) त्यागिनां कुलयोगिता in मनु III 245 and elsewhere is explained in different ways. The words may mean 'of persons who abandoned wives descended from good families' or 'of women who forsook their families' or 'of those who committed suicide and of childless women'. One can appreciate the kindly and noble sentiments underlying the above verses. In honouring the pindas, Manu III. 217 (which speaks of salutation to the six seasons) is deemed to provide for salutation of the six seasons as identified with six ancestors mentioned in the words रस-क्षोषजीवस्वधावोरामेभ्यु named in वाज स. II. 32 'नमो व. पितरो रसाय . पितरो मन्वे'. Vide आद्वतत्त pp. 241-242.

family that were cremated or not cremated be gratified by the food offered on the ground and being gratified may they attain the highest world (or bliss)! May this food offered on the ground for the gratification of those that have neither father nor mother nor relative nor any other friend and have no food (offered by any one else in śrāddha) proceed for union with them wherever it may have to go! The remainder of the food cooked for śrāddha and food spread on the ground are the lot (or share) of those that died without the samskāras (*caula*, *upanayana* and the like) being performed on them, that abandoned their *gurus* and of (unmarried) women of the family. Finding that the brāhmanas are satisfied (by the dinner) he should give water once in the hand of each brāhmana, should place on the ground smeared with cow's dung and urine darbhas with their ends turned to the south and place on them pindas made from all kinds of foods (cooked for the śrāddha dinner) following the method employed in *Pṇḍapitṛyajña* after washing them with water. He should then utter the names and gotra (of the ancestors to whom the pindas are to be offered) and should offer flowers and the rest and should again wash them (pindas). He should perambulate the pindas thrice holding darbhas in his hand and he should light lamps and offer flowers for the pindas. When the brāhmanas sip water after eating the dinner, he should himself sip water and give water once to each of the brāhmanas and flowers and *akṣatās* and then *akṣayyodaka* with sesamum grains. He should then make according to his means presents (to the brāhmanas) of cows,<sup>1008</sup> land, gold, clothes, splendid beds and whatever else was liked by the brāhmanas or by the performer himself or his father. He should not be stingy in his presents. Then he should request the brāhmanas to say

1008. पञ्च (सुहि 9 180) 15. गोषाहिरण्यवासांसि भव्यानि ज्ञयनानि च। दद्यादादिष्ट विप्रानामात्मनः पितुरेव च॥ There is epigraphic and other recorded evidence for gifts of land in śrāddhas. An inscription of Karnadeva, son of Gāṅgeyadeva of the Cedi year 793 (1042 A. D.) records the grant of a village (called Susi) to a brāhmana on the occasion of the Sāmvatsarka śrāddha of Gāṅgeyadeva at Prayāga, Vide I A. vol. 16 pp. 204-207 for the grant of a village by the Chandella king Devavarmadeva in *samvat* 1107 (1050-51 A. D.) on the anniversary of his mother's death and a grant in 1790 A. D. by Fattesing Bhosle, prince of Alkalkot, to a learned brāhmana of thirty *bigas* of land on the 10th day of his father's death (Bhārata-īthāsa-saṁśodhana-maṇḍala, vol. 29, parts 1 and 2, 1948 p. 41). In the Āśramavāśikaparva 14 3-4 सुचिद्धि is said to have made gifts of gold and jewels, slaves, blankets, villages and fields, elephants and horses with their trappings and of girls to ब्राह्मण in आद्रस for भोजन, द्रौण, दुर्घोषन and others.

'svadhā' and they should do so. Then he should request the brāhmapas to pronounce the following benedictions and should receive them from them while he faces the east. They are 'May the pitrs be kind (not dreadful) to us'; the brāhmanas should say 'let it be so'; 'May our family increase!'; they should say 'so be it'; 'May donors in my family prosper and also (the study of) the Vedas and progeny and may these benedictions come out true!'; they should respond 'let it be so'. He should then remove the pindas and request the brāhmanas to utter the word 'svasti' and they should do so. The remains of the food eaten by the brāhmanas remain (unremoved or unwiped) till the brāhmanas are dismissed; then he should perform the (usual) daily rites *Vaiśvadeva*, *balihoma*<sup>1009</sup> &c. The remnants of food that lie on the ground are the share of the group of slaves that were straight-forward and not roguish (dishonest or shirkers). The performer holding a vessel full of water and muttering the verse 'vāje vāje' (Rg. VII. 38. 8, Vāj. S. IX. 18, Tai. S. I. 7. 8. 2) should touch the brāhmapas with the tip of kusas and dismiss them. He should follow them out of his house for eight paces, should circumambulate them, should then return with his relatives, sons and wife, should then perform the daily *Vaiśvadeva* and *balihoma*. Then after *Vaiśvadeva* he should together with his relatives, sons, guests and servants partake of the food that remains in the cooking pots after what was eaten by the brāhmanas.

It should be noticed how closely the Padmapurāna follows the procedure (including the mantras) contained in Yājñavalkya. What procedure the author of a Purāna follows depends upon his learning and the sūtra that he studied. For example, the Visṇudharmottara I.140 appears to rely on the Āp. gr. and the Āp. M. P. (II. 19-20), since I. 140. 12 refers to Āp. M. P. II. 19. 1, I. 140. 29-30 to Āp. M. P. II. 19. 14-16, I. 140. 35 to Āp. M. P. II. 20. 1. Similarly, Skanda (VI. 224. 3-51) closely follows Āśv. gr. and Yāj.

Owing to the difference in details of śrāddha in the several grhyasūtras, the smṛtis and the purānas, an important question arises whether a person should perform a śrāddha rite only in accordance with the grhyasūtra of his own Veda or Śākhā or whether he may perform it after the inclusion (*upasaṁhāra*) of

<sup>1009</sup>. दम, दृष्टिः १. 185-186 are the same as मनु III. 265, 246 and Matsya 17. 56-57.



the several items found in other sūtras and smrtis though not included in the kalpa or grhya sūtra of his own Śākha. This topic is discussed at great length by Hemādri (on śrāddha) pp. 748-759 and briefly by Medhātithi on Manu II. 29 and XI. 216, by the Mit on Yāj. III. 325, Aparārka p. 1053 and others. Those who are for strictly following the details in one's own sūtra alone argue as follows: If one were at liberty to include details other than those contained in one's own sūtra, the order of the details (*krāma*) given in one's sūtra and the time specified for each detail would be interfered with. Besides, if the addition of details were permissible, one would be liable to the charge of giving up the usages of one's own family handed down for generations. These objectors rely upon such passages as that of the Visnudharmottara which states 'He who violating (the dictates of) his own sūtra acts according to a sūtra meant for others, treats thereby his own sage (the author of his sūtra) as unauthoritative and incurs (the blame of) doing what is improper.'<sup>1010</sup> The smrtis that contain additional details may be meant for those men who have no kalpa or grhya sūtra of their own or they may be useful for śūdras.

Those who espouse the view that as far as possible all details found in several grhyasūtras and smrtis on one rite should be included by every one rely mainly on Jaimini II. 4. 8-33 which is called 'śākhantarādhikarananyāya' or 'sarvaśākhāpratyayanyāya'. The principal sūtra is Jai. II. 4. 9.<sup>1011</sup> It is established in this sūtra that the *prayoga* (purpose) or *phala* (reward to be secured) of the rite is the same in different sūtras and smrtis. For example, the rewards of śrāddha are stated to be the same in all sūtras and smrtis (vide notes 787-790 above); then the *dravya* (materials) and the deity are the same (in *Pārvaṇa* śrāddha the deities are the paternal ancestors and the materials,

1010. यः स्वसूत्रमतिक्रम्य परसूत्रेण वर्तते । अप्रमाणमुपि कृत्वा सौम्यधर्मेण युज्यते ॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर II. 127, 148-149.

1011. एकं वा संयोग-रूप-चौदनाख्याविशेषात् । जै II. 4. 9 (separate as चौदना + आख्या + अविशेषात्), on this शबर explains 'तदेव प्रयोजनमुद्दिश्य तदेव विधीयमानं मत्प्रतिजानीमः । रूपमप्यस्य तदेव द्रव्यदेवतम् । उपपद्यन्तस्तोदृश एव चोच्यते । नामधेयं चाविशिष्टम् । तेन तदेव कर्त्तुं सर्वशाखास्त्विति प्रत्ययः ।' The तन्त्रवार्तिक explains 'संयोग इति साधन्यात् कलसंयोगग्रहणम् ।...चौदनेति सर्वधात्वर्थभावनाविषयो विधिः ।' Vide H. of Dh. vol. III, p. 870 for a brief explanation of this सर्वशाखाप्रत्ययन्याय. मेधा. on मनु XI. 216 puts the maxim very briefly as 'आप्यायस्य सं ते पर्यासि-इति स्मृत्यन्तरोक्तो विधिरपेक्षितव्यः । एकशास्त्रत्वात्सर्वस्मृतीनामसति विरोधे समग्रं योज्यं विरोधे तु विकल्पः ।'.

viz. *kuśas*, *tilas*, water, vessels, foods &c. are the same in all works). The effort that is enjoined (the *vidhī*) is the same and the name (*Pūrvapaśrūddha*, *Ekoddista śrāddha* &c.) is the same. Therefore, on account of these various signs one easily recognizes that the same rite is being dealt with by all sūtras, even if many of them differ in details. It cannot be said that smrtis will be useful for those who have no sūtras of their own. Each man of the first three varnas is attached to some sūtra or other by the tradition of his family or caste. Similarly, the smrtis cannot be held to be meant for śūdras alone, since the smrtis mainly deal with *upanayana*, the study of the Vedas, *agnihotra* and other matters with which a śūdra has no concern. Similarly, the objection that if details were allowed to be inserted from other sūtras and smrtis the *krama* and *lāla* prescribed in one's sūtra might have to be set aside, the reply is contained in Jai. I. 3. 5-7 (explained at great length in H. of Dh. vol. III. pp. 841-848).<sup>1012</sup> The *śruti* says 'after getting ready a bundle of kuśa grass he prepares the *vedi* (altar)'. Here a certain order of acts is laid down. If after a bundle of kuśas is got ready, the man has a sneeze, he has to sip water (perform *ūcamana*) immediately as laid down by Manu V. 145 and Vas. III. 38 before he prepares the *vedi*. So the objector says the *krama* will be interfered with. The reply is that the sequence (*krama*) is only a characteristic of the items in the *śruti* passage, that all that is meant is that the making of the altar follows the getting ready of a kuśa bundle, but that it is not meant that the making of the *vedi* should follow immediately after the bundle is got ready. Therefore, the conclusion is that whatever detail is not in conflict with one's own śākhā or sūtra may be included in the rite one is about to perform, but if there is a direct conflict, then one should stick to one's own sūtra. As observed by Kātyāyana 'whatever is declared, whether in great detail or in brief, in one's own grhyasūtra about a rite, if he performs that much, it may be taken that he has done all that is required of him; but what is not handed down in one's śākhā (or sūtra) but is contained in another śākhā and is not in conflict with one's own śākhā, should be performed by the learned, as in the case of

1012. अपि वा कारणाग्रहणे प्रयुक्तानि प्रतीयेरन् । जै. I. 3. 7 On this शबर observes: आचान्तेन कर्तव्यं यज्ञोपवीतिना कर्तव्यं ... इत्येवंलक्षणग्रन्थद्वयहरणानि । किमेतानि श्रुतिविरुद्धानि न कर्तव्यानि उताविरुद्धानि कार्याणि चेत्पश्यति तैरप्यनुष्ठीयमानैर्विदिके किंचिन्न कुप्यति तस्मादविरुद्धानीति । नैतदेवम् । शास्त्रपरिच्छिन्नं हि क्रमं यायेरन् । कथम् । वेदं कृत्वा वेदं कुर्वीतितो श्रुतिरुपपन्न्यावन्तस्मा वेदं वेदं चानुष्ठीयमानमाचमनादि । This *pūrvapaśa* is refuted later on.

āgnihotra and the like'.<sup>1013</sup> The first verse of Kātyāyana may be explained as applying where one's śākhā or sūtra deals with a matter without requiring any addition or as the next best course where one is not able to supplement one's sūtra owing to some unseen cause or owing to human difficulties. The Sangraha says that where different items of the śrāddha rite are declared to be performed at different times and there is no agreement among the sages, one should follow one's grhya-sūtra, but where one's grhyasūtra is silent as to a certain item or, as to the stage when it is to be performed, there is an option and one may follow the opinion of some sage as to that item.<sup>1014</sup> It appears that even the ancient grhya sūtras exhibit tendencies that led to the sarvaśākhā-pratyaya-nyāya e. g. Āśv. gr. (q. in n 966) employs several passages (such as 'Tilosi', 'Yā divyā,' which do not occur in the Rgveda.)

It is owing to this maxim of 'sarvaśākhā-pratyayanyāya' that medieval digests go on heaping up details from all smrtis and purānas in their descriptions of the several śrāddhas, the procedures of which were not originally very extensive.

The Kūrmapurāna<sup>1015</sup> provides that the performer should before noon time is past bring to his house the invited brāhmanas

1013. अविकृद्धानि तु परशास्त्राभ्यास्तानि सर्वाण्यप्यङ्गान्पुनर्हृत्य कर्माहुतेयम् । तदुक्तं भविष्यपुराणे । यस्मान्नातं स्वशाखायां पारक्यमवितोषि यत् । विद्वद्भिस्तदनुष्ठेयमग्निहोत्रादिकं यथा ॥ इति । हेमाद्रि (on आ) p 759 This verse is गोमिलस्मृति I. 35 (reads परीकृतमवितोषि and ° होत्रादिकमवित्), अपराकं p 8 and स्मृतिच. I p 5 quote this verse as कात्यायन's and also another of his 'बह्वर्पं वा स्वयङ्गोक्तं यस्य कर्म प्रकीर्तितम् । तस्य तावति शास्त्रार्थे कृते सर्वं कृतो भवेत् ॥'. हेमाद्रि (on आ) p 756 quotes this last verse as वैजपायन's Both verses (बह्वर्पं° and यज्ञाज्ञातं°) are quoted as from the परिशिष्ट by हलायुध in his com. on the आह्नसूत्र of कात्यायन (folio 30 a). The स्मृतिच (I p 5) adds another half verse of कात्यायन viz. आत्मतन्त्रे तु यज्ञोक्तं तत्कुर्यात्पारतन्त्रिकम् । In आत्मतन्त्र, तन्त्र means सिद्धान्त (i. e. one's 'sūtra') अग्निहोत्रादिकं यथा—This is explained by आह्नसूत्रस्य (दोडरानन्द folio 64a) as follows. 'यथा छन्दोगानामनुक्तोपि यजुर्वेदविहितोऽग्निहोत्रविधिः क्रियते'

1014 यान्यत्र कालभेदेन कर्माणि हुनयो जयुः । स्वयङ्गोक्तानुसारेण विकल्पस्तेषु श्रूयते ॥ न यद्यादिस्मृतिर्येषा आह्नादाहुपलभ्यते । कर्तुमर्हन्ति ते कृत्वा यस्य कस्य हुनेनेतम् ॥ संग्रह प by हेमाद्रि (आ. p 1484) The आ. क्रि. कौ. p. 125 briefly puts the position as follows 'आकाक्षितं परशास्त्रोक्तमपि कर्तव्यमनाकाक्षितं तु न कर्तव्यमेव । पुराणोक्तं तु आकाक्षितमनाकाक्षितं वा सामान्यधर्मत्वात्सर्वेषाहुतेयम् । तत्रापि स्वशास्त्रोक्ताविरोधना कार्यमिति ।' The following verse quoted from Gobhila by the com. on Sān Sr. S IV 4. 10-15 takes a very strict view 'ऊनो वाप्यधिको वापि यः स्वशास्त्रोन्थितो विधिः । तेन सन्तुष्टयाद्यज्ञं न कुर्यात्पारतन्त्रिकम् ॥'

1015 ततो निवृत्ते मध्याह्ने ह्यसरोमनखान् द्विजान् । अवगम्य (अभिमन्य?) यथामार्गं प्रपच्छेदन्तपावनम् । आसध्वमिति सजल्पकासीरंस्ते पृथक् पृथक् । तैलमन्यजनं स्नानं स्नानीयं च पृथग्विधम् । कूर्मे (उत्तरार्ध 22 20-21) In B I edition the order of verses is different. The first is quoted by हेमाद्रि (on आ) p 1167 from देवल and कूर्मे and by कल्पतरु (आ p. 117) from देवल.

who have shaved themselves and pared their nails, should offer them materials for brushing the teeth and request them to sit down on separate seats, then give them oil and water for bathing. It will be seen that here the purāṇa has added several details that were not provided for by the Āśv. gr. (n. 966), Manu (III. 208), Yāj. (I. 226) and even by some of the purāṇas such as the Varāha 14, 8, which begin the procedure with seating the brāhmanas in the afternoon on seats after welcoming them. Many more examples could be given, but that attempt is not made owing to considerations of space.

Before proceeding to give some idea as to how the pārvana-śrāddha was dealt with in medieval and modern times, observations must be made on several relevant matters, on which there is a difference of views or which are important in a general way.

When the invited brāhmanas come after noon, it is provided in some of the purāṇas that two *maṇḍalas* should be made in front of the performer's residence for receiving the brāhmanas. For example, the Nārada-purāṇa states<sup>1016</sup> 'the mandala for a brāhmana performer should be square (four cornered) in size, for a ksatriya triangular, circular for a vaiśya and for a śūdra mere sprinkling of the ground with water is enough.' The *maṇḍalas* should be made on ground smeared with cowdung and with water mixed with cow's urine. Of the two mandalas one should be on the northern side sloping towards the north and the other on the southern side sloping towards the south. On the northern mandala kuśas with points towards the east should be placed along with aksata (unbroken or whole) grains and on southern one double-folded kuśas should be placed along with sesamum grains. The northern mandala should generally be two cubits on each side while the southern one should be four cubits on each side. The brāhmana or brāhmanas that represent the *Viśvedevāḥ* should be honoured in the northern mandala first by the performer himself with water for washing their feet after bending his right knee and the brāhmanas representing the *pitṛs* should be then honoured in the southern mandala with water for washing the feet (hence called *pādya*) after bending his left knee. The mantra at the time of offering *pādya* is 'śan

1016 आद्वार्यं समनुज्ञातं कारयेन्मण्डलद्वयम् । चतुरस्रं ब्राह्मणस्य त्रिकोणं क्षत्रियस्य च । वैश्यस्य वर्तुलं ज्ञेयं शूद्रस्याशुक्षणं भवेत् ॥ नारदपुराण (पूर्वार्धे 28 32-33); सारदुराण (19. 13-14) has almost the same verse as चतुरस्रं etc. Vide अपराकं p 475 for मण्डलः.

no devir' Rg. X. 9. 4).<sup>1017</sup> After the mantra is recited he should give the water to the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas and to the pitrya brāhmanas as noted below (in n.1017). After the pādyā water is offered the brāhmanas should come in front of the maṇḍalas and sip water (take *ūcamā*).

The ancient sūtras and smṛtis like those of Manu and Yāj. (I. 229) say generally that the Viśvedevāḥ are to be invoked, but some of the later smṛtis (such as Prajāpati, verses 179-190) and purāṇas contain verses enumerating ten names of Viśvedevās and assign two each (out of the ten) to five classes of śrāddhas. They say:<sup>1018</sup> "in śrāddha performed in an *ṛṣi* the Viśvedevas are Kratu and Dakṣa, in a Nāndimukha śrāddha they are Vasu and Satya, in Kāmyaśrāddha Dhuri and Locana, in naimittika śrāddha Kala and Kāma and in Pārvana-śrāddha Purūras and Ādrava'. According to the Sm. C. and Hemādri a seat (*ūcamā*) is to be given to the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas and invocations are to be made in the several śrāddhas after taking the names enumerated above. The Mit on Yāj I. 229, Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 1225) and other digests state that the mantras

1017. इं नो देवीरिति मन्त्रं पठित्वा एरुरगर्जसज्ञाना विश्वेदेवा इदं वः पाद्यमिति दद्यात् । एवं पित्र्यं ब्राह्मणपाद्योरपि शक्नो देवीति मन्त्रान्ते पितरमुक्तगोत्राद्युक्तशर्मन् वयुरूप इव ते पाद्यमिति दद्यात् । मद्. पा. p. 567.

1018. ऋतुर्देवो बहु सत्यः काल कामस्तथैव च । धुरिश्चरोचनश्चैव तथा चैव एरुरगः । आर्द्रश्च दशैते तु विश्वे देवाः प्रकीर्तिताः । बृहस्पति q. by अपराके p. 478, कल्पतरु (आ. p. 142), स्मृतिच (आ. pp 442-443); the words विश्वे देवाः are to be kept separate and not compounded. 'इष्टिआर्द्धे ऋतुर्देव सत्यो नाग्दीमुखे बहु' । नैमित्तिके कात्तकामौ काम्ये च धुरिलोचनौ ॥ एरुरग आर्द्रश्च पारणे सहस्रादौ । बृह q. by अपराके p. 478, आ. म. p. 23, मद्. पा. (p. 573-574) which explains 'इष्टिआर्द्धमाधानादौ क्रियमाण ... । नैमित्तिके सपिण्डीकरणे । कामनयातुदेवययामहालयादि आर्द्धे काम्यम् । इष्टिआर्द्ध is the कर्माङ्गआर्द्ध, 9th among the 12 आर्द्धs quoted above from विश्वामित्र (in n. 858) The आ. म. p. 23 notes the different readings of some of the names such as एरुरगस् and आर्द्र, some saying the first is एरुरग and the second is माद्र । The printed आर्द्धतरा p. 199 has माद्रव and so has लोडरानन्द (आर्द्धसौख्य folio 57 a) आर्द्धतरा explains इष्टिआर्द्ध as इच्छाआर्द्ध and नैमित्तिक as एकोद्दिष्ट. The आ. क्रि. कौ. (p. 56) reads एरोरवा' and माद्रग' कल्पतरु (आ. p. 142) reads माद्रश्च दशैते तु The ब्रह्माण्डपुराण (III. 3. 30-31) enumerates the ten विश्वेदेवा somewhat differently. It reads 'एरुरवो माद्रगसो रोचमानश्च' The ब्रह्माण्ड (III. 12. 3 ff.) states that ten sons were born to विश्वा, one of the daughters of दक्ष. When they performed severe *tapas* on a Himālaya peak Brahmā gave them the boon they wanted (आर्द्धेरमान भवेदंशो ह्येव न काश्चित् वरः) and the pitrs agreed. The pitrs said (verse 13) 'अये दत्ता तु पुत्रमरुतस्मान् ददर्यते तत । विसर्जनमथारमान् पूर्वं पश्चात्तु देवतम्' । This legend is obviously an attempt to explain the usage about vaiśvadeva brāhmanas at a आर्द्ध.

for invoking the Viśvedevas in Pārvana-śrāddha are two viz. 'Viśvedevāsa āgata' (Rg. II. 41. 13) and 'āgacchantu mahābhaga' (q. above in note 984), while the Sm. C. (p. 444) prescribes an additional mantra 'viśve devāḥ śrunuta' (Rg. VI. 52. 13).

The general rule is that the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas are to be seated facing the east and the *pitṛya* brāhmanas facing the north (Yāj I. 228, Varāha 14. 11), but there were at least five differing views about the directions which the brāhmanas were to face as Hemādri (on śrāddha p. 1200) points out. It is further pointed out by Hemādri and others (like Yāj I. 247) that in all items in the procedure of śrāddha the Vaiśvadevika brāhmanas have precedence except in the matter of washing the hand smeared with the remains of food and the final dismissal of the brāhmanas at the end of the śrāddha.<sup>1019</sup> It may be noted that in southern and western India brāhmanas invited at śrāddha are worshipped, while in Bengal it is the effigy made with darbhas (darbhābatu) that is worshipped as shown by the late M. M. Haraprasad Shastri (Catalogue of Mss. vol. III p. 406). The Śrāddha-tattva (folio 2b) of Raghunandana provides for the same: 'pūrūrāvā-mādravaṣaṁ vīśvesām devānām pūrvaṇa-śrāddham laśmanayabrāhmane karīṣye iti prochet.'

In the Vāyupurāṇa<sup>1020</sup> it is stated that the following mantra should be repeated thrice at the beginning and end of a śrāddha and at the time of offering pinda; on repeating it the *pitṛs* come quickly to the śrāddha and *rākṣasas* run away and that the mantra saves the *pitṛs* in all the three worlds. The mantra is 'Perpetual adoration to the gods, to *pitṛs* and to the great *Yogins*, to *svadhā*, to *svāhā*'. The Sm C (on śrāddha

1019. उच्छिष्टवर्जितहस्तशालनं विस्मर्जनं च वर्जयित्वा सर्वेषां आर्ज्यपदार्थानां वैश्वदेविकपुर्वकत्वात् । हेमाद्रि (आ ) p 1196 'This is supported by विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 140. 15 'वैश्वदेवनिविष्टानां चरमं हस्तधावनम् । विस्मर्जनं च निर्दिष्टं तेषु रक्षा यत् स्थिता ॥'

1020. मन्त्रं वक्ष्याम्यहं तस्मादद्युतं ब्रह्मानिमित्तम् । देवतान्यः पितृभ्यश्च महायोगिभ्य एव च । नमः स्वधायै स्वाहायै नित्यमेव भवन्त्युत । आद्यावसाने आर्द्राय विराजते जपेस्तदा । पिण्डनिर्वापणे चैव जपेदेतत्समाहितः । पितरः क्षियमायान्ति राक्षसाः मद्रवन्ति च । पितृस्तत्त्रिषु लोकेषु मन्त्रोऽयं तारयत्युत ॥ वायुपुराण 74 15-18. These verses are स्कन्द VII. 1. 206, 114-116, ब्रह्माण्ड III. 11. 17-18, विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I 140. 68-72 (with slight variations). The मन्त्र occurs in वरहपुराण (आचारखण्ड) 218 6. कल्प-तरु (आ ) p. 144 quotes these. In most other purāṇas the मन्त्र ends 'नित्यमेव नमो नमः' हेमाद्रि (on आर्द्र pp 1079 and 1208) calls it सप्तविंश and notes that it occurs in seven purāṇas. It is stated in some works that the reading भवन्त्युत is for followers of सामवेद अथ सम्बन्धनामगोत्रशब्दानां नानाक्रमदर्शनादिकल्पः । स ऐच्छिकाः शाखाभिदेन वा व्यवस्थितः । आ प्र. p. 29.

p. 441) states that the mantra should be repeated after the brāhmaṇas come and sit down and before kuśas are placed on the seats of the brāhmaṇas. This mantra occurs also in Brahmapurāṇa 220. 143, Brahmanda (Upodghātapāda 11. 22), Viṣṇudharmottara I. 140 68-70 and is styled 'saptārcis' by the last two and is said to be equal to Āsvamedha.

A certain order of words about referring to the ancestors in offering a seat, offering kuśas on seat, and *arghya* is laid down by Brhaspati,<sup>1021</sup> some of the purāṇas and the digests. As almost in every case there are different views here also. Brhaspati says: 'when giving a seat, when offering *arghya*, or pindas, in offering ablutions of water on pindas, the performer has to declare his relation to each of the ancestors, the names and *gotras* of the ancestors and also the form in which each of the ancestors is to be contemplated (viz as Vasu, Rudra, Āditya respectively). It is further laid down that the genitive is to be employed for the ancestor's name in offering a seat (to the *pitṛya* brāhmaṇa) and *aksayyodaka*, the objective in invoking the pitṛs, the dative in offering food, the vocative in other cases.

It is laid down that the performer has to take *ācamana* (sip water) in śrāddha rite six times viz., at the commencement of śrāddha, when washing the feet of invited brāhmaṇas, in worshipping them, in making the *vikṛa*, in offering pindas and at the end of the śrāddha.<sup>1022</sup>

1021 आसने चार्घ्यदाने च पिण्डदानेऽवनेजने । सम्बन्धनामगोत्राणि यथार्हसदु-  
कीर्तयेत् ॥ बृहस्पति १. by हेमाद्रि (on आ p 1257). The word आसने is only illustra-  
tive and is meant to include आवाहन and other पित्र्य items. अक्षर्यासनयोः  
पट्टी द्वितीयावाहने तथा । अन्नदाने चतुर्थी स्याच्छेषाः सन्मुख्यः स्तुताः ॥ सम्बन्धं प्रथमं  
ब्रूयात् नामगोत्रं तथैव च । पश्चाद्गुणं विजानीयात् क्रम एव सनातनः ॥ आद्रिकालिका folios  
6b and 7a, आद्रिसंग्रह १ by स्तुतिच (आ.) p. 442 and p. 449. The verse  
अक्षर्यासन- is found in नारदपुराण (पूर्वार्ध 28. 38) also. The स्तुत्यर्थसार (p 50)  
quotes it as from श्लोकसंग्रहकारस्तुति. The formula may be 'ओ अशुक्रगोत्राणाम-  
शुक्रार्धमामस्मिदुणां सपत्नीकानां बहुरूपाणामिदनासनम्'; then in place of पितृणां  
पितामहानां and प्रपितामहानां and in place of बहुरूपाणां, रुद्ररूपाणां and आदित्य-  
रूपाणां will have to be respectively employed. The words may also be  
employed in the singular as the स्तुतिच. (आ p 449) says 'एतासु च षष्ठ्यावि-  
विभक्तिषु सर्वत्रैकवचनबहुवचनयोर्विकल्प एव स्थातिपुराणश्रद्धादिषु पितृपितामहादिशब्दानां  
कचिद्वैकवचनान्तया केचिद्बहुवचनान्तया च प्रयोगदर्शनात् ॥'.

1022. स्तुत्यन्तरे । आद्रारम्भेऽवसाने च पादशीवे द्विजाचने । विकिरे पिण्डदाने च  
पट्टसु चार्चनन चरेत् ॥ १ by पृथ्वीचन्द्र (on आ ) folio 62a.

An important question which exercised the minds of many medieval writers was 'who was the real recipient (*sampradāna*)<sup>1023</sup> of the offerings made in śrāddha, whether the brāhmanas or the pitrs'. Relying on the words of the Āśv. gr. IV. 8.1 (quoted above in n. 966 'etasmīn kālē ... dānam) and passages of the purānas such as the Varāha (13. 51) 'vibhave sati viprebhyo asmān uddiśya dāsyati', the Mahārnavaprakāśa, Harihara and some others held that brāhmanas were the recipients, while others like Śrīdatta, relying on indications furnished by śruti passages like Vāj. S. 19. 36 (*akṣan pitarah amīmadanta pitarah*) and such formulas as 'pitar-elat te arghyam' or 'etadāh pitaro vāsah,' hold that the real recipients intended were the pitrs, but, as the pitrs had gone to another world and could not be bodily present to receive the gifts of such things as sandalwood paste, flowers and clothes, the latter were only handed over or assigned to the brāhmanas who were for the moment contemplated as not different from the pitrs.<sup>1023a</sup> Vide Sm. C. (śrāddha pp. 447-449), Śr. Pr. pp. 30-31 for a discussion of these two viewpoints. It should, however, be noted that the water given to the brāhmanas and the *dakṣiṇā* given to them were only meant for the brāhmanas, the former for purification and the latter for the inexhaustible merit that *dakṣiṇā* to brāhmanas conferred.

It is to be noted that in the invocation (*āvāhana*) of the pitrs there is a divergence of views as to the mantras to be employed and also as to the stage when it is to be made. Hemādri (śrāddha, pp. 1254-56) states that there were five different views on the latter point, the three most important of which were that *āvāhana* should come before giving darbhas as *āsana* on the left side of the seats of the *pūrya* brāhmanas or after giving such darbhas or after *agnaukarāṇa*. As regards the former (*viz.* the mantras), Yāj. (I. 232-233), the Brahmandapurāṇa and several others say that the invocation mantra is 'uśantas-tvā' (Rg. X 16. 12, Vāj. S 19 70, Tai S II. 6. 12. 1) and after the *āvāhana* the performer should perform *japa* of the verse 'a yantu nah' (Vāj. S. 19. 58). The Viṣṇudharma-sūtra<sup>1024</sup> (73. 10-12) states 'The performer after having received

1023. For the meaning of संप्रदान, vide पा. I. 4 32 'कर्माणा यमभिप्रेति स संप्रदानम्'.

1023 a. Vide n. 911 for the विष्णुपुराण passage (III 14. 22-23) which means 'that will give jewels &c to brāhmanas for our benefit'.

1024. सतो ब्राह्मणोद्धृताः विष्णुवाहयेत् । अथ यन्त्रवस्तु इति ह्यग्न्या तिलैर्वाहुधानानां विसर्जनं कृत्वा । एव पितरो सर्वैस्तानेभ्य आ मे यन्त्रवस्तुः पितर इत्यावाहनं कृत्वा ... । विष्णु.

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permission from the brāhmanas should invite the Manes. Having driven away the *Yātudhānas* (demons) by strewing grains of sesamum and by reciting the two mantras (the first of which begins with 'may the Asuras go away') he should invite the Manes with the four mantras 'come near, ye Manes', 'conduct them here, O Agni!', 'May my (ancestors) come near', 'this is your (share), O Manes'. Hemādri (*śrāddha* pp. 1260-1267) points out how the mantras differ according to different writers.

There is a great deal of discussion about *agnaukarana* mentioned in Yaj. I. 236-237. The Mit points out that if a man has kept śrauta fires by the *sarvādhāna* method then in the pārvana-śrāddha that he offers after pindapitryajña he offers homa in the Dakṣiṇāgni, as he has no *aupāsana* (i. e. grhya) fire and supports this by quoting a passage which occurs in the Viśvudharmottara-purāṇa.<sup>1025</sup> But if a man consecrates the śrauta fires by the *ardhādhāna*<sup>1026</sup> method, then he has to offer pārvana homa in the *aupāsana* fire and one who is without śrauta fires and has kept up only *aupāsana* fire has to offer homa in that fire. One who has neither the śrauta fires nor the grhya fire offers it in the brāhmaṇa's hand only. The Mit. relies on Manu III. 212 and on two verses from a grhya and comes to the conclusion that one who has consecrated śrauta fires performs homa in dakṣiṇa fire in the case of Anvastakya śrāddha, the śrāddha on the day previous to Astakā, the śrāddha

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धर्मसूत्र 73. 10-12. The commentator notes that here it is the काठकीय-आह्व-प्रयोग that is set out. Compare काठकपृष्ठ 63. 2-4, 10 for all these mantras except one 'पितृनावाहविष्णुमोत्तुङ्क्त्वा। अपयन्त्वसुरा इति ह्यग्न्यां तिलैः सर्वतोऽवकीर्य। एत पितर आगच्छत पितर आ मे यन्त्वन्तर्दधे पर्वतेरिति जायता। ये मामका. पितर एतद्वा पितरोऽयं यज्ञ इति तिसृभिः कल्पिताजमभिदुशति।' Dr. Caland (the editor) notes that these are not found in the printed काठकसंहिता. The विष्णुधर्मोत्तर (I. 140, 9-10) corresponds with the विष्णुधर्मसूत्र completely as to the mantras, अन्तर्दधे पर्वते.—is आप. स पा II 19. 4.

1025 यथाह मार्कण्डेयः। आहिताग्निस्तु जुहुयादक्षिणाग्नौ समाहितः। अनाहिताग्निस्तथैव सदे अग्नयवाहि द्विजेषु वा॥ मिता on या. I. 236. This is विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 140. 18, as हेमाद्रि says 'तदेतद्वाह विष्णुधर्मोत्तरे मार्कण्डेयः.' (आ p 1330).

1026 For सर्वधान and अर्धाधान, vide above n. 991. यतः आह्वाङ्गमग्नौ करणक्षोभो लौकिकाग्नौ न युक्तः किंतु दक्षिणाग्नावेव स च दर्श एव भवति। अतो दर्शेन विना नाग्नि-होत्रिणः आह्वम्। टीडराजन्द (on आह्व folio 24a). न दर्शेन विना आह्वमाहिताग्ने-द्विजन्मने॥ सद्गु III. 282, which कुल्लुक explains as 'आहिताग्नेर्द्विजस्य नामावास्याप्यति-रेकेण कृष्णपक्षे दक्षिणाग्नौ आह्वं विधीयते.'

performed in the dark half of each month on some day from the 5th and in the case of pārvana-śrāddha, but he performs, in the case of kūmya, ābhyudāyika, Ekoddista and Astakā śrāddhas, *homa* only on the pitrya brāhmaṇa's hand; while for one who has kept no sacred fire the *homa* is to be made only in the pitrya brāhmaṇa's hand. Vide Hemādri (śrāddha pp. 1328-1344), Bālabhāṭṭi (on ācāra p. 518). The Tadarānanda (śrāddha-saukhyā) following Manu III 282 states that one who is an Agnihotrin cannot perform a pārvana-śrāddha on any day except on *darśa* (i. e. on amāvāsya).

Another important question on which there is great divergence concerns the number of āhutis to be offered in *agnaukarana*, the deities to whom the *homa* was to be offered, the order in which the deities were to be named and the form of words to be used. On these matters there appears to have been divergent views from very ancient times. According to the Śat. Br. II 4. 2. 12-13 the āhutis were only <sup>1027</sup> two, they were offered to Agni and Soma in that order and the word *svāhā* was used at the end. According to the Tai. Br I 3. 10. 2-3 <sup>1028</sup> the āhutis were three, they were to be offered to Soma, Agni and to Yama in that order and the formula ended with 'svadhā namah' (and not with 'svāhā'). It is therefore that a verse of Kātyāyana <sup>1029</sup> says "whether to employ the word 'svāhā' or the words 'svadhā namah', whether and when to wear the sacred chord in the yajñopavita form or pracināvita form and what was to be the number of āhutis—all these have to be understood from one's own sūtra." The difference of views which is noticed as far back as the Brāhmaṇas persists in the sūtras, smṛtis, purāṇas and is briefly indicated here. The Āp. Gr S. (quoted above in n. 981) speaks of thirteen āhutis, seven with food and

1027. स जुहोति । अग्नये कण्ववाहनाय स्वाहा सोमाय पितृमते स्वाहेत्यप्यग्नौ भेषज-मग्नादधाति तत्त्विककुञ्जाजन्तम् । शतपथब्रा. II. 4. 2. 13 The words अग्नये... पितृमते स्वाहा are वाज. सं. II. 29.

1028. सोमाय पितृपीताय स्वधा नम इत्याह । ... अग्नये कण्ववाहनाय स्वधा नम इत्याह य एव पितृणामग्निस्तं श्रियाति । तिस्र आहुतीजुहोति । तै. ब्रा. I 3 10. 2-3, on which सायण explains 'ज्ञात्वान्तरगतेन यमायाङ्गिरस्वते पितृमते स्वधा नम इति मन्त्रेणैका-भाहुतिमभियेत्य त्रित्वं विद्धाति' Vide अथर्व. 18 4. 71-74 also. आप. श्रौ. (I 8, 3-4 and 6) says 'सोमाय पितृपीताय स्वधा नम इति दक्षिणाग्नौ जुहोति । यमायाङ्गिरस्वते पितृमते स्वधा नम इति द्वितीयाह । अग्नये कण्ववाहनाय स्वधा नम इति तृतीयाह । न यमाय जुहोतीत्येके ।'

1029. इवाहो स्वधानेनः संन्यमयसंन्यं तथैव च । आहुतीनां तु यो संख्या सोमयमा स्वध्वजैः ॥ कारत्यायन q. by स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 458).

six with clarified butter. Two āhutis only are mentioned by Āśv. Śrauta II. 6. 12 (quoted in note 974), Āśv. gr. IV. 7. 20, Śaṅkha-Likhita.<sup>1030</sup> Kathaka-grhya, Nārada-purāṇa (pūrvārdha 28. 48) and Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa. Three āhutis are mentioned by most of the smṛtis and purāṇas, such as Baud. Dh. S. II. 14. 7,<sup>1031</sup> Śaṅ. Śrauta IV. 3 and grhya IV. 1. 13, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 73. 12, Manu III. 211, Varāḥapurāṇa<sup>1032</sup> (14. 21-22), Brahmaṇḍa-purāṇa (Upod-ghātapāda 11. 93-94), Viṣṇudharmottara I. 140. 19. It is here that various combinations of the order of the deities and of the words 'svāhā' and 'svadhā' occur. The texts of a few works are cited below for illustration. Some give the order as 'Soma accompanied by the pitṛs, Agni the carrier of *kavya*, Yama Āṅgiras;,' while others give it as 'Agni the carrier of *kavya*, Soma accompanied by the pitṛs, Yama Vaivasvata &c.' It is further provided that the *āhuti* to Agni is made to the southern side of the fire, to Soma on the northern part of it and in the middle of the two sides to Vaivasvata (Yama).<sup>1033</sup>

Various rules of etiquette about serving food, about the way brāhmanas are to eat and related matters have been laid down from ancient times and are observed even now. The Sm. C (p. 465-470), Hemādri (śrāddha pp. 1367-1384), the Śr. Pr. pp. 116-123 and other digests contain elaborate rules on these matters. Yāj. I. 237 prescribes that what remains after offering homa should be served in the plates meant for the brāhmanas representing the Fathers and the plates should preferably be

1030 धूपगन्धमाह्वयैरलङ्कृत्य ब्राह्मणान्तपूतमन्त्रमनुज्ञात्प दूर्ध्वैर्दक्षिणाञ्चैरग्निं परिस्तीर्य जुहुयादग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहा सोमाय पितृमते स्वाहेति । इति लिखितौ q. by हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1354), नद् पा p 589; अग्नौ करवाणीत्युक्तत्वा । अग्निं परिस्तीर्य सोमाय पितृमते स्वधा नमोऽग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वधा नम इत्यग्नौ हुत्वा । काठकपृष्ठा 63. 89, उपात्तनाग्निमाधाय स्वयंलोकाविधानतः । सोमाय च पितृमते स्वधा नम इतीरयेत् ॥ अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वधा नम इतीह वा । स्वाहान्तेनापि वा माज्ञौ जुहुयात्पितृयज्ञवत् ॥ नारद (पूर्वार्ध 28. 48-49).

1031. अक्षरयैव तिस्र आहुतीर्जुहोति । सोमाय पितृपीताय स्वधा नमः स्वाहा । यमाय-ङ्गिरस्ते पितृमते स्वधा नमः स्वाहा । अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय सिद्धकृते स्वधा नमः स्वाहेति । तच्छेदेणाक्षमभिचार्याक्षरयेता एव तिस्रो जुहुयात् । बौ. ध. सू. II. 8. 8-12 It should be noted that बौ employs both स्वधा नमः and स्वाहा. अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहा सोमाय पितृमते स्वाहा यमायाङ्गिरस्ते पितृमते स्वाहेति । शाङ्खायनश्रौत IV. 4 1.

1032. अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहेति प्रथमाहुतिः । सोमाय वै पितृमते दातव्या तदन्तरम् ॥ वैवस्वताय चैवान्मा तृतीया दीयते हुतिः ॥ बराहस्प. 14 21-22, सोमायादौ पितृमते कव्यवाहनाय चाग्नये । यमाय चैवाङ्गिरस्ते हुत्वा प्रयतमानतः । विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 140. 19-20; मार्कण्डेय (28.47-48) prescribes the आहुतिः as अग्नये कव्यवाहनाय स्वाहा, सोमाय पितृमते स्वाहा, यमाय मेतपतये स्वाहा ।

1033. दक्षिणतोऽग्नये नित्यं सोमालेचरतस्तथा । एतपोरन्तरे नित्यं जुहुयाद्दे विवस्वते ॥ q. by कल्पवच (आ. p. 169),

of silver. Kātyāyana says that the performer who has no fire (either śrauta or smārta) should offer the homa on the hand of the most eminent among the pitrya brāhmanas to the accompaniment of a mantra and should offer the remainder in the plates of the other pitrya brāhmanas.<sup>1031</sup> The Sm. C. notes that Yama and the Vāyupurāṇa say that the homa should be in the hand of the *daiva* brāhmana and that on account of this conflict there is an option. It is further provided that a portion of the food from which agnaukarana was effected should be kept aside for making pindas (Mārkaṇḍeya and Garuḍa). The food should be served by the performer himself wearing the sacred thread in the *yajñopavīta* form or by his wife of the same caste or by some attendant who is purified. Manu (III. 224-229, 231-233, 236-238) contains several rules<sup>1032a</sup> 'Himself holding the vessels full of food with both hands the performer should slowly place them near the brāhmanas seated for dinner while thinking of his ancestors. That food, which is brought near the brāhmanas without (the containing vessel being held in) both hands, is snatched away by wicked *asuras*. The performer being himself pure and concentrating his mind (only on the serving of food) should place the vessels containing the

1034. पित्र्ये यः पाणिर्मुख्यस्तस्य पाणावनशिमान् । हुत्वा मन्त्रवदन्येषां तूर्णानि पात्रेषु निक्षिपेत् । गोभिल II. 120 q by स्मृतिच. II p. 462.

1034 a. मनु III. 225 is almost the same as Baud. Dh. S II. 8. 22 and Vas XI. 25. मनु III 224 is पाणि-या तृपसंयुक्त स्वयमक्षर्य वधितम् । विमान्तिके पितृ-न्यायश्च ज्ञानैकपुनिक्रियेत्॥ अत्रत्य is to be taken as अत्रेन and पितर is to be understood after वधितम्. The आश्वत्थ (p. 229) explains: 'पाकस्थालया आहुत्यं ग्रथं भोजनपात्रे न देयं किन्तु स्थालयादिकं पाणिभ्या पात्रसमीपे भूमौ संस्थाप्य पश्चादुभयौ पाणिभ्या पात्रान्तरितान्या आह्वये परिवेशयेत्' and relies on मत्स्य 17. 28 'उभयभ्यामपि हस्ताभ्यामाहृत्य परिवेशयेत्', ब्रह्मोद्यम—मनु III. 231. ब्रह्मोद्यम are such riddles, questions and answers as are found in Tai. S. VII. 4 18, वाज स. 23. 9-12 (क. स्विदेकाकी चरति etc.) and 23. 45-62; Ait Br. (अथ ब्रह्मोद्यं चदस्वप्तिर्हृषपतिरिति हैक आहु. ॥) Or ब्रह्मोद्यम may mean, as explained by मेधा (ब्रह्मणि वेदे या उद्यन्ते कथ्यन्ते ता ब्रह्मोद्याः), the legends of the wars of gods and asuras, the slaughter of Vṛtra, the story of Saramā &c. Or ब्रह्मोद्या कथा may mean 'talks relating to the exposition of Brahma' (the cause of the world), as Kullūka explains. विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 81. 19 is हविर्होता ब्रह्मणा ह्युदीना पृष्टः. This is like Manu III 236. मनु III. 237 is the same as वसिष्ठ XI 32, Viṣṇu Dh. S. 81. 20, Aṅgiras verse 133, Brhad-Yama III. 27, Laghu-Sātaṭapa 103, Viṣṇudharmottara I. 140 46. About the sacred texts and other verses to be recited by the performer (being upavīta) while the brāhmanas are dining, vide above p 445 and notes 994 and 994a. जमदग्नि says 'अपसत्येन कर्तव्यं सर्वं आह्वं यथाविधि । सुकस्तोत्रजपं युक्त्वा विष्णोश्च विसर्जनम्' ॥ q. by आश्वत्थ of पृथ्वीच folio 101a,

side dishes viz. broths, vegetables, milk, curds, ghee and honey on the ground (and not on a wooden stool or the like). The vessels placed on the ground should contain various kinds of food (such as sweetmeats, *pāyasa*), fruits and roots, delicious flesh, spiced or perfumed drinks. Having brought near the brāhmanas all the vessels containing food, he should serve it in the plates declaring the characteristic of each kind of food (saying 'this is sweet, this is sour' &c.). The performer while serving should not shed tears (remembering his ancestors), he should not become angry, should not utter falsehood, he should not touch the (vessel containing) food with his foot and should not serve food with a violent jerk. Whatever is liked by the brāhmanas should be served to them without any grumbling and he should talk about Brahma (or about Vedic riddles), because that is agreeable to the pitrs. The performer himself, being pleased, should (by his sweet speech) gladden the brāhmanas, should make them partake of food without hurry, and should urge them on frequently (to take more food) by declaring the good points of the various items of food. All food should be steaming hot and the brāhmanas should partake of it silently and should not themselves speak of the good points of the food even when questioned by the performer. When the food is hot, when the brāhmanas eat in silence and when the good qualities of the food are not declared by the brāhmanas, the Fathers partake of it. When a brāhmana (at a śrāddha dinner) partakes of food, having his head covered with a garment (a turban &c) or facing the south or having his sandals on, evil spirits partake of the food (and not the Fathers). As early as Gaut., it is provided that the food for the brāhmanas should be of the highest sort and should be enriched by condiments and flavoured.

Some of the other rules are: The Prajāpati-smṛti (verses 57-62) states who should cook the food for the śrāddha dinner. The wife, any fortunate (or handsome) woman of the performer's gotra whose husband is living and who has a son or brother and is devoted to waiting upon her elders, the performer's teacher's wife, his maternal uncle's wife, paternal or maternal aunt, his sister, his daughter or daughter-in-law, all of them having their husbands alive, should engage in the cooking of the food for śrāddha. Women of good family, who have a large progeny, whose husbands are alive and who are about 50 years old or these women if they have become widows, and the wife of one's paternal uncle or brother, one's mothers (natural or

step-mothers) and the mothers of one's father may cook the śrāddha food and also a woman of the same gotra who is mild by temper. In the Anuśāsana parva (92,15) it is stated that a woman belonging to a gotra other than that of the deceased should not be employed for cooking śrāddha food. One's brother, paternal uncle, brother's son, sister's son, one's son, pupil, one's daughter's son or daughter's husband may also engage in cooking the śrāddha food, but not a woman who wears a white and wet garment, who has let her hair loose, who does not wear a bodico, who is ill or who has bathed her head. Before the brāhmanas begin to eat, the food should be first served in the plates for the Vaisvadeva brāhmanas and then in those of the *pitrya* brāhmanas (Visnu Dh S. 73 13-14), but once the brāhmanas have begun to eat there is no such precedence, whatever each brāhmana may be noted as requiring should be served to him (as indicated by Manu III. 231). The performer of the śrāddha when serving food to the brāhmanas (including *pitrya*) wears his sacred thread in the upavīta form. Though it is said that the food should be hot, that does not apply to such eatables as curds, fruits and roots and flavoured<sup>1035</sup> drinks (as Śankha XIV.13 and Skandapurāṇa say). As Hemādri (śrāddha p. 1371) points out, the serving of food in a śrāddha rite should be done with the right hand supported by the left; besides, nothing should be served with the bare hand or with a single hand, but with a wooden ladle or other utensil (but not an iron one). All cooked food, all side dishes and ghee should be served with a ladle (and not with the bare hand) but not water or eatables like *laddus*. No salt was to be directly served (Visnu Dh S. 79. 12). In Kātyāyana's Śrāddha-sūtra it is provided<sup>1036</sup> "The food that remains after *agnaukarana* should be served in the plates of the *pitrya* brāhmanas and the performer should touch

1035. उष्णमक्ष द्विजातिभ्यः श्रद्धया विनिवेदायेत् ॥ अन्यत्र फलपुष्पेभ्यः पानकेभ्यश्च पण्डितः ॥ इति दत्त्वा तु वै स्नेहल्लवणव्यञ्जनानि च । आयसेन च पात्रेण तद्वै रक्षोति शुञ्जते ॥ स्कन्दपुराण VII 206 37-39; शङ्ख (14 12-13) has the first verse but with slight variations and also सूत्रं II. 22. 64, शक्तितः प्रत्येदं शुणसस्कारविधिरक्षयः । गौ. 15. 6.

1036. पिण्डपितृयज्ञनक्षुत्वा हुतशेषं दत्त्वा पात्रमालभ्य जपति पृथिवी ते पानं द्यौरपिधानं ब्राह्मणस्य मुखे अमृतं अमृतं ब्रह्मोमि स्वाहेति वेणव्यर्चा यजुषा वाहुयमन्त्रेऽग्राह्यापहता इति तिलान् प्रकीर्ष्येणं स्विष्टमर्चं दद्याच्छर्वाणा वा । कार्याः श्रद्धाश्च 3 quoted and explained by Hemādri on Śrāddha p. 1374. The वेणवी rk is 'द्वे विष्णुर्विचक्रमे' (मं I. 22.17) and वेणवी *yajus* is 'विष्णो हव्यं रक्षस्व' (सं. सं. I. 1. 3. 1. वाज सं. I. 4.). अपहता—Is वाज. सं. II, 29.

each plate for those brāhmanas after repeating the mantra 'the earth is thy vessel, the sky is the cover, I offer nectar in the brāhmana's nectar-like mouth; svāhā'. Then the performer plunges the (-right) thumb of the *pītrya* brāhmana in the food (the remains of the homa in fire) with the rk or yajus addressed to Visnu; and after scattering sesamum grains all round the place where the dinner is to go on with the mantra 'the asuras and rāksasas) are struck and driven away' he (the performer) should serve hot food very much liked (by the departed or by the brāhmanas)". Yaj. I. 238 briefly refers (as translated above) to the mantras and the item of plunging the thumb of the brāhmanas in the food; and so does the Baud. Dh. S. also (II. 8. 15-16). The Kālika-purāna prescribes<sup>1037</sup> that the thumb of the brāhmana should be moved about in the food covered with ghee and honey with the mantra 'the earth is thy vessel &c.' because Visnu in the form of the thumb protects food meant for sacrifices to gods and manes. The Baud. Pīrmedhasūtra provides that while plunging the thumb of the brāhmana in the food served it should be so arranged that the nail of the thumb is not smeared with food.<sup>1038</sup> Vasistha provides that the brāhmanas eating śrāddha food should always hold the plate from which they are eating with (the left) hand till the end of the dinner. Śankha-Likhita provide<sup>1039</sup> that brāhmanas (eating śrāddha food) should not declare the good or bad points of the food served, should not say what is untrue, should not praise each other, nor should they say 'there is plenty of food and drink (and so do not serve more food),

1037. धृत्वाङ्गुष्ठं द्विजानां तु आजर्त्याज्यमधुक्षुते । पृथिवी त इति मन्त्रेण हव्यकव्ये च रक्षयेत् ॥ विष्णुर्द्व्यङ्गुष्ठरूपेण तस्य चाक्षस्य रक्षिता । कालिकापुराण q by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1378) अथैतानि ब्राह्मणस्य उपनिक्षिप्य ब्राह्मणस्याङ्गुष्ठेनानखेनाहुदिशति-अह्यम् उप-तिष्ठतु-इति । यौ पितृमेधसूत्र II. 9 19 (Mysore ed)

1038 तस्मादक्षुण्य (न्य?) हस्तेन कुर्यादक्षुण्यपागतम् । भोजनं (भाजनं?) वा समालम्ब्य तिष्ठेत्तच्छेषेण शुभे (०तोच्छेषेणाद् द्विज ?) ॥ वसिष्ठ II 26 explained by हेमाद्रि (आ) p 1024 as 'तस्माद्यदेवाक्षुण्यपागतं भवति ततः प्रभृत्योच्छेषेणात् शुक्तशिष्टाक्षस्य भाजनाद्द्विज-कारणपर्यन्तं वामहस्तेन भाजनं विधृत्य तिष्ठेत् । कण्डूयनाद्यर्थं वामहस्तस्यापारसमये तु दक्षिण-हस्तेन भाजनं समालम्ब्य वर्ततेति तात्पर्यार्थः' आ p. 119 reproduces this explanation verbatim.

1039 शङ्खलिखितौ । ब्राह्मणा अजखणं दोषं नाभिवदेयुर्नाटितं ह्युरन्योन्यं न प्रशंसे-उरक्षपानं न प्रभृतमिति ह्युरन्यत्र हस्तसंज्ञाया । q by हेमाद्रि (आ.) p 1019, आ p 118, which says पात्रे प्रभृतमक्षमस्ति अन्यत्र परिवेष्यमिति भोक्तृभिर्न वक्तव्यं किंतु हस्तसंज्ञेन सूचनीयमित्यर्थः ।

except by signs made with the hand.' Whatever is offered in a brāhmana's hand (by way of agnaukarana) and whatever food is placed in the plates should be mixed up and eaten. Hemādri quotes passages from the Maitrāyaṇīya-sūtra and from the Skandapurāṇa setting out the mantras wherewith certain articles were to be served; e. g. the Skandapurāṇa says that *pāyasa* should be served with the verse 'namo vah pitaro' (Vāj. S. II. 32, Tai. S. III. 2. 5. 5), clarified butter with the mantra 'Tojosi śukram', curds with the mantra 'dadhikrāvo' (Rg. IV. 39. 6, Vāj. S. 23. 32, Tai. S. 1. 5. 11. 4). Ap Dh. S. (II. 8, 18, 11) provides that the leavings of a śrāddha dinner should not be given to one who is inferior to the invited brāhmanas in qualities and Manu III. 249 states that the man who after eating śrāddha dinner gives the leavings to a śūdra falls in the Kālasūtra Hell.

The Matsyapurāṇa and some other works provide that the brāhmanas should pronounce blessings on the performer (who faces the east) after they have sipped water and have been given water, flowers and *akṣata* grains. The performer prays 'May our Fathers be not terrible (i. e. be kind) to us.' The brāhmanas reply 'let it be so'. The performer prays 'May our family grow', 'May donors increase in our family and also food', 'May these blessings turn out to be true'. To all these the brāhmanas reply after each one of the prayers<sup>1040</sup> 'May it be so'. There are rules about the time when the leavings or particles of food in the plates of the brāhmanas that ate the dinner should be removed or swept away Vas. (XI 21-22) and the Kūrmapurāṇa provide that the leavings of food should not be removed till the Sun sets, since streams of nectar flow from them, which are drunk by the (spirits of) those departed persons for whom no water was offered. Manu III. 265 (which is the same as Matsya 17 56 and Padma, Srstikhanda 9.185) provides another rule that the leavings of the food in the plates may remain where they are till the brāhmanas are dismissed and depart.

1040. तत स्वधावाचनिक विश्वेदेवेषु चोदकम् ॥ दत्त्वाही प्रतिगृहीयाद् द्विजेभ्यः प्रादुष्यो ब्रुवः । अथोरा. पितरः सन्तु सन्तुत्युक्त. पुनर्द्विजे ॥ गोत्र तथा वर्धता नस्तथेत्युक्तश्च तेः पुनः । दातारो नोऽभिर्वर्धन्तामिति चैवमुदीरयेत् ॥ एता सत्याक्षिणः सन्तुत्युक्तश्च ते पुनः । रस्तिवाचनिक कुर्यात्पिण्डाब्रुव्य भक्तिम् ॥ मत्स्य 17 52-55 q by हेमाद्रि (आ. p 1482), रसुतिच (आ ) p 482, कल्पतरु (आ. p. 220). Compare आप्र औ. I. 10. 4 शृद्धाश्च पितरो दत्त सद्गो वा पितरो वेण्म । Yāj. I 246 (दातारो नो etc.) is the same as भविष्य I. 185 28



Hemādri (śrāddha, p. 1512)<sup>1041</sup> therefore provides that if the performer has another house the leavings may not be removed till sunset, but if he has only one house, they may be removed after the brāhmanas have gone away (vide Yāj I. 257, Matsya 17.56). It is further provided by Brhaspati<sup>1042</sup> that the plates should not be removed before the brāhmanas pronounce the word 'svasti', and Jātūkarnya<sup>1043</sup> and the Skandapurāna say that the plates and the leavings should be removed by the performer himself or by his pupil or son, but not by women nor by a child nor by one who is not of the same caste. Manu III 258 provides that, after the brāhmanas have left, the performer should look at the south and pray to the pitrs for certain blessings contained in Manu III 259 which are the same as Yāj I 246 translated above (vide p. 447), Visnu Dh. S 73. 28, Matsya 16. 49-50. The Āp. gr. 209 (q. in note 981), Āp Dh. S II 7. 17. 16, Manu III. 264, Yāj. I. 249 provide that the performer should partake of the remainder of the food cooked for the śrāddha along with his wife, paternal and maternal relatives after reciting (according to Haradatta) the Yajusa mantra (Āp. M. P. II. 20.26) which means 'entering the life breath I offer nectar; my soul is centred in Brahman for the sake of immortality.' The Āp. gr and Āp. Dh. S. provide<sup>1044</sup> that the performer must eat at least a morsel of the food left after serving to the brāhmanas. Vyāsa and Devala prescribe that on the day of śrāddha the performer must not observe a fast (even if he usually does so as on Ekādaśī or Śivarātra). A way out was provided by the Brahmayajurveda-purāna by recommending that the performer should merely smell the remnants of the śrāddha food. Vide

1041. आह्वे नोद्वासनीयानि उच्छिष्टान्या दिनक्षयात् । श्रुयतेनन्ते हि सुधाधारस्तः पिबन्त्युक्तोदका ॥ वसिष्ठ XI 21, नोद्वासयेत्तुच्छिष्टं पात्रास्तमितो रविः । कूर्मपुराण II 22 85 कल्पतरु (आ p 227) remarks 'नोद्वासनीयान्युच्छिष्टानीति भूमिच्छिष्टविषयम्' उच्छिष्टं न प्रयुज्यात्-इति भूमिगतोच्छिष्टपात्रविषयम् ।

1042. भाजनेषु च विष्टसु स्वस्ति कुर्वन्ति ये द्विजाः । तद्वत्तमहुरैशुक्तं निराशैः पितृभिर्गते ॥ बृहस्पति q. by स्मृतिच. (आ p. 482), हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1485)

1043. पात्राणि चालयेच्छ्राद्धे स्वयं क्षिप्योऽथवा सुतः । न स्त्रीभिर्न च बालेन नासजात्या कथंचन ॥ जातुकर्ण्य q. by स्मृतिच. (आ p 482), हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1486, न स्त्रीभिर्न च बालेन नान्येनैव च केनचित् । आह्वे पिण्डं च पात्रं च स्वयमेव प्रचालयेत् ॥ स्कन्द (नागर खण्ड) q. by हेमाद्रि (आह्व) p 1486,

1044 सर्वेषु वृत्तेषु सर्वतः समवदाय केपस्य आसावराहर्षं प्राश्नीयाद्यथोक्तम् । आप य च II 7 17.16. यथोक्त refers to आप य 20 9 The यजुस् referred to in the latter is प्राणे निविष्टोऽमुक्तं जुहोमि ब्रह्मणि मे आत्मा मृतत्वाय । आप म पा. II 20. 26, This मन्त्र occurs also in तै. अ. X 33,

Homātri (śrāddha, pp. 1519-1521) for the discussion. Homātri (p. 1485) refers to the practice (observed even now) that after the performer receives the blessings referred to above, his son, grandson and the like should offer adoration to the *devatās* in the form of pindas. The brāhmanas should praise the good characteristics of the food served at the end of the śrāddha ceremony.<sup>1015</sup> The brāhmanas should not get up from the dinner, carelessly leaving remnants of food in their plates, but they may leave in the plates a little food except milk, curds, honey or barley flour.<sup>1016</sup>

There were several views as to the exact stage at which the offerings of pindas were to be made. According to Śān. Gr. IV. 1.9., Āśv. gr. IV. 8. 12,<sup>1017</sup> Śankha 14.11, Manu III. 260-261, Yāj. I 242 and several other works, the performer offers the lumps of boiled rice after the brāhmanas have finished eating their dinner. The pindas are made with boiled rice mixed with sesame and are placed on darbhas on a clean spot and at a distance of about one aratni from<sup>1018</sup> the plates in which the brāhmanas ate and the performer faces the south. Here again there are two opinions, one being that pindas were to be offered before the brāhmanas sip water (perform *ūcamana*) after dinner (e. g. Āśv. gr. IV. 8. 12-13, Śrāddha-sūtra of Kātyāyana, kandika 3), while others hold that they were to be offered after the brāhmanas have rinsed their mouth and taken *ūcamana*. Another view referred to as the view of some by Śān. gr. IV. 1. 10 and Manu III. 261 was that pindas were to be offered to the ancestors first after honouring the invited brāhmanas or after agnaukarana and then the brāhmanas were to partake of the dinner. The

1045. आह्वायसाने कर्तव्या द्विजैरक्षयणस्तुति । वृद्धवसिष्ठ q. by हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1019).

1046. तदाहोक्षान् । भोजनं तु न निःशेषं कुर्यात्प्राज्ञ ऊर्ध्वचन । अयत्र वृद्धः क्षीराहा क्षौद्रात्सुकुम्प एव च ॥ q. by हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1026) Acc to मनु III 245-46, विष्णु 81. 22-23, मत्स्य 17. 56-57, the leavings of food in the plates of ब्राह्मण्य and the विकिर were the lot of persons of the family dying young, while the leavings of food that fell or were left on the ground were the share of deceased slaves. 'पात्रगतमुच्छिष्टमसरक्षतप्रमीतानां भूमिगतं दासवर्गस्य' हलायुध on कात्यायन's आह्नसूत्र (folio 30a) Vide n 1007 above for मनु III 245.

1047. अभिमतेष्टमते वा शुक्लवत्त्वनाचान्तेषु पिण्डास्मिदध्यात् । आचान्तेष्वेके । आश्व गृ. IV. 8. 12-13.

1048. सान्तेलेन ततोन्नेन पिण्डान् सर्वेषु पुत्रके । पिण्डद्विष्य वर्धेषु दद्यादुच्छिष्टसन्निधौ मार्कण्डेयपुराण 28 55 अरन्ति is the hand from the wrist to the small finger,

Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa<sup>1049</sup> emphatically asserts that this is the correct position as stated by Brhaspati. The Visṇu Dh. S. (73 15-24) provides that the pindas are to be offered to the ancestors while the brāhmanas are actually eating. A fourth view is that of the Āp. gr. 24.9, Hir gr. (II. 12.2-3) which state that the performer<sup>1050</sup> should, after the brāhmanas have eaten and gone away and he has followed and circumambulated them, offer pindas. Owing to this conflict of views Hemādri (quoting smṛti) and the Madanapārijāta (p 600) say that each one should follow the procedure laid down in his own śākhā<sup>1051</sup> Hemādri adds that those in whose gṛhyasūtra no special time is mentioned for pindadāna should follow the view that pindas are to be offered after the brāhmanas have partaken of the dinner and sipped water. The Śr. P. (p. 247) endorses this view.<sup>1052</sup> The pindas were to be deposited on bunches of (25) darbhas for each pinda. Aparārka on Yāj. I. 24 states that in all cases without exception pindas were to be offered near the plates from which the brāhmanas took their meals, while Hemādri who relies on Kātyāyana's word 'ucchistasannidhau' says that where the performer is an *āhūtāgṇi* the pindas were to be offered near his sacred fire, but when a performer had not kept the sacred fires pindas were to be offered near the plates from which brāhmanas ate the śrāddha food. The Śrāddhasāra (p 163) quotes Atri to the effect that pindas should be offered at a distance of three *aratnas* from where the brāhmanas ate the śrāddha dinner and that in such śrāddhas as Navaśrāddhas Vaiśvadeva is to be performed before pindadāna and that it is to be performed after

1049 पूजनं चैव विप्राणां पूर्वमेवेह नित्यं ॥ तद्धि धर्मार्थकुशलं नेत्युवाच बृहस्पतिः ।  
पूर्वं निवेदयेत् पिण्डान् पश्चाद्विप्राश्च भोजयेत् ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड, उपोद्घात 12 24-26. These  
verses are quoted from ब्रह्मपुराण by कल्पतरु (आ. प. 221). The सौरपुराण  
19. 23 says 'पिण्डनिर्वाणं कृत्वा ब्राह्मणाश्चैव भोजयेत् । केचिदप्येवमिच्छन्ति नैव भानोर्मतं  
हिजा. ॥'

1050. भुक्तवतोऽनुमन्त्रय शेषमनुज्ञाप्योदकुम्भं दर्भछादिं चावाप दक्षिणपूर्वमवाप्तव-  
देशं गत्वा दक्षिणाग्रान्दर्भान् संस्तीर्य तेषवाचीनपाणिर्दक्षिणापवर्गं छिद्रिकाञ्जलिं निनयति  
मार्जयन्तो पितरः सोम्यासः मार्जयन्ता पितामहाः सोम्यासः मार्जयन्तो मपितामहाः सोम्यास  
इति । असावनेर्निश्वासावनेर्निदयेति वा । तेषवाचीनपाणिर्दक्षिणापवर्गान् पिण्डान्वदाति । हिरण्य.  
सू. II. 12. 2-3. For आप, सू. vide n 981.

1051. तथा च स्मृतिः । हुनिभिर्मन्त्रकालेषु पिण्डदानं तु यत्स्मृतम् । तत् स्वशास्त्रान्तं  
यत्र तत्र कुर्याद्विचक्षणः ॥ हेमाद्रि (आ. प. 1408), who adds 'उपलक्षणं चैतत् स्व-  
श्रुत्याद्यनुमतेः ।'

1052 येनो ह श्रुत्यादी पिण्डदानकालो नोक्तस्तेषां सौकर्यादां चाश्लेषित्वेन पक्षो  
प्राप्त इति वद्वदः । आ. म. प. 247.

pindadāna in Sāmvasarika śrāddha, Mahālaya and the like (p. 164).

There is another conflict of views as regards the ancestors to whom pindas are to be offered at the śrāddha on amāvāsya. Most of the ancient Vedic works refer only to the three paternal ancestors as the *devatās* of the Pārvana-śrāddha and not to any other relatives. The three paternal ancestors are separately the *devatās* of śrāddha and not cumulatively, as indicated by the Āśv. Śrauta II. 6. 15 and Visnu Dh S. 73 13-14. The important questions are whether the wives of the paternal ancestors, viz. the mother, the grandmother and the paternal great-grandmother were associated with their husbands in ancient times and secondly, whether the three paternal ancestors of one's mother viz. the maternal grandfather, the maternal great-grandfather and the maternal great-great-grandfather were invoked together with their wives in the Pārvana. The answer to both these questions so far as the Vedas and Brāhmanas are concerned is in the negative. Vide Tai. S. I. 8. 5.1, Tai. Br. I. 3. 10, II. 6. 16, Vaj. Ś. 19 36-37, Śat. Br. II. 4. 2. 16, in all of which the only persons expressly named are the pitrs and three paternal ancestors. It may be noted, however, that in Vaj. S. 9. 19 (which is cited by Kātyāyana at the end of Śrāddhasūtra 3 as the mantra to be recited when following the brāhmanas that are dismissed) there is a clear reference to paternal ancestors and also to mothers. Almost all sūtras also are silent as regards the invocation of the maternal ancestors in Pārvana-śrāddha along with paternal ones. Vide 1053 Āśv. Śr.; Sudarśana on Āp. gr. VIII. 21. 2 states that the Sūtrakāra and Bhāṣyakāra did not speak of Mātāmahaśrāddha as it is not obligatory for a daughter's son to offer it. The Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana 1054 speaks of three pindas being made for the paternal ancestors and three for the mother's paternal

1053. तस्या पिण्डान् निष्पृणीयात्पराचीनपाणिः पित्रे पितामहाय प्रपितामहायैतत्तैसौ ये च त्वामवाप्सि । आश्व. औ. II 6, 15 on which गार्ग्यनारायण explains 'निष्पृणं पित्र्येणैव तीर्थेन । पाणेरुत्तानत्वमजहदेव पित्र्येण तीर्थेन यदा कुर्यात् तदा पराचीनपाणिर्भवति । असावित्यस्य स्थाने सम्बुद्धचन्तानि पित्रादीनां नामानि दृष्टीयात्' । तस्या refers to तैत्तिरीयौ

1054. सर्वमन्त्रेकतोऽर्प्योऽपिष्टसमीपे दूर्ध्वं उर्ध्वं पिण्डानवनेज्य इत्यादायान्ते-  
जित्येके । ... वाच्यतानित्यदृष्टात् । पितृभ्यः पितामहेभ्यः प्रपितामहेभ्यः मातामहेभ्यः प्रमाता-  
महेभ्यो बुद्धप्रमातामहेभ्यश्च स्वर्गोच्यताम् । ... वाजे वाजेत्येति निरुज्य आ मा वाजस्वत्येनुज्य  
प्रक्षिणीकृत्योपविशेत् । कात्यायनः अद्विष्ट III The sūtra reads 'आ मा वाजस्य  
प्रसवो जगत्यादेने द्यानापिनी निम्बस्ते । आ मा गन्तां पितरा मातरा च्वा मा सोमो अश्वत्सेन  
गन्तात् । वाज. सं 9. 19.

ancestors. The Gobhilāsmṛiti provides<sup>1055</sup> that six pindās should be offered except in the Anvataśśrāddha, the first śrāddha (on the 11th day), the sixteen śrāddhas and the yearly śrāddha for a deceased person. Dhaumya<sup>1056</sup> prescribes that where the paternal ancestors are honoured (or fed) the maternal ancestors also should be certainly honoured without making any difference (between the two classes); if he makes a distinction the performer will go to Hell. The Viṣṇupurāṇa,<sup>1057</sup> the Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa and the Varāhapurāṇa say that some hold that a śrāddha for maternal ancestors is to be performed separately while other sages hold that one śrāddha is to be offered at the same time to the paternal and maternal ancestors. Brhaspati (q. by Kalpataru on śrāddha p. 204) prescribes<sup>1058</sup> that one should offer pindas made from all food cooked for the śrāddha and mixed with honey and sesamum grains for both paternal and maternal ancestors according to the rules of one's grhyasūtra. The Varāhapurāṇa (14 40-41) says that *pitrya* brāhmanas should be dismissed first and then the *daiva* brāhmanas together with those for the mother's ancestors and that separate pindas were to be offered to the mother's paternal ancestors (14 37). Some held the view that the offering of pindas to maternal ancestors was obligatory for the *putrikā-putra*<sup>1059</sup> (son of the appointed daughter) or for a daughter's son that inherited the wealth of his maternal grandfather. Bṛhat-Parāśara (chap. V. p. 153) mentions several views on this point. It seems probable that when the appointment of a

1055. कर्षसमन्वितं युक्त्वा तथाद्यश्चाद्भपोढशम् । प्रत्यादिदकं तु शेषेषु पिण्डाः स्युः षडिति स्थितिः ॥ गोभिलस्मृति III. 73. कर्षसमन्वितं is explained by निर्णयसिन्धु (III p. 395) and हेमाद्रि as सपिण्डीकरण and by आ. क्रि. को. p. 93 as अष्टकाश्चाद्भ

1056. पितरौ यत्र पूज्यन्ते तत्र मातामहा ध्रुवम् । अविशेषेण कर्तव्यं विशेषाचारकं व्रजेत् ॥ धौम्य q by आ. प. p. 14. स्मृतिच. (आ p. 337) quotes it as स्मृत्यन्तर, the स्मृत्यन्तर p. 56 merely quotes it (without name) and आ. क्रि. को. p. 93 quotes it from योगियाज्ञवल्क्य.

1057. पृथक्पृथो. केचिदाहुः आद्यस्य करणं स्रप । एकत्रैकेन पाकेन वक्षन्त्यन्ये महर्षयः ॥ विष्णुपुराण III 15 17, पृथक्पृथामहानां तु केचिदिच्छन्ति मानवाः । त्रीन् पिण्डानामुपवर्गेण साङ्गुष्ठान् शुद्धिवर्णान् ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्घातपाद) 11. 61. The verse पृथक्पृथो. is also ब्रह्मपुराण 14 12.

1058. सर्वसाम्यकृताद्भात् पिण्डान् मधुतिलाञ्चितान् । पितृमातामहादीनां दद्याद्भूष-विधानतः ॥ बृहस्पति q by स्मृतिच. (आ p. 479), हेमाद्रि (आ ) p. 1428. It may be noted that या (I. 242) does not mention honey.

1059. Vide मनु IX. 132 and H. of Dh. vol. III. pp. 647 and 657 (for श्रविकाश्रव).

daughter as a son became rare or went out of vogue the maternal ancestors came to be associated with the paternal ancestors in pārvana-śrāddha.

The question when the wives of ancestors became associated with the male ancestors cannot be solved satisfactorily. The *pitūmahī* is not mentioned in the extant Vedic Literature. But it is certain that the wives of male ancestors had come to be associated with their husbands in the sūtra period. For example, the Hir. Gr. II 10 associates the mother, the paternal grandmother and the paternal great-grandmother with their respective husbands in the monthly śrāddha performed in the dark half. Similarly, the Baud. gr. II 11.34 not only associates in the Astakā śrāddha the male maternal ancestors with the male paternal ancestors, but also their respective wives. The Āp. M. P.<sup>1060</sup> has mantras referring to the three male paternal ancestors as well as their wives. The Śān. gr. (IV. 1.11) provides that behind the lumps for the paternal ancestors the performer places the lumps for their wives, putting something between the two sets of pindas and the commentator explains that darbhas are placed between the two sets. The Kauśika sūtra (88 12) also provides for the offering of pindas to the wives of male ancestors to the south of the pindas for male ancestors. The Āśv. gr. (II 5. 4-5), while speaking of the Anvastakya rite, refers to pindas to be offered to the wives of ancestors with the addition of rum and the scum of boiled rice. The Vaikhāṇasa-smārta-sūtra IV. 7 (after describing the Pinda-pitryajña in IV. 5-6) notes that the difference between it and the ordinary monthly śrāddha is that in the latter pindas are offered to the wives of the pitrs<sup>1061</sup>. Dr. Caland (in 'Ahnencult' p. 164) thinks that this inclusion of the women ancestors among those to whom pindas were to be offered was made by taking over from Anvastakya ceremonial described above. This conjecture does not look very probable. The Astakā rites existed from remote antiquity as shown above. If the offering of pindas to women ancestors were borrowed from the Anvastakya

1060. मार्जयन्तां नमः पितरो मार्जयन्तां नमः पितामहा मार्जयन्तां नमः प्रपितामहा ॥  
मार्जयन्तां नमः मातरौ मार्जयन्तां नमः पितामह्यौ मार्जयन्तां नमः प्रपितामह्यौ । आप. म. पा.  
II. 19. 2-7.

1061. अथ आर्जं मांसि मास्यपरपक्षेऽन्यतमेदहन्यजन्मर्हो ब्राह्मणनिमन्त्रणादि सर्वस-  
काषत् । तथाज्यचरुं हुत्वाकं पिण्डार्थं पात्रे समरदाय ब्राह्मणान्भोजयित्वा नमो वः पितरो  
रसायेति पिण्डं प्रथमं पितृभ्यो नमो वः पितरः सोम्यास इति द्वितीयवृत्तीषो पितामहप्रपितामहा-  
भ्याम् । पितृभ्यस्तत्पत्नीभ्यः पिण्डानर्पयतीति विशेषः । वैखानसश्रृङ्ग IV. 7.

this item would have figured in all sūtras just as Aṣṭakā śrāddha does. It is rather more probable that the extension to women was a natural growth in course of time. Some of the smṛtis emphasize the participation of the wives of paternal ancestors in the *pārvaṇaśrāddha* offerings. Śāṭatapa states<sup>1062</sup>: 'In what is offered to the pītṛs after Sapindīkaraṇa, the mother is a participant everywhere. A śrāddha may be separately offered to the mother in the Anvaṣṭakā rites, in Vṛddhi-śrāddha, at Gayā and on the anniversary of the day of her death; but in other cases it is performed along with the husband'. It is stated by Bṛhaspati that the mother partakes of the śrāddha food along with her husband (i. e. the father of the performer); that the same rule applies to the paternal grandmother and the paternal great-grandmother<sup>1063</sup>. The Kalpataru<sup>1064</sup> and others held that the wives of the paternal ancestors were not *devatās* in the *pārvaṇa-śrāddha*, but they only enjoyed the ethereal food which came to the pītṛs, while Hemādri and other southern writers held that the mother and other female ancestors were among the *devatās* of *pārvaṇa-śrāddha*, but not the step-mother. There was a divergence of views whether the words 'mother', 'paternal grandmother' and 'paternal great-grand-mother' included the co-wives (*sapatnīs*) of these. Hemādri (on śrāddha pp. 97-104) has a long disquisition on this question. According to one view the step-mother, the co-wife of the *pitr̥mahī* and the co-wife of the *prapitāmahi* would be included in

1062. सपिण्डीकरणादूर्ध्वं यत्पितृभ्यः प्रदायते। सर्वज्ञांहरा माता इति धर्मेणु निम्नयः ॥ अन्यटकादु ब्रह्मैव नयायां च कथ्येहानि। मातुः आह्वं धृष्यत् कुर्वाद्यन्यत्र पतिना सह ॥ शाताप प. ५ आ. म. प. ९, स्मृतिच (आ.) p. 369 as स्मृत्यन्तर.

1063. स्तेन भर्त्रा सह आह्वं माता सुहृदे स्वयानयत्। पितान्ही च स्तेनैव तथैव प्रपिता-  
मही ॥ बृहस्पति प. ५ by स्मृतिच (आ.), p. 369, हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 99, आ. म. प. ९.

1064. न सपत्नीकानां देवतात्वमिति कल्पवचनप्रवृत्तयः। हेमाद्रिप्रवृत्तयो दक्षिणात्यास्तु... एकस्यानेव आह्वयस्यो पित्र्यं तद्योषितश्च देवतात्वेनोद्दिष्टोदिति विधीयते। आ. म. pp. 9-10. The argument of those who hold the former view is 'सपत्नीकानिर्लक्षणाज्ञानेन विद्वेले पितृदेव देवतात्वं म्वेत्त ह विज्ञेयपत्नीकतायाः परत्वाः—इति।' (होदरानन्द (आह्वयस्य) folio 3a. The आह्वयस्य p. 190 similarly says 'उक्तश्रुत्यादिषु पित्रादीनां प्रत्येक-निर्देशात्, अत्र पितरो देवता इत्यापस्तम्बस्यैव देवता इति बहुवचननिर्देशात्, न योषिभ्य इत्यादिपञ्चमाच्च पित्रादीनां प्रत्येकेन पत्नीनिरपेक्षेण च देवतात्वम्।' Vide n. 723 for the आप. च सू. passage. न योषिभ्य— is apparently गोमिलस्मृति II. 102 'न योषिभ्यः पृथग्दद्याद्वसानदिनाहते। स्वमर्तृपिण्डनाञ्च द्रविषात् चतः स्मृता ॥' The कल्पवच (आह्वयस्य p. 4) says: नापि पित्रादेः सपत्नीकस्य देवतात्वं तथात्वे मनायाभावात्। प्रत्युत न योषिभ्यः पृथग्दद्याद्वसानदिनाहते। स्वमर्तृपिण्डनाञ्चान्यास्तुतिरासां यतः स्मृता ॥ इति शातापवचने मर्तृसम्बन्धि पिण्डभागस्त्वैव पत्नीतृतिहेतुत्वेनाभिधानाच्च विपरीतमेव प्रतीयमानम्। कल्पवच, आ. p. 260.

the presentation formula (as quoted below), while according to Hemādri only the real mother, the real paternal grand-mother and the real paternal great-grandmother would ordinarily be included except on rare occasions such as a Mahālayāsraद्धा or a śraद्धa at Gayā. <sup>1065</sup>

As regards the mantra to be recited when offering each of the pindas there is some divergence of views, which reaches far into antiquity. The pinda <sup>1066</sup> is offered to each ancestor after stating his gotra, his relationship to the performer and name (all in the vocative). According to several writers the form of the presentation of the pinda is 'this is for thee, O Father! N. N. (by name) and so and so by gotra.' In the Tai. S. I. 8.5 1, in the Āp. M. P. II. 20.13 and in some sūtras, the following is added 'and for those who follow thee' (ye ca tvām-ānu) <sup>1067</sup> In the Gobhila-grhya IV. 36 and Khādiragrhya the formula is still longer 'This pinda is thine, O father! and of those who follow thee and of those whom thou followest. <sup>1068</sup> To thee, Svadhā!'. The Bhāradvaja <sup>1069</sup> gr. II. 12 introduces slight changes. It has been already noted above (n. 781) how the Śat. Br. disapproves of

1065. तवेयमेतन्निष्कृष्टं यद्दत्तपत्नीकापित्रादिवेयस्यामावास्यादिसाधारणकालिकभास्व-  
प्रयोगे, अस्मत्पितृयज्ञवत्तज्जगन् पासिष्ठगोत्राशुकाशुक्लानिकाभिपासिष्ठगोत्राभिः पत्नीभिः  
सपैतृजन्मभानित्यादिभिः स्त्रीपुंसोद्देशोपलक्षितैर्वाक्यैरुद्धानं कर्तव्यमिति । This is the  
पूर्वपक्ष view. हेमाद्रि replies 'अत्र सिद्धान्तोऽभिधीयते । तत्र तावन्मुख्ये पार्वणे जननी-  
व्यतिरिक्तानां पितृपत्नीनां न सद्योद्देशः कार्यः । नापि पितृजननीव्यतिरिक्तानां पितामहपत्नीनां  
नापि पितामहजननीव्यतिरिक्तानां प्रपितामहपत्नीनाम् । हेमाद्रि (आ. } p. 100 हेमाद्रि  
adds (p. 102) 'यदा तु नामापितृपुत्रिकामनया विशिष्टे महालयादिकालविशेषे गयादि-  
तीर्थेतिहोत्रे वा आश्वं कुर्याच्चदा शुक्लपत्नीनामशुक्लानां वा मातृसपत्नीनामपि आश्वं कुर्यात् ।'

1066. अर्धदानेऽथ सङ्कल्पे पिण्डदाने तथा क्षये । गोत्रतत्त्वन्धनामानि यथापत्यपितृ-  
येत् ॥ पारस्कर q. by अपराक p. 506, हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1434), आ. म. p. 258 which  
explains 'सङ्कल्पे अन्तर्यामि' . The form of the address will be 'अशुकगोत्रास्म-  
त्पितरशुककर्मन् एतत्तेऽर्थं (or एष ते पिण्डः) इयमा नम इदमशुकगोत्रावास्मत्पित्रे अशुककर्मणे  
न ममेति' हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1436). It should be noted that this formula is to be  
employed only by the Vājasaneyins.

1067. एतत्ते तत्तासौ ये च स्वामनु, एतत्ते पितमहतासौ ये च स्वामनु, एतत्ते प्रपितामह ये  
च स्वामनु । आप. म. पा. II. 20. 13. — Vide note 781 for तै. सं. passages and  
n. 1053 for आश्व. ओ. passage.

1068. असावयवेनिश्च ये चात्र स्वामनु याश्च स्वामनु तस्मै ते स्वयेति । गोभिलगृह III.  
3. 6 and खगिरगृह III. 5. 17. The नेत्रदानन्द (आश्वसौख्य folio 77a) gives the  
formulas for followers of यजुर्वेद and सामवेद as follows: अशुकगोत्रपितरशुककर्मणे-  
तत्तेऽर्थं स्वयेति यजुर्वेदिनाह्वस्तर्गवाक्यम् । अशुकगोत्रपितरशुककर्मणे तत्तेऽर्थं ये चात्र स्वामनु  
याश्च स्वामनु तस्मै ते स्वयेति छन्दोगानाम् !; compare आश्वतर p. 237 and आ. शि. फौ.  
p. 70 for similar formulas

1069. याश्च स्वामनान्वसि ये च स्वामनु । भारद्वाजगृह II. 12,



the usage of the Tai. S. in this matter, the reason being<sup>1070</sup> that when the son offers a pinḍa to his father and employs the formula 'this is thine and of those that follow thee', he would be included among those that follow the father and be thus offering a pinḍa to himself, which is inauspicious. It is provided by Gobhila-grhya<sup>1071</sup> that if he does not know the names of his ancestors he should put down the first pinḍa with the Formula 'svadhā to the Fathers dwelling on the earth', (he should put down) the 2nd pinḍa with the formula 'svadhā to the fathers dwelling in the air', the third with the formula 'svadhā to the Fathers dwelling in heaven' and should recite in a low voice the words 'Here, O Fathers, gladden yourselves, show your vigour each according to his own part.' Yama quoted by Kalpataru (on Śr. p. 203), following Gobhila provides generally (whether the ancestors be known or not) that the first pinḍa should be offered to the father with the expression 'prthivī', the second to the grandfather in the aerial regions and the third to the paternal great-grandfather with the mantra 'dyaus darvi'. The Visnu Dh. S. (73 17-19) has similar provisions, the mantras respectively being 'prthivī darviraksitā', 'antariksam darviraksitā', 'dyaus-darviraksitā'. Medhātithi on Manu III, 194 says (following Āśv. Śr. and others) that if the names of the ancestors are not known he should simply say 'O Father, Grandfather' &c. If the gotra be not known then he should employ the gotra name Kāśyapa.<sup>1072</sup>

Certain matters pertaining to pinḍas must be stated in one place once for all. There is a good deal of discussion about the

1070. तदेतदमङ्गल्यमभिधानं भवति । यतोऽयं पिण्डदानं कुर्वाणः पुत्रादिः ये च त्वामनु इति मन्त्रेण येषां प्रमीतानां सहेत्याह तेषां पश्चाद्भूतः स्वयमेव सह भवति । अतश्चासौ स्वस्मा एव पिण्डदानं करोतीति प्रतिभाति । हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 1437.

1071. यदि नामानि न विन्द्यात् स्वधा पितृभ्यः पृथिवीपद्वय इति प्रथमं पिण्डं निदध्यात् । स्वधा पितृभ्योऽन्तरिक्षसद्वय इति द्वितीयं स्वधा पितृभ्यो दिविपद्वय इति तृतीयं निद्याय जपति अत्र पितरो माद्वयध्वं यथाभागमाहुपायध्वमिति । गोभिलगृह्य IV. 3. 10-11 q. by हेमाद्रि p. 1443 and आ. p. 260. Compare तै. सं. I. 8. 5. 1 एतत्तत्तत्... प्रपितामहं ये च त्वामन्व पितरो यथाभागं मन्दध्वम्' and वाज. सं. II. 31 'अत्र पितरो माद्वयध्वं यथाभागमाहुपायध्वम्'. The आश्व. औ. सू. II. 6. 24 says 'नामान्यविद्वांसस्तत्पितामहं प्रपितामहेति'.

1072. गोत्राज्ञानेऽप्याह व्यासपादः—गोत्रनाशे तु कश्यपः—इति । गोत्राज्ञानं कश्यप-गोत्रमर्हणं कर्तव्यम् । कश्यपसगोत्रस्य सर्वसाधारणत्वात् । तथा च स्मृतिः । तस्मादाहुः सर्वाः प्रजाः काश्यप्य इति । स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 481), vide आ. p. 260 for a similar provision. The शुक्लकमलाकर p. 49 says, यद्यपि तस्मादाहुः सर्वाः प्रजाः काश्यप्य इति शतपथश्रुतेः... कश्यपं गोत्रमस्ति तथापि आहु एव तत् । 'सर्वाः प्रजाः काश्यप्य.'—These words occur in शतपथब्राह्मण VII 5. 1. 5.

size of the pindas. Marici (quoted by Aparārka p. 507) provides that in pārvana-śrāddha the pinda should be of the size of undried *āmalaka* fruit, of the size of a *bilva* fruit in Ekoddhista, in navaśrāddhas the pinda should be bigger than in any one of the preceding when offered every day during the days of impurity on death. The Skandapurāna says that pindas should be of such a size as would enable a calf two years old to put it easily into its mouth.<sup>1073</sup> Angiras (q. by Sm. C p. 475 and Hemādri, śrāddha p. 1429) prescribes that the pindas may be of the size of *kapittha* or *bilva* fruit or of the size of a hen's egg or of an *āmalaka* or *badara* fruit. In the Maitrāyaṇīya-sūtra<sup>1074</sup> it is said that the pinda for the paternal grandfather should be bigger than that for the father and should be in the middle (of the three pindas), that the pinda for the great-grandfather should be the largest of all. The next point is from what materials the pindas were to be made. If pindas were offered before *agnaukarana* they were to be made from the boiled rice (*caru*) prepared for *agnaukarana*. If made after *agnaukarana*, the pindas were to be made from the cooked food (remaining after *agnaukarana*) mixed with sesamum (vide Yāj I 242). If pindas were to be offered after the brāhmanas took their dinner, the pindas were to be made from the remainder of the food cooked for the brāhmanas which was to be mixed with the boiled rice for *agnaukarana* as stated in Kātyāyana's Śrāddha-sūtra.<sup>1075</sup> The pindas were to be placed according to the Matsya<sup>1076</sup> on darbhas spread on the ground cleaned with water mixed with cow's dung and urine. There were others such as Devala, the Brahmapurāna and Bhavīsyapurāna that prescribed that an altar, either circular or square, of sand was to be raised on ground 4 fingers in height and one cubit in extent near the plates from which brāhmanas were to eat and thereon darbhas

1073. द्वितीयतस्य वस्तस्य विशन्तपार्ष्वं यथासुखम् । तथा कुर्यात्पमाणेन पिण्डान् स्यात्तेन भावितम् ॥ स्कन्द VII. 1. 206. 41 q. by स्मृतिच (आ. p. 475) and हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 1429 as 'यास' s.

1074. इत्यौद्धृत्योद्धृतेषु पिण्डाभिदधाति पितृन्मांसास्तावेतसे ये चात्र राशु तामे तेज्यश्च स्वधेति प्रथमं, पितामहस्य नाम्ना स्थवीयास्त मध्यमं, प्रपितामहनाम्ना स्थवितं दक्षिणं द्वयोः परयोर्नामनी यद्वत् मूलदेशे लेपं निर्मादिति । मैत्रायणीयस्य q. by हेमाद्रि (आ.) p. 1430, आ. प्र. p. 257.

1075. तृतां स्म इत्युज्जातः शेषमजमदुष्काप्य सर्वमजमेकतोद्धृत्योच्छिद्यस्तभीपे वर्धयु श्रीश्रीन्पिण्डानवनेज्य दद्यात् । आश्वसूत्र of कात्या III.

1076. उपलिप्ते महीपृष्ठे गोशकृन्मूत्रशरिणा । निधाय वर्धयन् विधियदक्षिणामाग्नयस्ततः । सर्ववर्णेन ब्राह्मेन पिण्डोस्तु पितृयज्ञवत् । मत्स्यपुराण 16. 45-46.

were to be placed and then piṇḍas. The Vāyupurāṇa provides that a line should be drawn on the altar or the ground with the root of a *darbha* to the accompaniment of the following mantras viz.<sup>1077</sup> 'I destroy whatever is impure; I have killed all *asuras*, *dānavas*, *rāksasas*, *yaksas*, *piśācas* (goblins), *guhnyakas* and *yātudhānas*' and the mantra 'struck down (are the *asuras* and *rāksasas* sitting on the Vēdi)'. In *Ap. Śr. I 10.2*, *Manu III 217*, *Viṣṇu Dh. S. 73.17-19*, *Yama* (q. by *Hemādri* p. 1440), the *Kalpataṛu* (on *Śr. p. 203*), *Mahārnavaprakāśa* (q. by *Hemādri*), *Hemādri* (*Śr. pp. 1440-42*) and *Śr. P pp. 266-267* reference is made to adoration of the six seasons and the obeisance (*namaskāra*) to the *pitrs* in the words 'namo vaḥ pitaro' (*Vāj S II 32*)<sup>1078</sup> and the repetition of three mantras when each of the three piṇḍas is offered, some holding that the seasons were to be deemed as identified with 'rasa', 'śoṣa' and four other words (in *Vāj. S II 32*), while others held that the adoration of the seasons is quite distinct from the *namaskāras* to the *pitrs*. In the *Śaunakātharvāṇaśrāddha-kalpa*, the piṇḍas are offered in the reverse order i. e. first to the great-grandfather, then to the grandfather and then to the father (*Hemādri* on *śrāddha p. 1442*). *Ap. Śr. I 9. 4* refers to this method in 'pitamahaprabhrtin vā'.

1077. निहन्मि सर्वं यदमेध्यवद्भवेद्धताश्च सर्वेऽसुरदानवा मया । रक्षासि यक्षाश्च पिशाच-सङ्ग इहा मया यातुधानाश्च सर्वे ॥ अनेन मन्त्रेण सुसंयतात्मा वेदीं च सर्वा सकृदुल्लिखेच्च ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण q. by कल्पतरु (आ) p. 214, 216, आ प्र p. 251. This is cited as from ब्रह्माण्डपुराण by अपराकी p. 478 (which reads 'सुसंयतात्मा तिलान् क्षिपेद्ब्रह्मिष्ठं तथा विदिष्ठ'). The verses are वायुपुराण 75 45-46 and are mentioned as from वायुपुराण in आह्नतत्त्व p. 235. Both अपराकी and आ. प्र. add the vedic mantra 'अपहताः' (वाज. सं. II. 29) here.

1078. पूर्वपिण्डं प्रयच्छेत् पितॄन् च पृथिवीं च । पितामहाय त्वपरमन्तरिक्षे च दापयेत् ॥ प्रपितामहाय च ततस्तृतीयं तु निवेदयेत् ॥ धीर्दर्विरिति मन्त्रेण श्रुतिरेवा सनातनी ॥ यम q. by कल्पतरु (आ p 203), हेमाद्रि (आ p 1440). उच्छिष्टसन्निधौ दक्षिणाग्रेषु वनेषु पृथिवीं दर्विरक्षिता इत्येकं पिण्डं पित्रे निवेद्यात् । अन्तरिक्षं दर्विरक्षिता इति द्वितीयं पितामहाय । धीर्दर्विरक्षिता इति तृतीयं प्रपितामहाय । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 73. 17-19 आचम्योदकं परावृत्य त्रिरायम्य शनैरसूत्र । पञ्चदंशं नमस्कुर्यात् पितृन् च मन्त्रवित् ॥ मनु III, 217. The मन्त्र is पृथिवीं दर्विरक्षिता नृसि. स्वधानुपदस्ता ता पृथिवीं दर्विमक्षितां तृति स्वधामनुपदस्तामक्षिरिव पृथिवीमुपजीवासी ये चान्न त्वामन्वेया ते स्वधा. In the other two mantras in honour of पितामह and प्रपितामह substitute अन्तरिक्षं and धीः for पृथिवी, वायुः and सूर्यः for अग्निः wherever necessary. The meaning is 'the earth is a ladle giving inexhaustible gratification' &c. The काठकगृह्य (63 14) provides 'पृथिवीं दर्विरिति निपरणं कुर्यात्' and the कौशिकसूत्र (88. 8-10) also mentions the three mantras uttered at the time of offering the three piṇḍas (viz पृथिवीं दर्विरक्षिता, अन्तरिक्षं दर्विरक्षिता, धीं दर्विरक्षिता). Compare काठकसंहिता IX, 23,

About the final disposal (*pratipatti*) of the pindas several views were entertained. We have already seen (note 780) that the Vāj. S. and several sūtras provided that the middle one of the three pindas for paternal ancestors was to be eaten by the wife of the performer of the śrāddha if she was desirous of a son. Manu (III. 262-263) provides that the *dharmapatnī* (i. e. a wife of the same varṇa and married before any other wife) should eat the middle pinda with the mantra 'ādhatta pitaro garbham' (q. in n. 780) and then she gives birth to a son who lives long, secures fame, is intelligent and obtains wealth and progeny and who is of a good and righteous turn of mind. The same rule is provided for by the Laghu-Āśvalāyana 23.83, the Kūrma II. 2. 71, 76, Matsya 16.52, Vāyu 76.31, Visnudharmottara I. 171 8, 220, 149, Padma (śrīstikhanda 9.121) and other purāṇas. As regards pindas in general, the Āśv. Śr. (II. 7. 14-17) says that the other two pindas (except the middle one) should be cast into water or in fire or they may be eaten by a brāhmana who has suddenly developed a distaste for food or they may be partaken by one who has been suffering from a serious disease (such as tuberculosis or leprosy) and that in the latter case the man either recovers or dies. The Gobhila-gr. (IV. 3. 31-34) provides that the pindas should be thrown into water or in fire or should be given to a brāhmana or a cow to eat. Manu (III. 260-261) says the same and adds that they may be given to a goat for eating and that some allow them to be devoured by birds Yāj. I. 257, Matsya 16.52-53, and Padma<sup>1079</sup> mention the same five ways of disposal but the last adds one more viz. placing them near a mound of earth. The Varāha-purāṇa<sup>1080</sup> (190.121) says that the performer may eat the first pinda himself, he should give the middle to his wife and the third he should cast into water. The Anuśāsanaparva (125.25.26) provides that the first and the third should be thrown into water or fire and the middle pinda should be eaten by the wife. It is provided by Brhaspati that if the wife is suffering from a disease or is already pregnant or is staying in some other

1079 पिण्डांश्च गोजविभेदो दद्यादग्नौ जलेपि वा । व्रजान्ते वाथ विकिरेवापोभिरथ वाहयेत् ॥ पद्म (सृष्टि 9 120), अपराक प. 550 and हेमाद्रि read विभ्रान्ते and वयोभिरथ वाहयेत् । (p. 1504) That birds should be allowed to eat the pindas is natural since it was believed as stated above (p. 339) that the pitrs wander about in the form of birds Vide कूर्म II. 22.83 for a similar verse.

1080 भक्षयेत् प्रथमं पिण्डं पत्न्यै देयं तु मध्यमम् । तृतीयमुदके दद्याद्वाह्ये एवं विधिः स्मृतः ॥ वराहपुराण 190.121.

place, then an old bull or a goat may eat the middle pinda (quoted by Sm. C. on Śr. p. 486, Kalpataru on Śr p 224). The Visnudharmottara (I 141. 8) prescribes that when a śrāddha is performed at a *tīrtha*, the pindas should be cast into the sacred water. The Anuśāsanaparva 125. 38-40 and some of the purāṇas such as Vāyu (76 32-34) and Brahma (220 150-152) provide that certain consequences follow from the disposal of pindas in one way or another viz. the best worlds by giving pindas to cows, intellect and fame from casting into water, long life from offering them to birds &c. Vide also Brahmānda (upodghāta, chap. 12. 31-35) which provides that if given to cows the result is best complexion, if to cocks then delicacy, long life if given crows. In this connection it should be noted that pindas of rice or of flour were not to be offered in all śrāddhas. The Śrāddha-kalpalatā (pp. 86-89) has a long discussion about the śrāddhas in which the offering of pindas of food is forbidden. For example, it quotes Pulastya to the effect that in śrāddhas performed on the two *ayana* days, on the two equinoctial days, on any sankrāntī, no pindas are to be offered, so also in śrāddhas on Ekādaśī, Trayodaśī, on Maghā and Kṛttikā nakṣatras, if a man desires to have sons and wealth.

On the question as to what is the principal item in the śrāddha there are three views. Some, like Govindarāja,<sup>1081</sup> hold that feeding of brāhmanas is the principal thing and they rely on Manu III. 129 which says 'One may feed even a single learned brāhmana in a rite for gods and manes and not many who do not know vedic mantras; by doing so he reaps abundant reward'. Here the reward or fruit is associated with feeding a learned brāhmana. There is a maxim<sup>1082</sup> of the Pūrvamīmāṃsā that 'whatever is mentioned in proximity with an action that has a reward or fruit but has no special reward of its own, is subsidiary (*aṅga*) to what is declared to have a reward.' Besides, there is no pindādāna in certain śrāddhas such as āmaśrāddha, śrāddha on the Yugaḍi days.<sup>1083</sup>

1081. शुक्लं फलममोतीत्यभिधानात् ब्राह्मणस्य भोजनमत्र प्रधानं पिण्डदानादि तद्वृत्तित्ववसीत्ये । गोविन्दराज on मनु III. 129 (Mandlik's ed.). छट्टक on the same verse refers to this opinion.

1082. The न्याय is फलवत्संनिधावफलं तदङ्गम् mentioned by शबर on जै. IV. 4. 19 and by शङ्कर on वेदान्तसूत्र II. 1. 14. Vide जै. IV. 4. 29-38.

1083. तथा च पुलस्त्यः । अयनद्वितये आर्द्धं विषुवद्वितये तथा । युगादिषु च सर्वसु पिण्डनिर्वेपणाद्वृत्ते ॥ इति । कर्तव्यमिति शेष । स्मृतिच (आ.) p 369, vide हेमाद्रि (आ) pp 334-336.

Others like Karka hold the view that pindadāna is the principal item in śrāddha. They rely upon the fact that in the śrāddha at Gayā it is the offering of pindas that is the most important matter and upon the fact that in the Visnudharmasūtra (78, 52-53, and 85, 65-66) and in several Purāṇas such as the Varāha (13.50), Viṣṇu (III. 14.22-23), Brahma (220.31-32), Viṣṇu-dharmottara (I 145.3-4) the pitrs are stated to have expressed a deep yearning for a son who would offer them pindas at Gayā and water on sacred rivers &c (vide note 911). Further support is sought for this view in the fact that in the śrāddha on the birth of a son and in śrāddha offered even by a good śūdra the feeding of brāhmanas is forbidden. A third view is that both the feeding of brāhmanas and the offering of pindas are the principal matters in a śrāddha. The Gobhila-smṛti, after stating<sup>1081</sup> the other two views and some of the reasons therefor, tells us that the author of it is himself in favour of this third view. In cases where the word śrāddha is employed and there is neither brāhmana feeding nor pindadāna as in Darva śrāddha, the word śrāddha is applied in a secondary sense (*gauna*). Vide Hemādri (śrāddha) pp. 157-160. In the Dharmapradīpa it is said that among the followers of the Yajurveda (i. e. Vājasaneyins) the offering of pindas is principal, among the followers of the R̥gveda the feeding of brāhmanas is principal, while among the followers of the Sāmaveda both are principal. In this way śrāddha partakes of two characters viz it is a *yāga* (sacrifice) and also<sup>1085</sup> a gift (dāna) Haradatta, Hemādri, Kapardī and others appear to hold that all three (bhōjana pindadāna and agnaukarana) are principal. Vide Samskāra-ratnamālā p. 1003.

The Matsyapurāṇa says in a famous passage 'ancestors from the fourth (i. e. the father, grand-father and great-grand-father of the great-grandfather of performer) are entitled only to the wipings of the articles of food (sticking to

1084 प्राधान्यं पिण्डदानस्य केचिदाहुर्मनीषिणः । ययादौ पिण्डदानं तु दीयमान-  
निदर्शनात् ॥ भोजनस्य प्रधानत्व वदन्त्यस्यै महर्षेयः । ब्राह्मणाणां परीक्षायां सहायज्ञे प्रदर्शनात् ॥  
आमआहुविधानस्य विना पिण्डैः क्रियाविधिः । तदालम्ब्यप्यनध्यायविधानभ्रवणादपि ॥  
विद्वन्मतस्तुपादाय समाप्येतद्वृद्धिं स्थितम् । प्राधान्यसुभयोयं समाप्तमावेष्ट ससुख्यः ॥ गोभिल-  
स्मृति III, 160-163.

1085. धर्ममदीयेति । यजुषां पिण्डदानं तु बहुचानां द्विजाचनम् । आहुताश्वामिभ्ये  
स्वाहुभ्यं सामयेदिनाम् ॥ तत्र पितृभ्यजेत पितृभ्यो दद्यादित्युभययोगदर्शनाद्यागदानौभया-  
त्मकम् । निर्णयसिन्धु III, उत्तरार्धे p. 372.

the hand of the performer of *śrāddha*); the father, (the grand-father and great-grandfather) are entitled to the *pinda*; the offerer of the *pinda* is the 7th; thus *sapinda* relationship extends to seven generations<sup>1086</sup>. The *Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa* states that three ancestors beginning from the paternal grandfather of the paternal grandfather enjoy the wipings (of the hand of the performer when he offers *pindas*).<sup>1087</sup> The *Brahma-purāṇa* (220, 84-86) has similar verses. *Manu* provided<sup>1088</sup> that the performer should place three *pindas* on *darbhās* and then wipe off from his hand the particles of food and water sticking to it with the roots of the *darbhās* (on which the *pindas* were placed) and that such wipings are meant for those who are called '*lepabhāgin*' (the three paternal ancestors after the paternal great-grand-father). Similar provisions are made by the *Viṣṇu Dh. S.* 73.22, *Varāhapurāṇa* 14.36, *Garudapurāṇa* (*Ācarakāṇḍa* 218 24), *Kūrma* II. 22.52. *Medhātithi* on *Manu* III. 216 says that even if no food or water sticks to the hand still the performer rubs the hand against the roots of the *darbhās* on which the first *pinda* was placed. A special rule was provided by *Devala* quoted in *Śrāddhakalpatalā* (p. 14) that if the father or mother became a *mlecchā* (by forcible or voluntary conversion &c.) one should not observe any impurity for him or her and no *śrāddha* should be offered and when offering the three *pindas* in place of the father the name of *Viṣṇu* should be uttered.

One question that exercised the minds of well-known writers was whether the daily *Varāhvadeva* should be performed before starting the *śrāddha* ceremonies or after the latter were finished. We have to remember first that several works state that rites for *pitr̥s* deserve pre-eminence over those for the

1086. लेपभाजश्चतुर्थाद्याः पित्राद्याः पिण्डभागिनः। पिण्डदः सप्तमस्तेषां सपिण्ड्यं साप्तपौरुषम्॥ मत्स्य 18 29. These very verses occur in पद्मपुराण (सृष्टिखण्ड 10, 34-35), which reads सपिण्डाः सप्त पूरुषाः. They are quoted from मत्स्यपुराण by अपरार्क p 507. मत्स्य 16 38 is तेषु दर्भेषु तं हस्तं निमृज्याल्लेपभागिनाम्।

1087. लेपसम्बन्धिनश्चान्ये पितामहापितामहात्। प्रभृत्युक्तास्त्रयस्तेषां यजमानश्च सप्तमः। इत्येवं शुनिभिः प्रोक्तः सम्बन्धः साप्तपौरुषः। मार्कण्डेय 28. 4-5 q by द्वायभाग XI 41 (which connects these verses with the rules of impurity on death) The printed द्वायभाग reads पिण्डलेपमुज्ज्वल्ये

1088. न्युप्य पिण्डान्ततस्तास्तु प्रयतो विधिपूर्वकम्। तेषु दर्भेषु तं हस्तं निमृज्याल्लेपभागिनाम्॥ मनु III. 216. The latter half occurs in मत्स्य 16.38.

gods<sup>1089</sup>. Mañu (III. 265) states<sup>1090</sup> that after the brāhmanas have been dismissed the performer of śrāddha shall offer the (daily) domestic *bali* offering and that this is the settled rule of dharma. Medhātithi explains that the word 'bali' is merely illustrative. The Matsyapurāna<sup>1091</sup> 17. 61, the Varāha-purāna (14.43), Skanda VII. 1. 266, 101-102, Devala, Kārsnājini and others provide that after the rites for the fathers are finished Vaiśvadeva should be performed. When Vaiśvadeva is performed after the completion of śrāddha rites, it is to be offered from the food that remains after being utilized for the śrāddha dinner. But Hemādri (pp. 1058-1065) holds a long discussion and arrives at the following conclusions. In the case of an *ūhtāgm* (p. 1064), Vaiśvadeva is to be performed before śrāddha except in the case of the śrāddha on the 11th day after death. In the case of one who has not kept the sacred fires there are three optional times for Vaiśvadeva, viz. after *agnaukarana* or after the *vikira* (scattering of food on darbhas for those dying without the *samskāras* being performed for them), or after the brāhmanas are dismissed on the completion of the śrāddha (p. 1064). If Vaiśvadeva is to be performed before śrāddha or in the midst of it, then the cooking of food must be done separately for Vaiśvadeva and for śrāddha. In the case of all, whether *sāgnika* or *anagnika*, Vaiśvadeva must be performed with the remainder of the food left after use in śrāddha, if the former is performed after the latter. There were sages like Paithinasi<sup>1092</sup> that held that Vaiśvadeva should not be performed with the food cooked for śrāddha without first offering the food to the brāhmanas invited for śrāddha dinner. e. Vaiśvadeva must be performed after śrāddha if the same food is to be used

1089. देवकार्यादि द्विजातीना पितृकार्यं विशिष्यते । मनु III. 203, ब्रह्माण्ड (उपो-  
द्घातपाद 10, 104), मत्स्यपुराण 15 40, वायु 73. 55.

1090 ततो गृह्यबलिं कुर्यादिति धर्मो व्यवस्थितः ॥ मनु III 265. मेधातिथि remarks  
'ततो गृह्यबलिं निष्पन्ने आहुतकर्मेत्यनन्तरं वैश्वदेवहोमन्वाहिकालित्यदिभोजनं कर्तव्यम् ।  
बलिशब्दस्य प्रदर्शनायैवात् ।'

1091. निवृत्त्य मणिपत्याथ पर्युपासि समन्वयत् । वैश्वदेवं प्रकुर्वीत नेत्यक बलिमेव च ॥  
मत्स्य 17. 61, निवर्तताम्यज्ञात आहारान्तमव्यजेत् । ततस्तु वैश्वदेवाख्या कुर्यान्नित्यक्रिया  
तत ॥ वराह 14. 43, पितृपाकात् सञ्जित्य वैश्वदेव उ होमयेत् । देवल p. 4 by इलायुध in  
his com. on कार्पायन's आहुतञ्च (folio 31a). The verse निवृत्त्य मणिपत्याथ  
occurs in पद्मपुराण (सुदिल्लण्ड 9. 190) also.

1092. पित्राणामनिवेद्य तस्मादन्वाहैश्वदेवादिकमपि न कार्यम् । तथा च पैठीनसि ।  
पितृपाकात्सञ्जित्य वैश्वदेव करोति यः । आसुर तद्भवेच्छ्राद्धं पित्राणो नोपतिष्ठते ॥ स्मृतिच.  
(अ ) p. 410, दोहरानन्द (folio 75b).



for the former. The *Nirnayasindhu* (III p. 459) states that as most *smṛtis* place the performance of *Vaiśvadeva* after *śrāddha* and as many writers of commentaries and digests such as *Medhātithi* and *Smṛtiratnāvali* do the same all should perform *Vaiśvadeva* after finishing *śrāddha*.

It is now necessary to illustrate how *pārvana śrāddha* is performed in modern times. Here the greatest variety prevails. The details of the rite vary in the different parts of India. They vary also according as the performer belongs to a particular Veda or a particular recension of the Veda, they vary according to the particular eminent writer that is followed and further additions are made according as the performer is a *Vaiṣṇava* or a *Śaiva*. Such differences have to be passed over here, particularly because they are not material. We saw above that the *Pārvana-śrāddha* was very simple in the days of the *Brāhmanas* and most of the *sūtras*. There was then no express mention of the worship of *Viśvedevāḥ* in *Pārvana-śrāddha*, or of the maternal ancestors or of the wives of any ancestors. Gradually these came to be added and by the time of the *Yājñavalkya-smṛti* there was special invocation of the *Viśvedevāḥ*. But these latter were probably not expressly divided into groups at the time of that work. During the *smṛti* period groups of *Viśvedevāḥ* came to be assigned to different kinds of *śrāddhas* (vide p 457 note 1018). The *Purāṇas* prescribed several *Paurāṇic* mantras for being recited during the *śrāddha* rite, such as the verse 'agacchantu' (note 984) and the verse 'devatābhyah pitrbhyaśca' (p. 458 note 1020). Then there arose the principle of the *Pūrvamīmāṃsā* that all rites described in the different *śākhās* and *sūtras* constitute but one rite, and that one may take over from another *śākhā* or *sūtra* details described therein, which are not opposed to one's own *śākhā* or *sūtra* (vide pp 453-55 notes 1011-1013). This principle tended to make the *śrāddha* rites all inclusive and the whole procedure became swollen to an enormous extent. How even the slightest variation causes difference in the details may be illustrated by an example. In *Mithilā* villages even among poor men eleven *brāhmanas* are invited for *pārvana-śrāddha*, but it is often difficult to secure a very learned man (who is called *pātra* or *mahāpātra*) to officiate. In such a case where a *mahāpātra* or a *pātra* *brāhmaṇa* is not available the *śrāddha* is called *apātraka-pārvanaśrāddha* (for which really there is no *śāstric* authority) and is distinguished from the *sapātraka* *pārvana-śrāddha* in several matters, two of which in the case of the

Vājasaneyins may be stated here. Though the Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana, which is of special authority among Vājasaneyins, declares (at the end of kandika III) that the brāhmanas are to be dismissed at the end of the śrāddha with the verse 'Vāje vāje' (Vāj. S. 9. 18) and the performer should circumambulate the brāhmanas with the mantra 'a mā vājasya' (Vāj. S. 9. 19), it is not the practice among the śīstas in Mithilā according to the editor of the Śrāddharatna to observe these directions in what is called 'apātraka-pārvana-śrāddha' in these days. In Rudradhara's Śrāddhaviveka (pp. 138-146) the 'apātraka-pārvana-śrāddha-prayoga' is set out at length.

In mediæval and modern times in the different provinces of India different manuals are followed by the followers of the several Vedas. For example, in Bengal the Sāmavedins, Yajurvedins and R̥gvedins follow the procedure of pārvana-śrāddha laid down in the manuals (or *paddhatis*) of Bhavadeva, Paśupati and Kālesi respectively and there are many persons who follow the rules laid down by Raghunandana in his Śrāddhatattva and Yajurvediśrāddha-tattva. In Mithilā, Śrīdatta wrote his Pitr̥bhakti for Yajurvedins and the Śrāddha-kalpa for Sāmavedins and the Śrāddha-ratna of Mahāmahopādhyāya Lakṣmīpati (between 1500 to 1640 A. D.) which is printed at Darbhanga and claims to be the traditional manual for Maithīlās (Maithīlā-sāṃpradāyika-śrāddhapaddhati) in several places says that it follows the Sugatisopāna of Pratihastaka for Chandogas and also for Vājasaneyins. In the Madras State Vaiṣṇava brāhmanas follow special treatises on *Pūrva* and *Āpāra kṛyās* of Vaidika-Sārvabhauma or Hārila Venkatācārya or Tolappār and Smārta brāhmanas follow the Smṛtimuktāphala of Vaidyanātha, which does not much differ in major matters from the works of Vaidikasārvabhauma. Often the only differences are in the sankalpa and at the end. It is impossible to exhibit in this work the contents of all these manuals and to compare and contrast them. Therefore I shall set out here a model pārvanaśrāddha rite as performed by R̥gvedins in Western India and then a Śukla Yajurveda rite. The Pratisāmvaṣṭasārika śrāddha<sup>1093</sup> rite for R̥gvedins in

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1093 The darśaśrāddha differs only very slightly from the above. The summary here is taken from the 'R̥gvedibrahmakarma-samuccaya' published by the Nirṇayasāgara Press in Bombay in Poṭhi size, folios 98-108 (ed. of 1936, śaka 1858).

Western India may be set out as follows :—(From the references added in the text and notes it will be clear that this modern rite is all inclusive i. e. it follows the Āśv. Śr. often taking passages verbatim from it, the smṛtis and purāṇas). The performer wears white garments (lower and upper) and sits on a seat of *kuśas* or of wool or deer skin and then sips water twice and wears a *pavitra* on the finger next to the small finger with Rg. IX. 83.1. He ties his top knot on the head and sacred thread with *kuśas*, and ties three *kuśa* blades with *tilas* on the left of the *dhota* worn by him. Then he performs *prāṇāyāma* and declares the resolve (*saṅkalpa*)<sup>1094</sup> to perform (the *Sāmvaṭsarika*) śrāddha after referring to the time and place and together with *agnaukarana*, *pindadāna* &c. The invited *brāhmanas* reply 'do so'. Then the performer puts into a copper vessel water with the mantra 'imam me Gange' (Rg. X. 75. 5), sandalwood paste with the mantra 'Gandhadvārām,' yava grains with the mantra 'thou art yava, king of cereals, Varuna is thy patron, thou art endowed with sweetness, thou art the remover of all sins and art known by all sages as holy', betelnut (with Rg. X. 97.15), gold (or some coin) with the mantra 'Hiranyarūpah' (Rg. II. 35.10), flowers and basil leaves. (Then he becomes *prācīnāvīti*)<sup>1095</sup> and puts *sesamum* grains in the water

1094 The सङ्कल्प will be श्रीमद्भगवतो महापुरुषस्य विष्णोराज्ञया प्रवर्तमानस्य ब्रह्मणो द्वितीये परार्धे... भरतवर्षे दक्षिणापथे दण्डकारण्ये देशे शालिवाहनशके अमुकनाम संवत्सरे गोदावर्या दक्षिणे तीरे (उत्तरे तीरे वा) ... अमुकतिथौ अमुकवासरे . पुरुषवा-  
र्ध्वसंज्ञकानां विश्वेषां देवानां अस्मत्पितृपितामहप्रपितामहानाममुकशर्मणा अमुकसगोत्राणां  
वसुधैवकुटुम्बकमित्यस्वरूपाणां एतेषां श्रेयार्थं मोक्षार्थं मम पितृणां प्रतिष्ठावत्सारिकश्राद्धं सदैव सपिण्डं  
साग्रीकरणं पार्ष्णिगेन विधिना अक्षेण हविषा सद्यः करिष्ये. The performer becomes  
प्राचीनावीति when repeating the words अस्मत्पितृ ..स्वरूपाणां and reverts to उपवीति  
form when saying एतेषां etc. Among the *Mādhvas* the सङ्कल्प contains the  
words 'पित्रन्तर्यामिणो विश्वेदेवान्तर्यामिणोऽनिरुद्ध-प्रद्युम्न-सङ्कर्षणं वासुदेवं चतुर्भूत्यात्मक-  
श्राद्धस्वामि-श्रीमध्वजनादंनस्य समाराधनं करिष्ये ।'.

1095. The terms प्राचीनावीतिन्, यज्ञोपवीतिन् or उपवीतिन्, सव्यं and अपसव्यं occur almost at every step in the श्राद्धप्रयोग. They will be explained once for all here and instead of repeating lengthy translations the original Sanskrit words will be kept in the *prayoga* set out hereafter. Gobhila gr. I. 2 2-3, Khādīragr I. 1. 4-6 and Manu II. 63 define *yajñopavītin* or *upavītin* as one who suspends the sacrificial chord round his neck and raises the right arm so as to wear the chord on his left shoulder and *prācīnāvītin* as one who raises the left arm and wears the chord on his right shoulder. *Savya* means left. Acc to लङ्काश्वलायन I 91 when the sacred chord hangs down from the left shoulder (and under the right arm) that is said to be 'savyam' and when the chord hangs down from the right shoulder (and under the left arm) that is अपसव्यम्.

(in another vessel) with the mantra 'Tilosi' (quoted in note 966), Bhrngarāja leaf with the mantra 'mā kākam' (Rg. VI. 48. 17), betelnut, gold (or coin). Then he repeats the Purusa-sūkta <sup>1096</sup> (Rg. X. 90), Rg. X 128 1-9, IX 58 1-4, Rg. X. 126. 1-8, Rg. IV. 40 5, Rg. VII 89 5, the sacred Gāyatri with *om* and the three Vyāhrtis, Rg. VII 56. 12, Rg. VIII 44. 21, 17, Rg. VIII. 95. 7-9. Then after repeating the well-known verse 'apavitraḥ pavitro vā' <sup>1097</sup> (whoever, whether pure or impure or being in any state whatever, remembers the name of Viṣṇu becomes pure externally as well as internally), he requests 'May everything such as the place and the materials be rendered pure'. The brāhmanas reply 'let it be so.' Then placing some coin on the ground, the performer having in his hand sesamum grains, water and kūśas goes round (pradaksinā) the brāhmanas thrice, and repeats three verses (in classical sanskrit) in praise of the dust of the feet of brāhmanas and a Vedic passage from Tai. A. II. 15 <sup>1098</sup> 'All the devatās reside in a brāhmaṇa who knows the Veda; therefore every day one should perform obeisance to brāhmanas knowing the Veda. He should not utter anything derogatory or evil (either true or false) about them. (By doing so) he pleases all these devatās.' After making obeisance (to the brāhmanas) twice he should be prācināvitī, repeat the verse 'akrodhanaiḥ' (note 913 p. 407 above) and request the brāhmanas 'may you be pleased to say that I have complete *adhukāra* to perform the sāmvasarikaśrāddha of my pitrs this day.' The brāhmanas should reply 'let there be this *adhukāra* for the performance of śrāddha.' Then being *upavītan* the performer requests 'may you declare that this time is the proper time and that the food cooked is fit for being offered' The brāhmanas reply 'let it be so.' Then he asks the permission to give invitation to the brāhmanas. They give it. Then he touches the right knee of one brāhmaṇa and says 'you should find time to accept the invitation to act as representing the Viśve-devas named Purūrava and Ardrava in this pratisāmvasarika śrāddha of my pitrs'. The brāhmaṇa replies 'yes, be it so.' Then the performer addresses the second Vaiśvadevika brāhmaṇa in the

1096. Hardly any sūtra or any single digest prescribes the recital of so many mantras as is done here.

1097. This occurs in the Garuḍapurāṇa (Ācārālāṇḍa) chap. 216 1-2

1098. यावतीर्वै देवतास्ताः सर्वा वेदविदि ब्राह्मणे वसन्ति तस्माद् ब्राह्मणोऽप्ये वेदविद्भ्यो दिवे दिवे नमस्कुर्यात् । नाम्नील कीर्तयेद्देवा एव देवताः शिवाति । तै. अ. II. 15 (at end),

same way (if two brāhmanas have been invited for the purpose) and then wearing the sacred thread in the *prācīnāvita* way should touch the left knee of the brāhmana (*pitrya*) and say to him 'you should accept the invitation to represent my father, grandfather and great-grandfather in this *pratisānvatsarika śrāddha*.' The brāhmana should reply 'so be it.' He should request 'you should repair to my house.' The brāhmana replies 'I shall do so' Then he should make mandalas<sup>1099</sup> for the *daiva* and *pitrya* brāhmanas. Then *savyam*. The performer should offer seat, sandalwood paste, flowers and say 'may all the items (*upacāras*) of showing honour be complete by means of *yava* grains.' Then *apasavyam*. He offers *āsana* (seat), sandalwood paste and flowers and declares 'may all the *upacāras* be completed by means of sesamum grains.' Then *savyam*. He offers welcome to the *dava* brāhmanas, to which they respond by saying 'susvāgatam' (it is a good welcome). Then he should say 'here is *pādya* for you, O Viśve devas called Purūrava and Ādrava! Bhūr-bhuvah-svah to the (*daiva*) brāhmana'; the response is 'supādyam'. He should wash the feet of (the *dava*) brāhmana or brāhmanas with the mantra 'śan no devir' (Rg X. 94, vide n. 968). Then he wears the thread in the *apasavya* way and offers welcome to the *pitrya* brāhmana or brāhmanas representing the three male ancestors<sup>1100</sup> and offers to give *pādya* to them and they respond with the words 'susvāgatam' and 'supādyam'. He also employs the verse 'śan no devir' as in the case of *dava* brāhmanas.

Then the performer casts away the *pantra* worn so far, washes his hands and feet, performs *ācamana* and wears two *pavītras*. Then *savyam*. He says 'welcome to all.' They respond with 'susvāgatam'. Then holding the right hand (except the thumb) of the *daiva* brāhmanas he says 'Ye gods, occupy seats'; they respond by saying 'susamāśmahe' (we have well occupied them). Then *apasavyam*. He addresses similar words to *pitrya* brāhmanas who respond in a similar way. Then *savyam*. He seeks permission in the words 'I

1099. For mandalas vide above pp 456-457.

1100. The पाद्य would be offered in the words 'पित, असुक्शर्मन् असुक्शोत्र वसु रूप ब्रह्मणे सुसुव. स्व, इदं ते पाद्यम्'. In the case of the पितामह and प्रपितामह the words वसु रूप and आदित्य रूप would respectively be substituted for वसु रूप. We have to construe as ब्रह्मणे ते पाद्यम् (अस्तु) and सुसुव. स्व. as the mantra accompanying the पाद्य.

shall perform the Pratisāmvatsarika śrāddha of my pitrs that has been begun'. The brāhmanas say 'do so'. Then the verse 'śam no devīr' (Rg. X. 9. 4) is repeated and also the words 'thou art yava, separate from us those who hate us and who are our enemies'. Then *apasavyam*. The following texts are repeated viz. Rg. X. 9.4, Rg. X. 15.1 and with the mantra 'The asuras, rāksasas, the piśācas, that dwell along the earth are struck down; may they go from this place elsewhere wherever their mind may be fixed', he scatters sesamum grains everywhere and repeats the mantra, Rg. X. 87.1. There are eight Vasus, eleven Rudras and twelve Ādityas. Let there be protection given by Viṣṇu at the door where śrāddha is being performed and may this spot be Gayā. The brāhmanas reply 'Let it be a good spot.' Then *savyam*. He sprinkles drops of water with darbhas over the food that is cooked for the śrāddha dinner with the mantras viz. Rg. IX. 58, 1, IX. 67. 26-28 and with the three Vyāhrtis and the Gāyatri. Then he requests 'May there be purity of the cooking' and 'may the sprinkling of the cooked food be according to the rules prescribed,' to which the response is 'so be it.' Then the verse 'āgacchantu mahābhāgaḥ' (vide note 984) is recited and the brāhmanas reply 'we are careful (or attentive).' Then *apasavyam*. He announces 'contemplating upon this spot where śrāddha is being performed as Gayā and concentrating the mind on Gadādhara (Viṣṇu) and the pitrs in the form of Vasus and the like, the śrāddha (rite) proceeds'. The brāhmanas say 'do proceed.' Then *savyam*. He gives water on the hand of the *daiva* brāhmanas, places on the right side of the seat occupied by them two darbhas together with yavas with his upturned right hand held by the left hand and says with the Vyāhrtis (Bhūr, bhuvah, svah) 'this is the seat for the brāhmana representing the Viśva devas called Purūrava and Ārdrava'. The brāhmana replies 'evāsanam'. This is done also for the second *daiva* brāhmana. He then says 'Please sit down here, though art Dharma' and seizing the brāhmana's hand (except the thumb) he says 'accept the invitation for being *daiva* brāhmana in the Pratisāmvatsarika śrāddha.' The response is 'so be it.' Then reaching the *arghya* water, he sprinkles the ground in front of the (*daiva*) brāhmanas with water, spreads two darbhas (in front of each *daiva* brāhmana) with their tips towards the east, places down two vessels with their tops turned downwards, sprinkles water over them with the Gāyatri mantra, raises the vessels up (i. e. turns their tops upwards), again sprinkles water over them and places over them (the two

vessels) two kūrcas <sup>1101</sup> with the tips turned to the east, pours into them water and invokes the water once with the mantra, 'śan no devīr' (Rg. X. 9. 4). Then he puts yava grains into the two *arghya* vessels for daiva brāhmanas with the mantra 'Yavosi dhānyarājō vā' (note 985) and also sandalwood paste, flowers, basil leaf and performs obeisance. He says 'May all the upācāras be completed by means of yavas; the two *arghya* vessels for daiva brāhmanas are fully ready'. The response is 'susampanne'. He says 'svāhā, these are *arghya* waters'. The response is 'let there be *arghya* waters'. Placing his left hand in which he holds kuśas and yava grains on the right knee of the daiva brāhmana and holding in his (right) hand yava grains he says 'I shall invoke the Viśve devas called Purūrava and Ārdrava to be present in you'. They respond 'do invoke'. He invokes the Viśve-devas with the mantra 'viśve devāsa' (Rg II. 47. 13) separately repeated as regards each daiva brāhmana. He says, 'I invoke the Viśve devas with the mantra 'viśve devāḥ śrutemām' (Rg. VI. 52. 13). Having invoked Viśve devas he casts the remaining yava grains on the ground near the feet of the daiva brāhmanas. Then he gives water to them (daiva brāhmanas) and he puts in their hands the darbhas placed over the *arghya* vessels; he says 'O Viśve devas called Purūrava and Ārdrava! this is *arghya* water for you; svāhā, adoration'. They respond 'let there be *arghya*'. Repeating the mantra 'yā divyā āpaḥ' (vide Āśv. Gr. IV. 7. 13 above in n. 966) he says 'this *arghya* has been offered, it is no longer mine.' They respond 'let it be so offered'. The same process is followed as to the second daiva brāhmana. Then he offers fragrant <sup>1102</sup> substances (sandalwood paste etc.), flowers, basil leaves, incense, lamp, and cash according to his ability as substitute for garment, *gopīcandana* for unguent, sacred chord and two kuśa blades for pavitra with the words 'O Viśve devāḥ, called Purūrava and Ārdrava! these are fragrant substances for you according

1101. कूर्च is a bundle of fifteen darbhas one cubit long having tops of four angulas in length and having a knot two angulas from the bottom part. पञ्चदशदर्भैर्मणितं चतुरङ्गुलाम् द्वचङ्गुलयन्धि हस्तमात्रं प्रोक्षणकूर्चम्। वैश्वानसस्मार्त-सूत्र 1. 8.

1102. Each of the things is offered with the same formula and as to each there is a response from the brāhmanas with 'su' prefixed to each article offered. It would be like this 'युरुवार्द्रवसंज्ञका विश्वेदेवाः यथा भागशः अमी यो गन्था स्वाहा नमः। सुगन्थाः। युरु..विश्वेदेवा यथा भागश एव यो वीपः स्वाहा नमः सुवीपः.' and so on.

to your portions; svāhā, adoration'. When offering a garment or cash therefor he recites 'yuvā suvāsaḥ' (Rg. III. 8.4). Then he says 'these items viz. *gandha*, leaves, flowers, incense, lamp ending with covering (garment) be all of them complete. Let there be good worship in the rite of worship; May that which is wanting or is excessive be according to prescribed rules'. The brāhmanas respond 'astu vidhivat' and the performer recites the verse 'I do obeisance to Acyutā by remembering whom or by uttering whose name whatever is wanting in *tapas* (observances) or sacrifices becomes at once perfect'.

Then he says to the pitrya brāhmanas 'with your permission I shall offer worship to the pitrs'. They reply 'do offer.' Then *apasavyam*. After bending his right knee, the performer says 'Bhūr bhuvah svah to Brahman, this is the seat for my father, grandfather and great-grandfather, named N. N., whose gotra is so and so and who are identical with Vasu, Rudra and Āditya'. So saying he offers double-folded darbhas with sesamum grains to the pitrya brāhmanas who reply 'svāsanam'. Then follows the same procedure as regards pitrya brāhmanas which has been already set out as to daiva brāhmanas. The only difference is that instead of two darbhas three darbhas are spread on the ground with their tips towards the south, three vessels are placed towards south-east with faces downwards and three double-folded darbhas are placed on each of the three vessels, instead of 'yavosi' the mantra is 'tilosi somadevatyaḥ' (vide note 966) and instead of 'svāhā namah' the words 'svadhā namah' are employed, and instead of *tulasi* leaf *bhrngarāja* leaf is employed. In *āvāhana* the performer places his left hand holding kuśas and sesame on the left knee of the pitrya brāhmana and the verse repeated is 'usantas tvā' (Rg. X. 16. 12) as to each pitrya brāhmana and he should honour the pitrs by repeating one mantra 'a yantu nah' (Vāj. S. 19. 58). He offers *arghya*<sup>1103</sup> water with the right hand supported by the left to the father and the other two paternal ancestors. He brings together the *samsravas*<sup>1104</sup> in the first pitrya vessel and anoints his face with that water, if he desires a son. The brāhmanas respond 'may you have a son'.

1103. The form will be: अयो दत्त्वा पात्रोपस्थित्यर्घ्यं विप्रस्ते दत्त्वा अस्मत्पितरि वै ते अर्घ्यम् । अस्त्वर्घ्यम् । अपसस्यम् । या दिव्या आपः हृदियी० । दिवे हृदमर्घ्यं दत्तं न मम । अस्तु दत्तम् । सत्यम् । पितामहे वै तेऽर्घ्यम् । अस्त्वर्घ्यम् । अपसस्यम् । या दिव्या० । पितृनिहाये-  
दमर्घ्यं दत्तं न मम । and so on for मयितामहे.

1104. For संस्रव, vide note 1001.



He places the vessel containing *samsravas* with the top upside down on darbhas to the north of the daiva vessel, with the mantra 'thou art a place for the pitrs.' Then *gandha*, flowers with *tulasī* and *bhrngarāja* leaves, incense, lamp, garment or cash therefor, *gopīcandana*, sacred chord, betelnut, kuśas for pavitra are offered to the pitrs and he repeats the verse 'idam pitrbhyaḥ' (Rg. X. 15. 2). After repeating the verse 'yat smṛtyā' (vide above) there is 'savyam'. The performer says 'with your permission I shall prepare maṇḍalas and place the plates'. The response is 'do so'. On the spot where the plates for daiva brāhmanas are to be placed a four-cornered maṇḍala beginning from the south-west to north-east and made with the right hand towards it and on the spot for the plates for pitrya brāhmanas the mandala is circular beginning from north-east to south-west made with the left hand towards it. Then the plates for the diners are to be placed inside those maṇḍalas. Then taking holy ashes (*apasavyam*) he draws a line round the plates for pitrya brāhmanas with the mantra 'pīśaṅga-bhristīm' (Rg. I. 133. 5). Then *savyam*. Then round the plates of the *daiva* brāhmanas he draws lines with the mantras 'raksā no' (Rg. IV. 3. 14) and 'brahma ca' (Rg. X. 4. 7) and two more verses (probably Paurāṇic) which pray that the mark made with ashes may guard all, just as Visnu protects the worlds. Just as Visnu renders ineffective the eyes of all men of evil sight, so one should make a mandala with ashes and when this is done there is no blemish in sitting in the same row for dining. Then the purification of the hand (right) of the brāhmanas is done, beginning with the pitrya brāhmana first. Then the performer requests 'let me perform *agnaukarāṇa* with your permission in the hand'<sup>1105</sup> of the (pitrya) brāhmana.' The reply is 'do so'. Then *apasavyam*. Taking some cooked food and anointing it with clarified butter and dividing it into parts, having touched the two parts placed towards the south he says 'this for Soma accompanied by the Pitrs, this for Agni, the carrier of kavya' and having spread the left hand underneath the right hand, having cut off portions from the middle and the part to the east according to the rules for *avadānas* <sup>1106</sup>

<sup>1105</sup> If there are three brāhmanas to represent the three paternal ancestors, then he should say 'in the hands of the brāhmanas'. The *Nṛmayasindhu* (III. Uttarārdha p. 440) says that a widower performs *agnaukarāṇa* in the hand of the daiva brāhmana.

<sup>1106</sup> As laid down in *Āśv. gr* I. 7. 10-12 the अवदानधर्मः are उपस्तरणं द्विलिख्यवदानं हविरवदानयोश्च मत्पमिधारणम्.

and having poured clarified butter on the food in the vessel and on the food cut off for oblations, he should offer the oblations with the words 'To Soma accompanied by pitrs, *svadhā* and adoration; this for Soma with the pitrs and it is not (now) mine' and 'to Agni the bearer of *Karya*, *svadhā* and adoration; this is for Agni Kavyavāhana and not mine.' This is the mode everywhere. He touches water with the left hand and repeats the following (which is called 'samsthā-japa' and occurs in *Āśv. Śr. I 11.15*) 'Om ca me.. te namah'. Obeisance to Agni. *Svasti*. Then he prays 'O Kavyavāhana! bestow on me faith, memory, glory, intelligence, learning, intellect, wealth, strength, long life, brilliance, health.' He says 'offering has been made on the hand'. The response is 'suhutam'. Then he pours ghee on the vessel containing the food and repeats 'mūrdhānam divah' (*Rg VI 7. 1*) Then the brāhmanas should cast the food on their hands in the vessel over which ghee has been poured and then mutter Trisuparna,<sup>1107</sup> the hymns to *anna* (*Rg. I 187. 1-11* and several others) and other hymns. Then certain paṛvanic verses should be repeated, viz 'Devatā-bhyah' (note 1020), the verse 'one should always recite at a śrāddha these holy places viz Kuruksetra, Gayā, Gangā Prabhāsa and Puskara', the two verses<sup>1108</sup> 'saptavyādha' (note 994a) and three more verses, one speaking of adoration to pitrs and the other two praying to Visnu and Śiva for favours. Then *savyam*. Then he sprinkles water (proksana) on the food with the Gāyatrī mantra. Then bending his right knee he silently spills water. Then holding the plate with the right hand above and the left hand below he utters the mantra 'the earth is thy vessel<sup>1108a</sup>, the heaven is the lid I sacrifice thee in the brāhmana's mouth. I sacrifice thee in the Prāna (breath) and Apāna (breath) of learned brāhmanas. Thou art imperishable. Do not perish for these (Fathers) here and in the next world.' Then he repeats 'ato devā' (*Rg. I 22. 16*) and 'O Visnu, guard the sacrificial food'. With the hand

1107. For Trisuparna, vide p. 364 note 862a. The अथर्ववेद are *Rg. I. 437. 1-11, IV. 31. 1-3* and several others which the brāhmanas are in the habit of reciting in these days.

1108. The meaning of the two verses (in note 994a) viz. सप्तव्याधा has been stated above on p. 445.

1108 a. For 'Pṛthivī te pātram' vide note 992

turned downwards he thrusts in the food (served in the plate) the root of the thumb of the brāhmana turned downwards and should revolve it (in the food) from right to left. Then touching the plate with his left hand the performer should say 'The Viśve devās called Purūṭava and Ārdrava are the deity, this food is the sacrificial offering, this brāhmana serves as *āhavanīya* fire, this place is Gayā, this brāhmana diner is Gadādhara, this food is Brahma, the golden vessel is the shade of the Aksayyavata (at Gayā). This food together with the flavouring dishes which is already served (in the plate) and which may be served therein (later), is the sacrificial food offered to the Viśve devas called Purūṭava and Ārdrava till this brāhmana is satisfied. Adoration. It is not mine. *Om Tat Sat*. May the food offered at the fourteen spots such as Visnupada at Gayā be inexhaustible!'. So saying he should cast on the ground towards the left side of the plate water mixed with darbhas and yavas. He says 'May Gadādhara (Visnu) of Gayā be pleased'. The brāhmaṇas respond 'May he be pleased'. Then he repeats 'Ye devāso' (Rg. I. 139.11). Then he says 'with the permission of the daiva brāhmanas I shall present food to the Father and others'. They reply 'do so'. Then *apasavyam*. Then silently sprinkling water round the plate, and touching the plate (of the pitrya brāhmana) with the left hand above and the right hand below it, he repeats the formula 'prthivi te pātram ..loke' (vide p 444 note 992) and the verse 'idam Visnur' (Rg. I. 22. 17) and say 'O Visnu! guard the *kavya* food,' he should thrust the root of the thumb of the (pitrya) brāhmana in the food (served in the plate) and revolve it from right to left. Then touching the plate (of the pitrya brāhmana) with the left hand he should say 'the father, grand-father and great-grand-father are *devatā*, this food is of the nature of *kavya*, the brāhmana is in place of the *āhavanīya* fire, this place is Gayā, this dining brāhmana is Gadādhara, this food is Brahma, this silver plate is the shade of the Aksayyavaṭa (at Gayā), svadhā to my father, grandfather and great-grandfather named so and so, of gotra so and so, that are Vasu, Rudra and Āditya respectively, this food with the side dishes that is already served in the plate and that may be served (later) is *kavya* up till this brāhmana is satiated. Adoration! It is not mine. *Tat sat*. May the food given at the 14 spots such as Rudrapada at Gayā be inexhaustible. May Gadādhara of Gayā be pleased.' The brāhmana replies 'May he be pleased.' He then repeats the verse 'ye ceha pitaro' (Rg. X. 15. 13) and says 'May the food

intended for the *pitrs* please them'. Then *sayyam*.<sup>1109</sup> Then *naiṛedya* is offered with the verse 'brahmārpanam' (Gītā 4. 24) and with three more verses in which Hari is said to be giver and the enjoyer and the food as having both natures viz. those of *pitrs* and *devas* and ultimately he winds up by saying 'tat sat brahmārpanamastu'. Then *apasavyam*. Then two verses are repeated in which adoration is offered to the feet of Śiva, Visnu, Brahmā and other gods, in which even remembrance of Gayā-ksetra is highly eulogised. Adoration to Kāśī Viśveśvara! adoration to Visnu and Gadādhara at Gayā! Then *sayyam*. Then he says 'I shall repeat in your hearing the *madhumati* verses beginning with 'madhu vāta' (Rg. I 90. 6-8). Then he repeats the word 'madhu' thrice. The *brāhmanas* respond 'aumadhu, all food is sweet.' Then *apasavyam*. Then a verse in praise of Visnu (eko Viṣṇur &c.) 'there is one great Being viz. Visnu &c.' is recited and the performer says 'May Janārdana Visnu who has assumed the form of my father, grandfather and great-grandfather be pleased by this feeding of *brāhmanas* at the *pratisamvatsarika śrāddha* of my *pitrs*'. The response is 'may he be so pleased'. *Tat sat brahmārpanam-astu*. Then having given water to the *brāhmanas* for *apośana*<sup>1109a</sup> (then *sayyam*) he says 'partake of (the food) at your pleasure' and 'though art the first layer of nectar'. Then he repeats the mantra<sup>1110</sup> 'fixing myself in faith and in Prāṇa I offer nectar; being beneficent enter me without burning me. Svāhā to Prāṇa'. This is repeated as to Apāna, Vyāna, Udāna, Samāna with the substitution of each of these four remaining life-breaths. Then he winds up 'my soul is in Brahma for the sake of immortality' and then 'svāhā to Brahma'. Then the hands are purified (by washing them with water). After muttering the Gāyatrī verse ten times or three times, he repeats the hymn to Śrāddhā (Rg.

1109. The printed text is विदुम्यः सङ्कल्पितः शीघ्रतया. This makes hardly any sense. I take that what is intended is विदुन् सङ्कल्पितमन्नं शीघ्रवतु or पितरः सङ्कल्पितेन (अन्नेन) शीघ्रतया.

1109a. 'Apośana' literally means 'taking or drinking water'. It is a technical term applied to the sipping of water before beginning a meal with the words 'amrtopastaranamasī' and after the eating is finished with the words 'amrtāpīdhanamasī'. Vide Tai. Ā. X. 32, Āp. M. P. II.10.3-4, Āśv. gr. I.24.12, Yāj. I.31 and 106.

1110 The mantras are अद्वापां माणे निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोति शिवो माविशामवाहाय। माणाय स्वाहा। अद्वापासपाने निविष्टोऽ and so on माणे निविष्टोऽमृतं जुहोति ब्रह्मणे म आत्माभूतत्वाय—is आप म पा II. 20.26. The whole passage from माणे निविष्टो to अभूतत्वाय occurs in तै. आ. X. 34.

X. 151. 1-5). Then the performer requests 'you should ask for what is wanted; seating yourself you should with minds at ease eat at your pleasure. You should take from the foods and vegetables that are cooked and are ready whatever pleases you and should discard what you do not like. You should eat at ease'. They respond 'we partake (of the food)'. He says 'I shall recite the hymns called Rāksoghna <sup>1111</sup> as far as I can.' They respond 'repeat'. Then towards the end of the dinner a little boiled rice with curds (should be served) and nectar-like Ganges water. He says 'everything is perfect. Ask for whatever you like out of the sacrificial food that is cooked'. They respond 'we have had enough'. He says 'I shall recite the Madhumatī verses (Rg. I. 90 6-8) in your hearing'. They respond 'recite them'. Then *apasavyam*. He recites Rg. I. 82.2 <sup>1112</sup> and should say 'The śrāddha called so and so is completed'. They should respond '*susampannam*'. Then *savyam*. He asks 'Ye Viśvedevāḥ! are you satisfied?' They reply 'we are satisfied'. Then *apasavyam*. He asks 'Ye (brāhmanas) representing my father, grandfather and great-grandfather! are you satisfied?'. They reply 'We are satisfied'. He asks 'what is to be done with the food that remains?'. They reply 'it may be eaten in the company of your friends (and relatives)'. Then *savyam*.

Then the performer declares that he would perform in the Prati-sāmvatsarika-śrāddha *pinḍapradāna* (the offering of lumps of rice) together with water and sesamum grains. They reply 'do so'. 'Let food be given to those who take as their share what remains outside the plates of the brāhmana diners'. The performer says <sup>1112</sup> 'May all the (deceased) men and women slaves that were born in the performer's household obtain satisfaction by the food given by me on the ground'. (Then he offers water to the brāhmanas with the words) 'thou art the nectarial lid' (or covering). He says 'May the water given to those who hanker for it, who dwell in Padma and Arbuda and

1111. The hymn beginning with कृष्णव पाजः (Rg. IV. 4. 1-15) is called राक्षोघ्न. The first five verses of it are पाज सं. 13. 9-13. All fifteen verses occur in ते सं. I. 2. 14. 1-6. So also are Rg. X. 87 (beginning with राक्षोघर्ष पाजिनमजिधर्मि), Rg. VII. 104 (beginning with इन्द्रासोमा तपन्तं राक्ष उज्जतं), Rg. X. 118, Rg. X. 162.

1111 a अक्षयमीदृशं दद्यात् अथ विद्या अधुपत...हरी॥ This is ऋ. I. 82.2, वाज. सं. III. 51, ते. सं. I. 8. 5. 2.

1112 Compare मनु III. 246, which is the same as विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 81.23, मत्स्य 17.57, परशुराम (सुष्टिसिंह 9 186).

Raurava (hells) full of pus reach them inexhaustibly'. Then *apasavyam*. He repeats the mantra <sup>1113</sup> 'The asuras and rākṣasas that sit on the altar are struck and driven away' (Vāj. S. II. 29). Sprinkling the ground with water and strewing thereon darbhas cut with one stroke that have their tips turned towards the south-east he says <sup>1114</sup> 'May the Fathers wash themselves, may the grandfathers wash themselves, may the great-grandfathers wash themselves'. In the same way he should sprinkle on the kuśa grass water mixed with sesamum grains for the mothers and the rest. Then he says 'This (food) is for thee, my father named so and so, of such and such gotra, who is (to be contemplated) as Vasu and for those who come here after thee; this is the pinda for thee <sup>1115</sup>, svāhā! This pinda occupying the position of a pinda offered at Gayā is presented to my father named so and so and of such and such gotra and who is in the place of Vasu, it is (now) not mine'. Similar formulas are repeated for the pinda offered to the grandfather (who is styled 'Rudrarūpa' instead of 'Vasurūpa') and to the great-grandfather (who is styled 'Ādityarūpa'). Then he utters 'Tat sat.' 'May whatever is offered in Gayā at the fourteen spots such as Viṣṇupada be inexhaustible'. Then he wipes off on the roots of <sup>1116</sup> the darbhas on which the pindas are placed the particles (of rice, ghee and water) sticking to his hand for the gratification of those that are entitled to the wipings. Having uttered <sup>1117</sup> once over the pindas the mantra 'O fathers; regale yourselves here, come as bulls each to his share', he should turn towards the north with the left side of his body,

1113. He draws with the roots of darbhas as many lines (as the number of pindas offered, 3 or 6) repeating this mantra at each line (Vāj. S. II. 29).

1114. This is taken from आश्व औ. सू II 6 14-15 'मेक्षणेनानुग्रहय माचीनावीती लेखं विदुकेनोपनयेत् शुभ्रान्ता पितरः . प्रपितामहा इति । तस्या पिण्डान् निष्पृथीयात् पराचीनपाणि । पित्रे पितामहाय प्रपितामहायैतत्तैःसौ ये च स्वामन्त्राग्निः । Compare आप. म पा II 20. 4-7 माजैयन्तां नम पितरो etc g. in note 1060 above; vide n. 1053 for पराचीनपाणि.

1115. With the food that remains after अन्नोक्षण mixed with honey, sesamum grains and ghee pindas are made by the performer or are got made by his wife and are offered by the पितृतीर्थ. Vide note 962.

1116. For लेपभाज. vide n. 1086 above.

1117. Vide n. 960a for अन्न पितरो मादधध्वं .. यद्यस्य and अमीमदन्त पितरो... यीपत The words in the text are taken from आश्व औ सू II 6 16-21 on पिण्ड विपुत्र्यज्ञ 'निष्पृथाननुमन्त्रयेतात्र पितरो माद यधामिति । सप्याष्टद्वयस्वत्यं यथाशक्त्यभाजं क्षासित्वाभिषेपाष्टव्यामीम...यीपतेति । चरो प्राणभक्षं भक्षयेत् ।'.

and having held his breath according to his ability he should return to the original position and utter the words 'the Fathers regaled themselves and came like bulls, each to his share' and having smelt the remains of the boiled rice from which pindas are made from the left side (to the right) he should cast the pindas (on the darbhas) and should partake of the boiled rice by taking in as much steam and flavour out of it as he can by smelling it. He should say 'my father! N. N. by name, so and so by gotra, apply unctuous substance'; with these words he should anoint the pindas by means of darbhas with ghee or sesamum oil. And he should apply collyrium to the pindas with the words 'O father! N. N. by name and so and so by gotra apply collyrium'. He should put on the pindas unctuous substance, collyrium and garment,<sup>1118</sup> the last being the fringe of a garment or a tuft of wool with the words 'O fathers! this is the garment for you, do not take up any other (garment) than this'. Then *savyam*. He then says 'I shall offer worship to the pindas for the prosperity of my family'. He then offers to the pitrs present in the pindas *pādya*, *arghya*, water for ācamana, bath, *gandha*, flowers, *bhrngarāja* leaf, incense, lamp and *navedya* of apūpa (cakes) and *pāyasa* (rice cooked in milk), *tāmbūla* and *dakṣinā*, using the word 'svadhā' after each of them. Then he should worship<sup>1119</sup> them with the mantra 'Fathers! obeisance to you for the sake of food, for strength, for śusma, for the non-terrible (*aghora*), for *jīva*, for *rasa*; svadhā to you, O pitrs, obeisance to you; these are yours, O pitrs! these are ours; we are your living (descendants), may we be alive here!' He then recites the verses<sup>1120</sup> Rg. X. 57. 3-5. Having thus worshipped them he then (*apasavyam*) with the palm of the hand turned upwards moves the pindas with the mantra<sup>1121</sup> 'paretana' which means 'O fathers who love soma

1118 Vide आश्व औ सू II 7 6 'वासो दद्याद् दशमूर्णास्तुकां वा पञ्चाशद्वर्षताया ऊर्ध्वं स्वं लोम एतद्गः पितरो वासो मा नोतोन्यत् पितरो युग्धमिति' The text translated is based on this, when the performer is over 50 years of age he may place on the pinda the hair from his chest.

1119. नमो वः पितर इये नमो वः पितर ऊर्जे ... सन्त. स्वाम—This passage is taken *verbatim* from आश्व औ सू II. 7. 7.

1120 मनो न्वा हुवामह इति तिसृभिः । आश्व औ सू II 7. 8. अप औ सू I. 10. 5 calls them मनस्वती verses, as the word मन. occurs in each of the three.

1121. परेतन—compare ते सं. I. 8. 5. 2 'परेत पितर सोम्या गम्भीरेः पथिभिः पूर्वे ।' The 2nd half is different. The आश्व औ सू II. 7 8 says that he should pour a stream of water with this mantra on the pindas which represent the Fathers for the time being.

drink! Go away by the sombre ancient paths, after bestowing on us wealth and endow us here with auspicious prosperity and all valiant sons'. He should repeat thrice the prayer 'O fathers! bestow on us a valiant son' <sup>1122</sup>.

Then *saṃyam*. On the ground near the plates of the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas he scatters food together with yavas and water with the verse 'I shall offer food scattered (*vikīra*) near the Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas to those gods to whom no soma drink is offered and who are bereft of a share in sacrifices; this scattered food is offered to Viśvedevas who do not partake of the soma drink; it is not (now) mine'. Then *apasāryam*. He says 'I shall offer food scattered near *pitṛya* brāhmanas on the ground covered with darbhas to those who died without the *samskāras* being performed for them and to those women of my family who left the family (for bad deeds); this scattered food is presented to those boys and girls that came out of the womb; it is not mine'. So saying he strews food with water and sesamum seeds and then says after reciting Rg. X. 15.14 'this pinda made from the remainder of the food and occupying the position that a pinda given at Gayā occupies, has been offered to those persons who were born in my family and died and who were cremated or were not cremated; this is not mine'. So saying he offers near the *pitṛya* brāhmanas a ball of rice and water mixed with sesamum grains.

Then he washes his hands and feet, sips water twice and puts on his finger a *pavitra* with the mantra 'pavitravantah' (Rg IX. 73. 3). He then requests that the water in the hands of the *daiṇya* brāhmanas be auspicious (or beneficial). The brāhmanas reply 'may the waters be auspicious.' In the same way there are requests for goodwill, for protection due to yavas, for long life, welfare, peace, prosperity, contentment and responses by the *daiṇya* brāhmanas giving blessings as to these. Then *apasāryam*. Then the same request for auspiciousness of waters, goodwill, protection by sesamum grains &c. and blessings about them by *pitṛya* brāhmanas. Then the performer requests 'may my family increase (or prosper) and may the procedure of worshipping the pindas be good,' to which the *pitṛya* brāhmanas respond 'may

1122. वीरे मे दत्त पितर. — If the wife desires a son then with this mantra the middle pinda is given over to her and she eats it with the mantra आधत्त पितरो गर्भम्. Vide note 780 for that mantra. The अथैव औ च. II 7. 12-13 says 'वीरे मे दत्त पितर इति पिण्डानां मध्यमम् । पत्नी प्राशयेदापच . . सदिति ।'



it be so.' Then raising the *pranītā* <sup>1122a</sup> vessel the performer requests 'May you say that the water and food and the like offered in the Pratisāmvatsarikaśrāddha to pitṛ, pitāmaha and pra-pitāmaha, so and so by name and gotra, be inexhaustible.' The *pitṛya* brāhmanas reply 'so be it.' Then *saṃyam*. The same request is made to the *daiva* brāhmanas and the reply is the same. Then gold is given to the *daiva* brāhmanas and silver to *pitṛya* brāhmanas and the performer says 'may the *daksinās* (fees) given to the brāhmanas that ate the śrāddha dinner protect (me).' They reply 'may they do so.' Then he says 'I shall request you to utter the word *svadhā*!' They reply 'do so.' Then *apasavyam*. Then he says 'May (the brāhmanas representing) father, grandfather and great-grandfather utter the word *svadhā*.' They reply 'let there be *svadhā*.' Then he should place over the pindas sesamum grains and water. Then he says 'May you declare that *svadhā* be accomplished.' They reply 'may *svadhā* be accomplished.' Then *saṃyam*. Then he says 'may you say that the gods led by Agni be pleased.' They reply 'may the *Viśvedevāḥ* be pleased.' Then *apasavyam*. Then he requests 'May you declare that the pitṛs led by the Vasus be pleased'. They reply 'may the pitṛs be pleased.' *Saṃyam*. He says 'May you declare that there is accomplishment of the *sankalpa*' (made at the beginning of the rite). They reply 'May there be accomplishment of the *sankalpa*'. He asks 'were the vegetables and cooked food liked by the pitṛs'. They reply 'they were most excellent'. Then the performer decks himself by applying sandal paste to his forehead. After doing obeisance to the pindas he requests for blessings for his family (which are the same as those set out above from the Padma-purāṇa on p 452 above) and one more blessing 'May persons beg of us but may we not beg of any one' (vide n. 998). The brāhmanas reply in the same words only employing the words 'you' or 'your' for 'us' or 'our'.

He says 'I shall remove the pindas'. They reply 'do remove'. Then he repeats the verses 'Tad Viśnoḥ' (Rg. I. 22.20), 'Tad viprāso' (Rg. I. 22.21) and two more verses and then a Paurāṇic verse enumerating the seven holy cities of Ayodhyā, Mathurā, Māyā, Kāśi, Kāñci, Avantikā and Dvārakā. He says 'May there be peace, prosperity and contentment on the spot where the pindas are'. They reply 'these (peace &c) dwell in their own places'. He says 'I shall

1122a. For मणीतपात्र vide H. of Dh. vol II. pp. 208, 1022-23.



one should repeat each verse with āhava separately uttered. The performer should follow the brāhmanas up to the boundary (of the village). He says 'whatever blemish there may be in *japa*, *tapas* or śrāddha rite—may all that become free from blemish by the favour of brāhmanas. I do adoration to that Acyuta (Visnu) by remembering whom &c. O best of brāhmanas! may this śrāddha, even if devoid of mantras, or of some rite or of faith, become perfect by your favour'. Then he concludes 'May Janārdana Vāsudeva who assumes the forms of father, grand-father and great-grand-father be pleased by this sacrifice, viz. the pratisāmvatsarika-śrāddha of the pitrs. This is a sacrifice to the manes. *Tat sat*. May it be dedicated to Brahma.' Then he repeats the verse 'Vasat te' (Rg. VII. 99 7) and then says 'adoration to Visnu (Visnave namaḥ) thrice and sips water twice. The fruit of offering pindas is stated by Brhaspati and Vṛddha-Parāśara as follows: If the pitrs are in the world of gods they are gratified by the food offered in fire, if they are in the world of pitrs they are gratified by the dinner to brāhmanas and if in hell they are gratified by the balls offered on the ground.<sup>1123a</sup>

Comparing the above rather elaborate and exhaustive procedure with the procedure of pratisāmvatsarikaśrāddha as

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verse 'devānām patnīr' (Rg V. 46 6) or the rk verse referring to Rākā should be recited first in the आशिमास्तुतश्च in वृत्तीयसवन. The conclusion reached is that the verse referring to देवपत्नीस should be recited first by the ह्येत्. In the same context a question is raised whether the Yāmī verse (Rg X 14 4 'Imam yama prastaram') or the Pitryā verses (Rg. X 15 1-3) should be recited first. The conclusion is that the यामी verse should be first recited, then the Kāvya verse (Rg X. 14. 3 'Mātali kavyair') and then the pitryā verses, out of which Rg X. 15. 2 (इदं पितृभ्यो नमो अस्तुद्य) is recited last in which the word नम. occurs. आहव means the mantra शोरेसावोरेम. The figure 3 is a sign of the छुत accent. The sign of छुत shows deliberation आह्व—we have to understand ब्रह्मवादिन as the subject. Then comes the question whether the आहव should be recited at the beginning of each of the three pitryā verses or not. The conclusion is that the आहव should be recited at the beginning of each of the three pitryā verses. Apparently it is rather difficult to say why this passage of the ऐतरेयब्राह्मण should occur in this प्रयोग. The only reason appears to be that the ऐ न्र. passage has something to say about पितृ and hence as this is a प्रयोग for पितृs it is introduced here.

1123 a. पिण्डदानफलमाह बृहस्पति । अग्नौ हुतेन देवस्था. पितृस्था द्विजतर्पणे. । नरक-  
स्थाश्च वृष्यन्ति पिण्डैर्देवैर्जिभिर्भुंति ॥ वृक्षपराशरोपि । ये देवलोकं पितृलोकमापु भासास्तथैवं  
नरकं नरा ये । अग्नौ हुतेन द्विजभोजनेन वृष्यन्तु पिण्डैर्भुंति ते मद्देवै. ॥ q in पृथ्वीचन्द्र  
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practised in Madras in these days only a few points of differences in detail emerge. In the Madras procedure the numerous mantras as set out above (p. 448) do not occur nor does the Tai. Ā. passage occur therein, but the verses in praise of the dust of brāhmana's feet do occur. Most of the mantras both Vedic and Paurāṇic are the same. The blessings (āśrīdāśas) in the Madras manual are more elaborate and include even the performer's cattle in the blessing of health and long life. In the Madras manual several mantras are set out as 'annasūkta' mantras in the procedure itself. The Madras paddhati adds at the end the well known verse 'kāyena vācā manasendriyairvā'.

The procedure for Yajurvedins of the Mādhyandina Śākha in Bengal as set out by Raghunandana in his Yajurvedi-śrāddhatattva is entirely based on the 2nd and 3rd kandikās of the Śrāddha-sūtra of Kātyāyana. The Pārvaṇaśrāddha-prayoga in Halāyudha's Brāhmanasārvasva closely follows Kātyāyana and I am assured by a careful student of Dharmaśāstra that the procedure of pārvaṇaśrāddha followed by Mādhyandinas at Bhatpara in Western Bengal is in strict conformity with the procedure laid down by Raghunandana. The Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana is translated here with some explanations and additions made by Halāyudha and Raghunandana and the whole text, being not very extensive, is given in the note below <sup>1124</sup>.

1124. देवपूर्वं आहं पिण्डपितृयज्ञवहुपचार. पित्र्ये। द्विष्टास्तु दर्भाः पवित्रपणिर्देवा-  
दासीनः सर्वत्र। प्रश्नेषु पट्टिभूयन्त्यं पृच्छति सर्वान्वा। आसनेषु दर्भानास्तीर्य विश्वात् देशाना-  
वाहयिष्य इति पृच्छत्यावाहयेत्यष्टज्ञातो विश्वे देवास आगतेत्यनयावाहवीर्यं विश्वेदेवा-  
ष्टुष्टेममिति जपित्वा पितृनावाहयिष्य इति पृच्छत्यावाहयेत्यष्टुज्ञात उशन्तस्त्वेत्यनयावाहव-  
कीर्यं आयन्तु न इति जपित्वा यज्ञियद्वक्षचमसेषु पवित्रान्तादित्यैकैकस्मिन्पत्रे आसिञ्जति स्नो नो  
देवीरिति। एकैकस्मिन्पत्रे तिलानावपति तिलोसि सोमदेवत्यो गोसवे देवनिमित्तः। प्रत्नमग्निः  
पृक्त. स्वधया पिहृल्लोकान् मीणादि न. स्वाहिति। सौवर्णराजतौदुम्बरसङ्गमणिमयाना पात्राणाम-  
न्यतमेषु यानि वा विद्यन्ते पत्रेषुषेष्टे वैकैकरस्यैकैकेन दद्याति सपवित्रेषु हस्तेषु वा दिव्या आप  
पयसा सम्बध्नुयुर्था अन्तरिक्षा उत पार्थिवीयाः। दिग्ग्यवर्णा यज्ञियास्ता न आप शिवा.  
स्नोनाः सुहवा भवन्ति। असावेप तेऽर्थे इति। प्रथमे पात्रे संवत्समवनीय पितृभ्यः  
स्थानमसीति न्युत्थं पात्रं निदधाति। अत्र गन्धपुष्पदीपवाससां च प्रदानम्। उद्धृत्य घृताक्ष-  
मसं पृच्छत्यग्नौ करिष्य इति। कुण्डलेत्यष्टज्ञातः पिण्डपितृयज्ञवहुत्वा हुतक्षेप दत्त्वा पात्रनालम्प  
जपति पृथिवी ते पात्रं धौरपिधानं ब्राह्मणस्य मुखे अश्वे अश्वत्तु जहोमि स्वाहेति। वैष्णव्या  
यज्ञेषा धातुष्टमक्षेऽग्न्याह्वयदत्ता इति तिलान्मकीर्य उष्णं त्रिदमसं दद्याच्छवस्त्रा वा। अश्वत्थ  
जपेद् व्याहृतिपूर्वा गायत्रीं समणवां सकृत्त्रिंशं राक्षोघ्नी. पित्र्यमन्त्रान् पुनःपुनःकनमतिरधमन्यानि  
च पवित्राणि। वृषाञ्ज्ञात्वाऽसं प्रकीर्य सकृत्सकृदयो दत्त्वा पूर्ववद्वायवीं जपित्वा मधुमतींन्यु  
मध्विति च। वृषाः स्थेति पृच्छति। वृषा. स्तेत्यनुज्ञात क्षेपनजनमुज्ञाप्य सर्वतमसमेकतोद्धृत्यो-

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"The pārvana-śrāddha is preceded by the rite for Viśvedevas. The procedure follows that of Pindapitryajña<sup>1124a</sup>. In the rites for the pitrs double-folded darbhas are to be used (while in Vaiśvadevika rite straight darbhas are used). Whenever any thing is to be gifted, the performer (in all daiva as well as pitrya rites) wears a *pavitra* and makes the gift sitting. (When questions are to be asked) the performer puts the question to the most eminent in the row of diners (to the best daiva brāhmana in daiva rites and to the best pitrya brāhmana in pitrya rites) or he may put the question to all (and the reply is given by one or by all) Spreading darbhas on the seats (he makes the brāhmanas occupy them), he puts the question 'shall I invoke the Viśvedevas (to the daiva brāhmana)'. Being permitted (by the daiva brāhmanas) in the words 'do invoke', he invokes the Viśvedevas with the mantra<sup>1125</sup> 'Viśve devāsa āgata' (Vāj. S. 7. 34 'Ye All Gods, come, listen to this my call and sit down on this darbha grass'). Then he scatters yavas (in front of the brāhmanas), mutters a mantra 'Viśvedevāḥ srūntemam' (Vāj. S. 33. 53, 'Ye All Gods, hear this call of mine'). After this *japa* he asks (the pitrya brāhmanas) 'I shall invoke the pitrs'. When permitted (by the pitrya brāhmanas) in the words 'do invoke', he invokes them with the mantra 'usantas tvā' (Vāj. S. 19. 70, 'O Agni! we longing for our fathers place you down' &c.). Then he scatters (sesamum

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विष्टसमीपे दर्भेषु त्रीक्षीन्पिण्डानवनेज्य दद्यादाचान्तेष्वित्येके । आचान्तेषूदकं पुष्पाण्यक्षता-  
क्षययोदकं च दद्यात् । अघोरा पितरः सन्तु सन्तिव्युक्ते गोत्रं नो वर्धता वर्धतामित्युक्ते दातारो  
नोभिवर्धता वेदाः सन्ततिरेव च । अद्वा च नो मा व्यगमद्बहु देयं च नोस्तिवत्याशिषः प्रतियुह्य  
स्वधावाचनीयान्सपवित्रान् कुशानास्तीर्य स्वधा वाचयिष्ये इति पृच्छति । वाच्यतामित्यनुज्ञातः  
पितृभ्यः पितामहेभ्यः प्रपितामहेभ्यो मातामहेभ्यः प्रमातामहेभ्यो ब्रह्मप्रमातामहेभ्यश्च स्वधेत्युक्ताः  
मिति । अस्तु स्वधेत्युच्यमाने स्वधावाचनीयेषूपो निषिञ्चत्यूर्जमिति । उत्तानं पात्रं कृत्वा यथाः  
शक्तिं दक्षिणा दद्याद् ब्राह्मणेभ्यो विश्वे देवाः प्रोयन्तमिति दैवे वाचयित्वा वाजे वाजेऽवतेति  
विष्टुज्या मा वाजस्येत्यनुब्रज्य प्रदक्षिणीकृत्योपविशेत् ।

1124 a. पिण्डपि ... चार —so the result is: अपराहः कालः, आद्रकतुः प्राचीना-  
वीतिता, दक्षिणाभिमुखता, वामजाह्निपातः, पितृतीर्थं, अप्रादक्षिण्य, दक्षिणापवर्गता, दर्भाणां  
दक्षिणाग्रता चेत्यादयः पैतृकाः धर्माः From this it follows that in वैश्वदेविकज्जाह्नो-  
पचार there are यज्ञोपवीतिता, कर्तृरद्विमुखता, दक्षिणाह्निपातः, देवतीर्थं, प्रादक्षिण्य,  
उदगपवर्गता, प्रागग्रता चेत्यादयो दैविकधर्माः. There are of course a few exceptions  
to the first part, such as दक्षिणादान, स्तोत्रजप and विप्रविसर्जन.

1125. It may be noted that almost all mantras quoted by Kātyāyana are very apt and appropriate for the purposes for which they are to be repeated. For reasons of space the full texts and translation of the mantras could not be given here.

grains in front of the pitrya brāhmanas) and mutters the mantra 'ā yantu naḥ pitarah' (Vaj. S. 19. 58, 'May the soma-loving pitrs come to us' &c.). Then he pours water in each of the cups made of a sacrificial tree (such as palāśa, udumbara &c.), in which a pavitra is dipped with the mantra 'śan no devir' (Vaj. S. 36. 12, 'May the divine waters be for our happiness' &c.). (He puts yavas in the vessel for daiva rite). He puts in each of the cups sesamum grains with the mantra 'Thou art Tila <sup>1126</sup> &c.'. He offers on the hands of each of the brāhmanas (first daiva and then pitrya) that wear a pavitra water in a vessel made of gold, silver, copper, rhinoceros horn or precious stone or in whatever vessels may be available or in vessels made of bunches of leaves with the mantra 'yā divyā <sup>1127</sup> āpah &c.'. The water is offered in the words 'O father' N. N. by name, this is *arghya* for you' (and then to other ancestors). Having mixed together in the first vessel (meant for the father) the drops of water remaining in the other vessels <sup>1128</sup> for other ancestors, he puts down on the ground the first vessel face downwards with the words 'thou art a place for the pitrs'. Then (at this stage) *gandha* <sup>1129</sup> (sandalwood paste), flowers, incense, lamp and garment are offered (to the brāhmanas representing the ancestors).

Having taken out in another vessel some food from out of the food already cooked for śrāddha and having anointed it with ghee he (the performer) asks 'I shall perform *agnau-karana*'. Being permitted by the brāhmanas in the words 'do so', he offers into (grhya) fire oblations <sup>1130</sup> as in Pinda-

1126. तिलोसि This mantra occurs in आश्व य. सू. quoted in note 966 above हलायुध and रघुनन्दन state that यव are to be scattered with the mantra 'यवोऽसि यवयास्मद् द्वेषो यवयारातीः' (वाज. स. 5.26) and sesamum grains are to be scattered with the mantra अपहता अक्षुरा रक्षसि वेदिपदः (वाज. स. 2.29). Vide य. I. 230.

1127. For the मन्त्र 'या दिव्या etc.' vide note 956 above.

1128 There are six ancestors, three paternal and three maternal and therefore six vessels, drops of water from five vessels are poured into the first vessel रघुनन्दन adds that the first vessel is covered with the vessel for great-grandfather and is then put down with top downwards. The ब्राह्मणसर्वस्व explains 'तत्र च पितरस्तिष्ठन्तीति बृहस्पतिः । आहुतास्तत्र तिष्ठन्ति पितरः आहूयेवताः'.

1129. रघुनन्दन adds 'गन्धादीनां द्वन्द्वनिर्वेशान्मिलितानामेव तन्त्रेण पित्रादिक-सुद्धिर्भवत्युत्तमः'.

1130. Both हलायुध and रघुनन्दन state that the two मन्त्रसः in अग्नीकरणे are 'ओं अग्नये कव्यवाहताय स्वाहा, ओं सोमाय पितृभूते स्वाहा'.

pitrayajña, having served (into all the plates for all the brāhmanas invited) the food that remains after being offered in fire, he touches with his hands (above and below each plate) and repeats the mantra 'The earth is thy vessel &c.' (notes 992, 1108a). (He keeps some food aside for making pindas later on). Then (having served the food in the plates) he plunges the thumb of the brāhmanas in the food with a rk (Rg. I. 22. 17, 'idam Visnur vicakrame') addressed to Visnu or with a Yajus so addressed ('Visno kavyamidam raksasva'). Then he scatters about (yavas before dāiva brāhmanas silently and) sesamum grains with the mantra 'apahatā asurā raksānsi vedisadah' (Vāj. S. 2. 29). Then he should serve hot food very much liked (by diners or by the departed) or he may serve such food as he can afford. While the brāhmanas are engaged in eating (the dinner) he should perform *japa* of the following<sup>1131</sup>, viz. the sacred Gāyatrī once or thrice preceded by *om* and the vyāhrtis, the verses called Raksoghñi (note 1111), mantras addressed to the pitrs (Rg. X. 15. 1-13 beginning with 'udratām-avara ut parāsah'), Purusasūkta (Rg. X. 90. 1-16), Apratiratha hymn (Rg. X. 103. 1-13) beginning with 'asuh śisānah') and other holy texts. Then finding that the brāhmanas are satiated with food, he should scatter some food in front of the dining brāhmanas, he should give to each brāhmana water once (for *apoṣana* at the end of dinner). Then he should mutter as before the Gāyatrī, the (three) Madhumatī verses (Rg. I. 90 6-8) and the word 'madhu' (thrice). Then he asks 'are you satiated'. Being permitted by them in the words 'we are satiated', he makes them give their consent as to the rest of the food, collects together all food in one vessel (in order to make pindas from it); he offers (two sets of three pindas, three for paternal ancestors and three for maternal ancestors) on darbhas near the spot where<sup>1132</sup> the brāhmanas dined and left uneaten food in plates and pours water over the pindas for ablution<sup>1133</sup>. Some authors say that pindas are to

1131. It may be noted that in Bengal the numerous verses that are prescribed here for *japa* are apparently not muttered in modern times.

1132. उच्छिष्टसमीपे-शुद्धाधर notes 'ब्राह्मणानामग्रतोऽङ्गं प्रकिरेदिति कर्त्ताचार्याः। पण्डितैर्गृह्यस्योत्तरदिग्भागे अरत्निमात्रे विकिरं दद्यादिति हेमाद्रिः'.

1133. एकतोद्धृत्य is grammatically irregular; it should be एकत उद्धृत्य. The पिण्डs are offered to paternal ancestors with their wives (सपरत्निक) and to maternal ancestors with their wives. The formula would be, अहुकगोत्र

be offered after the brāhmanas perform *ācamana* at the end of the dinner. After they perform *ācamana* he gives to the brāhmanas water, flowers, *akṣatas* and *akṣayyodaka* <sup>1134</sup>. Then he prays for the following blessings. He prays 'may the pitrs be not terrible (i. e. be kind) to us'. The brāhmanas reply 'may they be so'. He prays 'May our family prosper'. They reply 'may it be so'. He prays 'May donors increase in our family'. They reply 'let it be so'. He prays 'May Vedas and our progeny prosper'. The reply is 'May they do so'. He says 'May faith not depart from me'; they say 'May it not depart'. He says 'May we possess many things that we can donate'. They reply 'so be it'. After receiving these blessings he spreads *kuṣas* called *svadhāvācaniya* <sup>1134a</sup> together with *pavitra*s (on the ground near the *pindas* or, on the *pindas* themselves according to *Devayājñika* and others); he asks (all the brāhmanas or the most eminent one) 'shall I request you to utter the word *svadhā*'. Being permitted by them in the words 'May *svadhā* be recited' he prays 'May there be *svadhā* to the pitrs, to the grandfathers, to the great-grand-fathers, to the maternal grandfather, maternal great-grandfather and maternal great-great-grandfather'. When the brāhmanas reply 'May there be *svadhā*' he sprinkles water over the *svadhāvācaniya* *darbhas* with the mantra 'ūrjam vahanātīr' (Vāj. S. II. 34). Then he turns the vessel top upwards (which had been placed with top downwards) and he should give to the brāhmanas *dakṣiṇā* according to his ability. He should make the *daiya* brāhmanas repeat 'May all the gods be pleased'. He should then dismiss the brāhmanas with the mantra 'Vāje vāje' (Vāj. S. 9. 18), he should follow the brāhmanas (up to the village boundary) with the mantra 'ā mā vājasya' (Vāj. S. 9. 19), circumambulate them and then enter his own house.

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अस्मत्पितरस्य कर्मान् सपत्नीक वसु रूप एतच्छेदं स्वधा । इदमस्य कर्माग्नेयस्य कर्मान्  
सपत्नीकाय वसु रूपाय न मम The same formula with appropriate changes is to be  
employed for पितामह, अपितामह, मातामह etc. Some writers proposed that nine  
*pindas* may be offered, three to पितृवर्ग, three to मातृवर्ग and three to मातामह-  
वर्ग हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1445 and 1447) provides that a line for मातृवर्ग should be  
drawn to the west of the one for पितृवर्ग and another line to the west of the  
one for मातृवर्ग for मातामहवर्ग and पिण्डः should be offered in that order.

1134. On अक्षय्योदक, गदाधर explains 'अक्षय्योदकशब्देन दत्ताक्षयानादेतान्मय-  
प्रार्थनसम्बन्धि जलमभिधीयते।' तच्च पितृब्राह्मणेभ्य एवेति कर्कः । सर्वेभ्यो दद्यादिति  
स्मृत्यर्थसरे ।

1134a. सपत्निवात् कुशानास्तीर्य-कर्क and गदाधर explains 'सपत्निवात्सामानि-  
स्पर्थाः ।



It is to be noted that in the Bengal Manual of Pārvanaśrāddha based on the Brāhmanasarvasva of Halāyudha and also on Raghunandana's Yajurvediśrāddhatattva the following details are added after the pindas are placed on the darbhas and before the dismissal of the brāhmanas. He turns towards the north and says 'O pitrs, regale yourselves here and come like bulls each to his portion.' Then he turns round to his former position and says 'the pitrs regaled themselves and came like bulls each to his own share.' Then he loosens <sup>1135</sup> the side of his *dhota* which has been tucked up and then folds up his hands (i.e. offers six namaskāras) with the mantra <sup>1136</sup> 'Namo vah pitaro rasāya' (Vāj. S. II, 32). He smells <sup>1137</sup> the pindas and gives the middle one to his wife, if she desires a son, with the mantra 'ādhatta' (Vāj. S. II 33).

From considerations of space the procedure of pārvanaśrāddha among Hiranyakeśins in modern times is passed over here. Moreover, it closely resembles the procedure in Āśv. Gr. set out above, the principal difference being that some of the mantras are different. The Samskāraratnamālā of Gopinātha deals with this from p. 985 onwards. But one noticeable feature of this last work is that of making hair-splitting distinctions. On p. 985 it refers to two śrāddhas (other than pinda-pitr-yajña) to be performed on amāvāsyā, viz. *māsi-śrāddha* and *māsika-śrāddha*, the first being described by the Dharmasūtra of Hiranyakeśin and the second by the Grhyasūtra. Gopinātha further says that *māsikaśrāddha* is the model of the other śrāddhas described in the Grhyasūtra and *māsiśrāddha* is the model of śrāddhas described in the Dharmaśāstras, such as Mahālayaśrāddha or Sāmvasarika-śrāddha, that Darśaśrāddha itself is *māsi-śrāddha* (p. 988) and that *māsika-śrāddha* may be performed on each *darśa* or on any one darśa day in a year and that *māsi-śrāddha* follows immediately after Pindapitryajña as

1135. About नीवीविज्ञसन, vide शतपथ ५ in n. 960a. बृहस्पतिवल्क्य says 'दक्षिणे कविवेरो ह तिलैः सह कुशत्रयम्.'

1136 नमो वः पितरो रसाय-vide note 963 above. रघुनन्दन (यजुर्वेदिआहृतव) remarks that in नमो वः पितरो रसाय...मन्यवे he offers obeisance to the pitrs identifying them with the six seasons, that in 'namo vah pitarah' (Vāj. S. 2 32) he offers namaskāra to the pitrs as identified with Agni Kavyavāhana and then prays to the pitrs to bestow on them a house in the words 'namo vo grāhaṇ nah pitaro datta' Vāj. S. 2. 32).

1137. Vide Manu III. 218 अवलिषेच्च तत् पिण्डान् and note 960 towards the end

laid down by Manu (III. 122) and māsikaśrāddha may be performed after māsi-śrāddha. In modern times no one performs māsiśrāddha or māsika-śrāddha strictly in accordance with the ancient rules. Śrāddha is supposed to be performed by feeding a brāhmana and giving him a daksinā of a few annas. The Śrāddhatattva (Jiv., part 1 p. 254) provides, after quoting Matsya and Bhavisiya, that, if a person is unable to perform a pārvanaśrāddha every month, he should perform one at least thrice a year when the sun is in the zodiacal signs of Kanyā, Kumbha and Vrsabha and that if he is unable to perform even thrice then he should perform at least once when the sun is in the sign of Kanyā.

The two meanings of sapinda given by the Mit. and the Dāyabhāga have already been explained at great length in H. of Dh. vol. II, pp. 452-458 and pp. 472-477. The Dāyabhāga propounded the theory that whoever conferred greater spiritual benefit on the deceased by the performance of śrāddhas and the offering of pindas was entitled to be preferred as an heir to the deceased's wealth. The Mit. said that heirship depended on blood relationship and the nearest in blood to the deceased was the preferential heir. But even under the Mit. whoever took the wealth of the deceased was bound to pay his debts (Yā. II. 51) and to offer śrāddha and pinda to him. This subject and the several propositions deduced from the texts have been dealt with in H. of Dh. vol. III, pp. 734-745.

One thing to be remembered is that in determining the preferential right regard is to be had to the capacity of a person and the efficacy of the pindas when offered. After a person takes the wealth of the deceased, there is no legal machinery to enforce his duty to offer pindas<sup>1138</sup>. It was argued in *Nalinaksha v. Rajani Kanto* 35 C. W. N. 726 that, if an heir does not offer pindas or refuses to offer them to his ancestor, he was not entitled under Hindu Law to succeed to him. This argument was repelled by the judges with the remark that there was no authority for such a proposition and that the right to inheritance is based under the Dāyabhāga not on offering pinda but on the capacity to offer it (p. 729). Vide *Gooroo Gobinda Saha v. Anand Lal* 5 Beng. L. R. 15 (F. B.) and *Digamber v. Motilal* 9 Cal. 563 (F. B.) for the statement that the principle of spiritual benefit is the sole foundation of the theory of in-

1138. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III. p. 740 and note 1431.

heritance propounded in the *Dāyabhāga*. But in certain later cases such as *Akshayachandra v. Hari Das* 35 Cal. 721 it was rightly pointed out that spiritual benefit is not always the guiding principle under the Bengal school of law, that the principle of spiritual efficacy as the guiding principle fails in all classes of female relations such as the wife, the daughter and the mother whose rights are really based on special texts and that the reason for inheritance by a re-united coparcener was not spiritual benefit but was based on a *quasi* contract and affection.

The question about how *śrāddha* was to be performed if one or more of the three paternal ancestors were alive engaged the thoughts of writers from very ancient times. The *Āśv.*<sup>1139</sup> *Śr. S* (II 6, 16-23) first sets out the views of *Gānagāri*, *Taulvali* and *Gautama* and then refutes them. *Gānagāri* held that out of the three paternal ancestors *pindās* should be offered to those that were dead and those that were alive should be honoured in person, since the *śrāddha* rite is meant for pleasing the ancestors; *Taulvali* opined that *pindās* should be offered to all the three ancestors, whether living or dead, since in the rite of *śrāddha* they are only a secondary matter (a detail). *Gautama* thought that *pindās* should be offered to dead ancestors, upto three from the father if the latter was living, from the grandfather if he was alive and from the great-grandfather if all the three be living. *Āśv.* replies; one cannot offer *pindās* to three ancestors<sup>1140</sup> beyond the father, grand-father or great-grandfather, since one has no *adhikāra* to do so; one cannot offer *pindās* to an ancestor after whom there is an ancestor (within three degrees) living. One may offer *homa* into fire to those that are alive. (If all three ancestors are alive) all the three *pindās* must be cast into fire or he may not begin the rite at all. The *Kātyāyana śr.*<sup>1141</sup> *sūtra* provides

1139. तस्मै तस्मै य एषां प्रेता. स्मरति गाणगारि. प्रत्यक्षपितरानर्चयेत् तदर्थत्वात् । सर्वेभ्य एव निष्पृणीयादिति तौत्वलिः क्रियाश्रुणत्वात् । अपि जीवान्त एव आ विभ्यः प्रेतेभ्य एव निष्पृणीयादिति गौतमः क्रिया ह्यर्थकारिता । उपायविशेषो जीववृत्तानाम् । न परेभ्योऽनधिकारात् । न प्रत्यक्षम् । न जीवेभ्यो निष्पृणीयात् । न जीवान्तहितेभ्यः । बहुयाज्यविभ्यः । सर्वहुतं सर्वजीविन ॥ आश्व. औ. II. 6, 16-23.

1140. One can offer *pindās* only to three ancestors beginning with the father according to Vedic passages quoted in notes 958, 960a above and *Manu* IX 186. So there is no ancient authority to offer *pindā* to 4th or 5th or 6th ascendant.

1141. प्रेतेभ्यो ददाति । जीवस्मृतकोपि । जीवान्तहितेति । जीवपितृकस्य होमान्तमनारम्भो वा । न व्यवेति जातृकर्ण्यो न जीवन्तमतिददातीति । कार्या औ. सू. IV. 1, 23-27. Vide also शाङ्खायन औ. सू. IV. 4, 12-15 for similar rules.

that pindas are offered only to deceased ancestors; therefore if a person's father be alive or if there is a deceased ancestor between whom and the performer there is an ancestor that is alive, then one whose father is alive can only perform *homa* (into fire, but no pindadāna) or he should not undertake at all (the rite of pinda-pitryajña or pārvanaśrāddha); that Jātukarnya prescribes that no pindadāna is possible when a living ancestor (father) intervenes between the performer and a deceased ancestor, since a śruti text says 'one does not offer pindas to ancestors that are beyond a living ancestor.' Manu (III, 220-222) deals with this question as follows: If the performer's father be alive he should offer pindas to three ancestors beginning from the paternal grand-father or he may request the father to dinner as he would do to a stranger brāhmaṇa and offer pindas to the deceased grand-father and great-grand-father. If the father be dead and the grandfather be alive, he may offer a pinda only to the father and the great-grandfather (i. e. only two pindas) or the grand-father who is alive may be invited to dinner as if he were the stranger brāhmaṇa invited to represent a deceased grand-father or if permitted by the grandfather who is alive he may offer pindas to father, great-grandfather and great-grandfather. The Viṣṇudharmasūtra (chap. 75) has several rules of a similar character. Some of the Purāṇas such as Skanda VI 225, 24-25, Agni 117, 58-59 deal with this matter. Gobhila-smṛti (II 93 ff) has a long passage on this question, one verso of which is quoted below.<sup>1142</sup> Many of the commentaries and digests hold divergent views on this subject, viz. the Mit. on Yaj. I 254, Kalpataru (śr. pp 240 ff), Śr. K. K. pp. 552-556 and Nirpayasindhu (III, pp. 499-503). It is impossible to reconcile all the views. The Kalpataru (on śr. p. 240) states that there are three alternative courses for him whose father is alive, (1) he should pass over the father that is alive and offer pindas to those three ancestors to whom his father offers pindas; (Manu. III, 220, Viṣṇu Dh. S 75.1); (2) he should simply offer *homa* into fire as stated in Āśv. Śr. S. quoted above, (3) he should not engage in the rite of pindapitryajña or pārvanaśrāddha at all (Gobhila-smṛti II 93). The Nirpayasindhu says that there are numerous alternatives mentioned by different writers, that they are forbidden in the Kali age and

<sup>1142</sup>. सपितृ. पितृहन्त्रेषु अधिकारो न विद्यते। न जीवन्ममतिक्रम्य किंचिद् दद्यादिति कृतिः॥ गोभिलस्मृति II, 93, q. by आ. कि. को p 552. Compare काल्या औ सू १०. in note 1141.

that one view is that a man whose father is alive cannot engage in a pārvaṇaśrāddha and that the real conclusion is that śrāddha may be offered to those to whom the father (of the performer) who is living offers pinḍas. It is clear that one whose father is living should have nothing to do with pinḍadāna for deceased ancestors. Manu (in latter half of III. 220) allowed an alternative viz. one should feed one's father at a dinner (and honour him with the details of worship such as *gandha*, *dhūpa*, *dipa*) and offer pinḍas to the deceased grandfather and great-grandfather. When any one or two out of the three paternal ancestors are alive and śrāddha is permitted to a descendant several alternatives become possible by permutation and combination, which are passed over here from considerations of space and utility. But the various views held by different writers as described above show clearly what a firm grip the theory of the supreme benefits to be derived from śrāddhas had on the minds not only of common people but of learned men, who, in spite of the fact that the father was alive and was there to offer pinḍas to his three ancestors, allowed even the son (whose father was living) to offer pinḍas to the same three ancestors. The Visnu Dh. S. extends the procedure about 'jīvātpitrka' to one's mother's paternal ancestors (changing the mantra where necessary).<sup>1142</sup> Similar rules apply where the performer's mother is alive (Agnipurāṇa 117.60 'evam mātṛādikasyāpi tathā mātāmahādike').

It is provided by Gobhilaśmṛiti (III. 157) that a śruti injunction should be made effective by means of *anukalpa* (of some substituted procedure) if the primary procedure cannot be carried out.<sup>1143</sup> If a person cannot secure several brāhmanas but can secure only one, he should perform Pārvaṇa-śrāddha in which six pinḍas are to be offered with a single brāhmana, provided he is *pankti-pāvana*<sup>1144</sup> (sanctifier of a row of diners) and in such a case, *naivedya* should be offered in place of the dinner

1142 a मातामहानामप्येवं आहुः कुर्याद्विचक्षणः । मन्त्रोद्देशेन यथान्यायं शेषाणां मन्त्रवर्जितम् ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 75.8. मन्त्रोद्देशेन—This is to be understood as follows: "सुन्धन्ता पितरः" इत्यादौ सुन्धन्तां मातामहा इत्यादिपदक्षेपेण । शेषाणां पितृव्यमातुलादीनां मन्त्रवर्जित आवाहनादिमन्त्रवर्जित कुर्यादित्यर्थः ॥ पृथ्वीच folio 222 a.

1143. चरितार्थां स्मृतिः कार्या यस्मादप्यनुकल्पतः । अन्ते देवं यथाशक्ति आहुकाले समाचरेत् ॥ कार्यायन 9 by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1522). The first half occurs in गोभिल-स्मृति III. 157, but the 2nd half is different

1144. भोजयेद्यवाप्येकं ब्राह्मणं पण्डितवतम् । देवे कृत्वा तु नैवेद्यं पश्चाद्ब्रह्मैव तु तक्षिपेत् ॥ ऋक् 14 10; हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1524) reads पश्चात्तत्स्य तु निर्वपेत्.

to the *daiva* brāhmanas and the food should be thrown into fire; so says Śaṅkha 14.10. If even a single brāhmana cannot be had for a pārvanaśrāddha, then one should prepare with kuśas the effigy of brāhmana students (*batu*) and the performer should himself ask the questions and give the answers required in pārvanaśrāddha.<sup>1145</sup>

When one cannot secure a brāhmana nor materials, or when one is on a journey, or on the birth of a son, or when one's wife is in her monthly illness, one may perform āmaśrāddha (śrāddha with uncooked grains).<sup>1146</sup> This is stated by the Skandapurāṇa VII. 1. 206. 52. Kātyāyana and Saurapurāṇa 19.32 have similar verses 'a twice-born person should perform āmaśrāddha when he is on a journey or is in distress, or if he has no fire for cooking and those who are weak may always perform it.' The Madanaparijata (p. 483) states that one who has the *adhukāra* for pārvanaśrāddha can alone offer āmaśrāddha. Hārīta says that when there is an obstacle in performing a śrāddha, āmaśrāddha is prescribed except in the case of māśika and sāmvatsarika śrāddhas.<sup>1147</sup> Āmaśrāddha is always prescribed for śūdras. It was further provided that the grains offered in śrāddha should be utilized by the brāhmanas for eating the cooked food for themselves and were to be applied for no other purpose (Hemādri, Śr. p. 1527). Vyāsa provides<sup>1148</sup> that the quantity of grains should be at least two or three or four times as much as the grains required for offering cooked food. Some words employed in the various items such as *āvāhana*<sup>1149</sup>

1145. निषाय वा दुर्भबह्नासनेषु समाहितः । प्रेषाद्यमेषसंयुक्त विधानं प्रतिपादयेत् ॥ देवल q by हेमाद्रि (आ. p 1526), आ. कि. कौ. p. 82 (ascribes to सत्यव्रत and reads निषायाय दुर्भचयम्)

1146. द्रव्याभावे द्विजाभावे प्रवासे पुत्रजन्मनि । आमश्राद्धं प्रकुर्वीत यस्य भार्या रज-स्वला ॥ स्कन्द VII. 1. 206 52, quoted as व्यास's in स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 492), आपद्य-नशौ तीर्थे च प्रवासे पुत्रजन्मनि । आमश्राद्धं प्रकुर्वीत भार्योजसि सक्रमे ॥ कात्या. q. by निर्णयसिन्धु III p 462, मद पा p, 480, कल्पतरु p. 234 explains 'अनग्निश्चात्र पाक-समर्थाग्निरहितः । न पुनरनग्निरनाहितः ॥'

1147. आह्वयिष्ये द्विजालीनाममश्राद्धं प्रकीर्तितम् । अमावास्यादि नियतं मास-सवत्सरह्वते ॥ हारीत q. by अपरार्क p. 468, स्मृतिच (आ. p. 492), आ. कि. कौ. p. 26 (लघुहारीत)

1148. आमं ददद्भिः कौन्तेय तद्वानं द्विगुणं भवेत् । त्रिगुणं चतुर्गुणं वापि न त्वेकगुणम-प्येत् ॥ व्यास q by हेमाद्रि (आ. p 1528).

1149. अवाहने स्वधाकारे मन्त्रा जप्या विसर्जने । अन्यकर्मण्यनूयाः स्वरामश्राद्धे विधिः स्मृतः ॥ q. by हेमाद्रि (आ. p. 1529), स्मृतिच (आ. p. 492) ascribes to मरीचि and explains "स्वधाकारे 'नमो धः पितर इवे' इत्यादिमन्त्रे ह्य इतिपदस्थाने आम-द्रव्यायेत्युक्तः ॥"

svadhākāra and dismissal of the brāhmanas had to be changed e. g. in āvāhana the verse employed is 'uśantastvā' (Vāj. S. 19 70) which ends with the words 'havise attave' (which means 'in order to eat the *havis*') the words 'havise svikartave' would have to be substituted.

Āmaśrāddha is to be performed in the first part of the day, ekoddīsta in the noon, the pārvanaśrāddha in the afternoon and vrddhīśrāddha in the first part of the day (divided into five).<sup>1149a</sup>

If even uncooked food grains cannot be offered the performer should perform *hemaśrāddha* (śrāddha with money) When the sun passes from one sign of the zodiac into another, in default of food and brāhmanas, on a journey, on the birth of a son, in an eclipse, in the case of women and sūdras *hemaśrāddha* is allowed or when one's wife is in her monthly illness. In āmaśrāddha twice the quantity of grains required in offering cooked food and in hemaśrāddha four times (the price of the grains required for cooked food) has to be offered. If no money can be had the digests prescribe several modes which have already been set out above (vide p 425, n. 955).

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<sup>1149 a</sup> आमश्राद्धं तु पूर्वाह्ने एकोद्विष्टं तु मध्यतः । पार्वणं चापरह्ने तु श्रातर्द्वि-  
गमितकम् ॥ हारीत and शातातप q. in अपराकं p. 468, पृथ्वीच. folio 124a.

## CHAPTER X

### EKODDIṢṬA AND OTHER ŚRĀDDHAS

Having dealt at great length with Pārvaṇaśrāddha which is the model of all śrāddhas it is now time to speak of Ekoddista śrāddha that is a modification of Pārvaṇaśrāddha.<sup>1150</sup> The word Ekoddista means 'that in which only one deceased person'<sup>1151</sup> is intended (to be invoked or benefited). The Pārvaṇaśrāddha is intended for three paternal ancestors and is thus distinguished from Ekoddista. In Śān gr. IV. 2, Baud. gr. III. 12.6, the Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana (kāṇḍika 4), and Yāj. I. 251-252, the points of difference between the two are clearly set out.<sup>1152</sup> In this śrāddha only one *arghya* is offered, there is only one *pavitra* and only one *pinda* is offered, there is no *āvāhana* (as there is in Pārvaṇa), no *agnau-karana*, there are no brāhmanas invited to represent the Viśve-devas; the question about being satiated by the dinner is to be asked in the word 'svaditam' (did it taste well) and the brāhmanas reply with 'susvaditam' (it had excellent taste); instead of saying 'may it be inexhaustible,' the formula here used is 'May it approach' (or wait upon the deceased person), when the brāhmanas are sent away at the end of the dinner the word used is 'be satisfied (or delighted)' and they reply 'we are delighted.' The Viṣṇu-purāṇa (III 13. 23-26) and Mārkaṇḍeya (28 8-11) closely follow the Śrāddhasūtra and Yāj. According to Śān gr. (IV. 2, 7),<sup>1153</sup>

1150. अथेत्यनेनैकोद्दिष्टस्य पार्वणानन्तर्यामिधानं तयोः प्रकृतिविकृतित्वं सूचयति ।  
आहृतत्वं p. 244.

1151. एक उद्दिष्टो यस्मिन् आहूते तदेकोद्दिष्टमिति कर्मनामधेयम् । मित्ता on या I 251, elsewhere it says 'तत्र त्रिपुरुषेद्दिनेन यत् क्रियते तत्पार्वणम्, एकपुरुषेद्दिनेन क्रियमाणेनेकोद्दिष्टम्' । मित्ता. on या I. 217. हलायुध (folio 32 b) on आहृतत्वं says 'एकोत्र संमदान्तैकोद्दिष्ट इति ।'.

1152. अथैकोद्दिष्टेषु नाग्नौकरणं नाभिआवाणं न पूर्वं निमग्न्यं न देवं न धूपं न दीपं न स्वधा न नमस्कारो नात्राग्रूपम् । बौ. दृ. सू. III. 12. 6.†

1153. अथैकोद्दिष्टम् । एकोऽर्थे एकं पवित्रमेक. पिण्डो नावाहनं नाग्नौकरणं नात्र विश्वे-देवाः स्वदितमिति तृप्तिपश्चात् सुस्वदितमिति तरे ब्रूयुषतिष्ठतमित्यक्षरपर्यायेऽभिरुच्यतामिति निसर्गोऽभिरुचताः स्म इतीतरे । आहृतत्वं 4 (कात्यायनीय) Almost the same words occur in कौषीतकिगृह्य 4. 2 (Benares S. Series). The यजुर्वेदोद्दिष्टतत्त्वं (Jiv. II. p. 495) explains 'एक एकदलरूप पवित्रम्'.



Manu III. 257, Mārkaṇḍeya (28. 11), Yāj. I. 256 and others, for one year after the death of a twice-born person till the sapindikarāṇa śrāddha is performed this is the way in which śrāddha is to be performed for the *preta* every month. The Visnudharmasūtra 21. 2 provides that suitable changes (*ūha*) should be made in the mantras employed (e. g. instead of 'atra pitaro maḍayadhyam' the mantra should be 'atra pitarmādayas-va' (O father! <sup>1154</sup> regale thyself here). In Ekoddista such a formula as 'ye ca tvām-anu' (those that come after thee) cannot be employed and the word 'pitr' is not to be employed (till sapindikarāṇa is performed), but the word 'preta' (Aparārka p. 525 quoting Śaunaka-grhyaparīṣista).<sup>1155</sup>

As seen above (p 262, note 591a) Ekoddista śrāddhas are of three kinds, nava, navamiśra and purāṇa. Navaśrāddhas are those that are performed till the 10th or 11th day after death, navamiśras (or miśras) are those that are performed after the 11th day till one year (or six months, according to some) after death. Aparārka quotes a verse from Vyāghra <sup>1156</sup> that Ekoddista-śrāddha is performed on the 11th day, on the 4th day, at the end of each month for a year after death and every year on the day of death and a verse of Kātyāyana that (ekoddista) śrāddha should be performed for one who had kept sacred fires on the 11th day after the day of cremation and that the Dhruva śrāddhas should always be performed on the day of death. Aparārka explains 'Dhruvāni' as meaning those that are performed after three fortnights from death. About the navaśrāddha there is again a divergence of views. One meaning has already been given above on p 262 note 593. The Skandapurāṇa VI (Nāgarakhanda) 205. 1-4 and Garudapurāṇa (pretakhanda 5. 67-69) state that navaśrāddhas are nine viz. the three performed where a man died, where the funeral procession rested on the way and where the burnt bones were collected and six more performed on the 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th days after death.

1154. एकवन्मन्त्राद्देतेकोद्दिष्टे । विष्णुषु च 21. 2 On this the दीपकलिका explains "अत्र पितरो मादयध्वमिति बहुवचनान्तेषु अत्र पितर्मादयस्व इति एकवचनेनोद्दिष्टं कार्यं".

1155. ये च त्वामनु इत्यादि मन्त्रो न युज्यते । पितृशब्द न कुर्वीत नमो वः पितर इत्यादि मन्त्रं न पठेत् । कल्पतरु (आ) p 246.

1156. तत्र व्याघ्रः । एकादशे चतुर्थे च मासि मासि च वत्सरम् । प्रतिसंवत्सरं चैव-  
मेकोद्दिष्टं स्मृताहनि ॥ कात्यायनः । आह्वमशिमत् । कार्यं दाहादेकादशेऽहनि । ध्रुवाणि तु प्रकुर्वीत  
प्रदीप्ताहनि सर्वदा ॥ अपरार्क p. 521 This last is गोभिलस्मृति III. 66 which reads  
मृत्यादिकं प्रकुर्वीत.

Numerous works lay down that there are sixteen śrāddhas which must be performed for a deceased person and that if these are not performed then his spirit is not freed from the condition of being a *preta* and a *piśāca*.<sup>1157</sup> There is a great deal of divergence of views about what these sixteen śrāddhas are, some works including sapindikarāṇa among the 16, others excluding it therefrom. Gobhilasmṛti III. 67 enumerates<sup>1158</sup> the 16 as follows: The twelve monthly śrāddhas (performed every month on the *tithi* of death), the first (i. e. the śrāddha on the 11th day), two śrāddhas on (a day prior to the expiry of) every six months from the *tithi* of death and sapindikarāṇa are the sixteen śrāddhas. The Garudapurāṇa<sup>1159</sup> refers to three groups of sixteen, one of which enumerates the 16 śrāddhas as those performed on the 12th day (after death), after three fortnights, after six months, after every month and at the end of the year, while the Padmapurāṇa<sup>1160</sup> enumerates them as follows: the sixteen śrāddhas are those performed on the 4th day after death, at the end of three fortnights, after six months, after a year and twelve śrāddhas performed each month (on the *tithi* of death). The Kalpataru p. 25 and Brahmapurāṇa q. by Aparārka (p. 523) state that the 16 śrāddhas are those performed on 4th, 5th, 9th and 11th days after death and the twelve monthly śrāddhas (on the *tithi* of death<sup>1161</sup>). Laugākṣi and

1157. यस्यैतानि न दीयन्ते येवमाह्वानि षोडश। पिशांचलं भुवं तस्य दत्तैः आह्व-  
जतैरपि॥ यन q by आ. क्रि. को. p 362 The same verse occurs in गरुडपुराण  
(वेतखण्ड 5. 50-51), लिखितस्मृति 16 (reads यस्यैतानि न कुर्वति एकोद्विद्वानि), शुद्धशङ्ख  
13 (with variations), पद्म (चुट्टिखण्ड 47. 272 reads न सन्नीह यथाशक्त्या च अद्वया)  
The verse is quoted by the मिता on या. I. 254 (reading न दत्तानि and वेतलं  
हृत्तिरं तस्य) वेतलीके तु वसतिर्नृणां वर्षे प्रकीर्तता। शुच्ये प्रत्यहं तत्र भवेता भुगुनन्दन॥  
नाकण्डेयः q by मिता. on या. I. 253

1158. द्वादश प्रतिनार्याणि आद्यपाण्मासिके तथा। सपिण्डीकरणं चैव एवम् आह्व-  
षोडशस्य गोभिलस्मृति III 67. The word आह्व has been explained by या I 256  
as द्यूतेदनि प्रकृत्यं प्रतिमासं तु वत्सरम्। यतित्वत्सरं चैवमाद्यमेकादशेऽहनि॥ on which  
the मिता says 'आद्यं सर्वकोद्विद्वत्प्रकृतिभूतमेकाद्विद्वेकादशेऽहनि'। गरुड (पितृ 5 51) says:  
एकादशे द्वादशे वा दिने आद्यं प्रकीर्तितम्। But अपरार्क p. 543 explains आद्य differently  
'आद्यशब्देन नवमाह्वान्युच्यन्ते'। पाण्मासिके is explained by गोभिलस्मृति III 68 as  
'आद्यशब्देन नवमाह्वान्युच्यन्ते'। पाण्मासिके is explained by गोभिलस्मृति III 68 as  
एकाहेन तु पाण्मासा यथा स्वरूपि वा त्रिणि। न्यूनाः संवत्सराच्चैव द्वातां पाण्मासिके तथा॥ q  
by अपरार्क p 522, आ. क्रि. को. p 338 and explained as 'एकेनाह्वा त्रिभिर्वा अहोभिर्यथा  
यमासा न्यूनाः स्युः संवत्सरश्च तावत्संख्यया न्यूनाति तदा पाण्मासिके आह्वे कार्ये इत्यर्थः'।

1159. द्वादशाहे त्रिपक्षे च पाण्मासे मासिकेऽह्निके। वृत्तीषां षोडशीमेता वदन्ति मतमेवमेव  
गरुड (नितखण्ड 5. 49-50); the other two groups are at chap 35. 33-36 and in 37.

1160. चतुर्थाहे त्रिपक्षे च पाण्मासे चाह्निके तथा। द्वादश प्रतिमास्यणि आह्वान्ये  
वानि षोडश। पद्म, चुट्टिखण्ड 5. 271.

1161. ब्रह्मपुराणे। नृणां तु त्यक्तदेहानां आह्वः षोडश सर्वदा। चतुर्थे पञ्चमे चैव नवमे-  
कादशे तथा। ततो द्वादशभिर्नार्यैः आह्वैः द्वादशसंख्यया। q. by अपरार्क p. 523.

others say that after performing the 16 śrāddhas according to the procedure for Ekoddista śrāddhas sapindana should be performed.<sup>1162</sup> The Madanapārijāta (p. 615), the Nirṇaya-sindhu (III, p. 599) and others say that in this conflict of views one should follow the usage of one's country, Vedic Śākha or family. There were two views about the śrāddha on the 11th day. It should be remembered that Yāj. III. 22 laid down impurity on death for 10, 12, 15 and 30 days respectively for the four varnas. One view espoused by Śāṅkha and Pāṭhīnāsi was that in spite of the days of impurity not being over śrāddha must be performed on the 11th day (and for the moment the performer becomes pure for that purpose). The other view was that of the Matsyapurāṇa and Viṣṇudharmasūtra 21.1 that the first śrāddha (ekoddista) was to be performed on the expiry of āśauca.

In the case of ascetics dying it is provided by Uśanas<sup>1163</sup> that by the fact of their taking to the order of *sannyāsa* (of the ekadandi kind in the Kaliyuga) they have not to undergo the condition of being *preta*, no Ekoddista nor Sapindikarāṇa should be performed for them by their son or other relative but only pārvanaśrāddha on the 11th day and every year thereafter. Śātaṭapa provides<sup>1164</sup> that no Ekoddista, no water, no pinda and no cremation rites should be offered to an ascetic nor mourning should be observed, but pārvana-śrāddha should be performed. Pracetāsa quoted by Mit. on Yāj. I. 256 states that no ekoddista is to be performed for an ascetic nor sapindikarāṇa, but only pārvana on the day of death every year in Bhādrapada dark half. The Śīvapurāṇa (Kailāsa-saṃhitā) chapters 22 and 23 deal with the rites to be performed on an ascetic's death on the 11th and 12th days.

In the Navaśrāddhas no incense, no lamps are employed. All mantras having the words 'pitr' and 'svadhā namah' are

1162. आह्वानि षोडशापाद्य विदधीत सपिण्डनम् । लौगाक्षि q by मिता on या. I. 255, निर्णयसिन्धु p. 599, भट्टोजि on चतुर्विंशतिमतसंयह p. 168, ascribed to नायु-पुराण by अपराक p. 532, सपिण्डीकरणादर्वाक् कुर्याद्वाह्वानि षोडश । एकोद्विद्विधानिन कुर्यात्सर्वाणि तानि तु q. by अपराक p. 522.

1163. एकोद्विद्विद्वं न कुर्वीत यतीनां चैव सर्वदा । अहन्येकादशे मासे पार्वणं तु विधीयते ॥ सपिण्डीकरणं तेषां न कर्तव्यं सुतादिभिः । त्रिदण्डग्रहणादेव भूतत्वं नैव जायते ॥ उशनस् q by मिता on या. I. 255, परा मा I. 2 p. 458, आ क्रि को pp. 444-445.

1164. एकोद्विद्वं जलं पिण्डमाशौचं भूतसत्क्रियाम् । न कुर्याद्वाह्वानि कदाचिद् ब्रह्मभूता हि ते स्मृताः ॥ शातातप q. by मद पा p. 627, आ क्रि को. p. 445, अपराक p. 538 (reads पार्वणादन्यद् ब्रह्मभूताय भिक्षवे).

omitted and so is the word 'anu' omitted and there is no *ṣaṣṭi* and no recital of mantras in the hearing of the brāhmanas. As stated in the Brahmapurāṇa, the śrāddhas performed in the house at the end of impurity on the 12th day, at the end of a month etc. are called ekoddista. It follows that the rites called navaśrāddhas offered during the days of impurity are performed at the place of death or in the cemetery or at a place where water and pinda are offered (and not in the house), vide Sm. C. (āśauca p. 176). In the *navamiśra* śrāddha mantras are employed according to some. In former times and now also all the 16 śrāddhas are performed on the 11th day. Hardly any one waits for one year to perform Sapindikarāna. In former times it was laid down (e. g. by the Mit) that in times of difficulty, Sapindikarāna should be performed even before a year elapses after performing the sixteen śrāddhas. But now this exception has become the rule.

Sapindikarāna or Sapindana is the reception of a deceased person into the community of pitrs to whom pindas are offered. Several times were prescribed by ancient works for this. Acc to the Kausītaki gr. IV. 2 this śrāddha could be performed after the death of the deceased at the end of a year or at the end of three fortnights or on the happening of a lucky event (like the birth of a son or a marriage). The Bhāradvāja<sup>1165</sup> gr (III 17) allowed it at the end of a year (after death) or in the 11th or 6th or 4th month or on the 12th day. The Baud. Pitrmedhasūtra II. 12.1 mentions five times for sapindikarāna viz one year, 11th, 6th or 4th month or 12th day. The Garudapurāṇa (Pretakhanda 6 53-54) states the time of Sapindikarāna to be one year, six months, three fortnights, the 12th day or on a lucky occasion. The Viṣṇupurāṇa (III. 13. 26ff) makes similar provisions about sapindikarāna (which is an ekoddista śrāddha). Aparārka (p. 540) after a long discussion holds that there are three times for a performer who is an *āhūtāgni* viz 12th day, some day between the end of āśauca and the first amāvāsyā (after death) or the first amāvāsyā after āśauca ends and prescribes four times for one who has not kept sacred fires, viz a year, six months, three fortnights or when a lucky event occurs. The Madanapārijāta quotes a verse of Vyāsa that the 12th day is

1165. संवत्सरे सपिण्डीकरणमेकादशे मासि षष्ठे चतुर्थे द्वादशे हस्ति । भारद्वाजसूत्र III 17.1 ; आनन्त्याकुलधर्माणां पुंसां चैवाशुप क्षयात् । अस्थिरत्वाच्छरीरस्य द्वादशाहो यशस्यते ॥ यस्मिन् q. by सद् या p. 631, आ कि. को p. 350 (ascribes to व्यास), पुरुषोत्तम folio 237 a (ascribes to व्यास), भट्टोजि p. 176 of चतुर्विंशति, आद्वयस्य p. 301.

commended (for the sapindana śrāddha) because family usages are innumerable, because man's life is short and because the body is evanescent. The Visnu Dh. S. (21.20) provides that for śūdras 12th day after death is the only day for Sapindikarana (but without Vedic mantras). Gobhila laid down that after Sapindikarana was performed, there was to be no performance of śrāddhas every month, but Gautama (or Śaunaka, according to Aparārka p. 543) held the view that they may be performed according to the procedure of ekoddista śrāddhas. Bhattoji says <sup>1166</sup> that when sapindikarana is performed before the end of the year, then all the sixteen śrāddhas must be performed before Sapindikarana, yet the monthly śrāddhas should again be performed at their proper times for one year. Yāj. I. 255 and Visnu Dh. S. 21. 23 prescribe that even if Sapindikarana is performed for a deceased person within less than a year from death still for one year food and a jar of water should be given to a brāhmana for the whole year (for the benefit of the deceased). Uśanas provides that even if the heirs of a deceased person are divided in wealth, still the *navāśrāddhas*, the sixteen śrāddhas, and sapindikarana must be performed by one alone <sup>1167</sup> (e. g. the eldest son), but Pracetas provides that when a year has (elapsed) śrāddha may be performed separately by each heir <sup>1168</sup>.

The procedure of Sapindana or Sapindikarana is described in numerous works such as the Śān. gr. V. 9, Kausitaki gr. IV. 2, Baud Pitrmedhasūtra III. 12.12, Śrāddha-sūtra of Kātyāyana (kādikā 5), Yāj. I. 253-254, Visnupurāṇa III. 13.27 ff, Visnu Dh. S. 21. 12-33, Padma (Śrīstikhanda 10. 22-33), Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa 28. 12-18, Garuda-purāṇa I. 220, Visnu-dharmottara II. 77, Smṛtyarthasāra pp. 57-58, Nirṇayasindhu (III. p. 614). It is briefly set out here. <sup>1169</sup> As said by Baud.

1166. यदा संवत्सरपूर्ते प्रागेव सपिण्डीकरणं कियते तदा यद्यपि षोडश आङ्गानि ततः प्रागेव कृतानि-आङ्गानि षोडशादन्वा न कुर्यात् सपिण्डनम्-इति बृहद्वसिष्ठोक्तः, तथापि स्व-स्वकाले पुनरपि मासिकादीन्यावर्तनीयानि। भट्टोजि om चतुर्विंशतिमतसंग्रह p. 171

1167. नवआङ्गं सपिण्डत्वं आङ्गान्यपि च षोडश। एकेनैव हि कार्याणि संविभक्त-धनेष्वपि॥ उशनस् p. 4 by अपरार्क p. 524, निता. on या. I. 255 (without name). This verse is गण्डधुराण, प्रेत. 34. 128-129.

1168. अर्वाक् सवत्सरात्सर्वे कुर्युः आङ्गं समेत्य वै। संवत्सरे व्यतीते तु कुर्युः आङ्गं दृष्ट्वा दृष्ट्वा॥ प्रचेत्सु p. 4 by अपरार्क p. 524.

1169 The सङ्कल्प in सपिण्डनम् will be somewhat as follows. अमुकगोत्रस्या-मुकशर्मणः प्रेतस्य प्रेतत्वं निवृत्त्या पितृलोकमाप्स्यर्थममुकगोत्रे. अमुकशर्मणोर्भर्तुः पुत्रादित्य-स्वरूपे. प्रेतपितृपितामहमपितामहे. सह सपिण्डीकरणं श्रुताहाड् द्वादशेऽङ्गि पाषण्डिकेतिदृष्ट-पिणिना कारित्वे॥

Pitrmedhasūtra III. 12.12, in this śrāddha there is invitation to the brāhmanas the previous day, there is agnaukarana, there is the recital of Vedic texts when the brāhmanas are engaged in eating, Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas are honoured, the Viśvedevas are Kāma and Kālā (vide n. 1018), there is the presentation of incense and lamp, there is *śradhā* and also *namaskāra*. Four vessels for *arghya* should be got ready and filled with sandal-wood paste, water and sesamum grains, one being for the deceased (the *preta*) and three for his paternal ancestors, two *daiva* brāhmanas should be invited, one to represent the *preta* and three to represent the three paternal ancestors of the *preta*; if a man is unable to invite so many brāhmanas, he should invite three, one for Viśvedevas, one for the *preta* and one for the three paternal ancestors. He should request 'I shall unite the vessel for the *preta* with the vessels for his three paternal ancestors'. When permitted in the words 'do unite', he should cast the kuśas in the vessel for the *preta* into the vessels for his three paternal ancestors, should keep a little water mixed with kuśas in the vessel for the *preta* and distribute the rest of the water from the *preta* vessel into the three vessels for his ancestors with the two mantras<sup>1169a</sup> 'ye samānā' (Vāj. S. 19. 45-46). Arghya is offered to the brāhmana representing the *preta* with the water that remains in the *preta* vessel, arghya is offered to the three *pitrya* brāhmanas from the three *pitrya* vessels. Four *pindas* should be prepared, one for the *preta* and three for his ancestors and then the performer requests 'I shall unite the *pretapinda* with the *pindas* for the three ancestors of his'; when permitted in the words 'do unite', the performer divides the *pretapinda* into three parts and puts each third into each of the three *pindas* with the same two mantras (Vāj. S. 19. 45-46). The Garudapurāṇa (I. 220.6) strikes a discordant note in that it states that the *pretapinda* is to be divided in two parts, each of which is to be placed inside the *pindas* for *pitāmaha* and *prapitāmaha* only.

1169 a. The two mantras are . ये समाना समनसं दितरो यमराज्ये । तेषां लोकं स्वधा नमो यज्ञो देवेषु कल्पताम् ॥ ये समानाः समनसो जीवा जीरेषु मामका । तेषां श्रीर्मणि कल्पतामस्मिँल्लोके शतं समा ॥ वाज. स. 19. 45-46, काठकसंहिता 38 23-24 मारुदाज-युक्त III 17 sets out the following formula for लिङ्गप्रदान 'ये समाना ये सजाला इति द्वात्रयामसौ पितृभिः पितृमहेभिः प्रपितामहेभिः सहैतच्च तिलोदकं तस्मै ते स्वधा नम इति तिलो लुकमदानम् ।' In place of असौ one has to use the vocative 'अस्मत्पितरद्वयकर्मोत्रा-शुक्रशर्मन् देव' पितृमहेभिः and प्रपितामहेभिः are Vedic Instrumentals (plural).

Sapindikarāna partakes of the character of both ekoddista and pārvana, the first applying to the *preta* and the 2nd to the three ancestors of the *preta*, so that in it two kinds of śrāddhas are combined. When the sapindikarāna rite is completed by the giving of daksinā to the brāhmanas, then the *preta* ceases to be so and himself becomes a *pitṛ*. The status of being a *preta* involves the experiencing of great torments due to hunger and thirst and becoming a *pitṛ* means being brought in contact with the śrāddha *devatās* called Vasu, Rudra and Āditya.<sup>1170</sup> The word *preta* has two meanings, (1) a person who is dead and (2) one who being dead has not the sapindikarāna performed for him. The result of sapindana is that the <sup>1171</sup> great-grandfather of the deceased whose sapindana is performed drops out from the list of *pitṛs* entitled to pinda and becomes one called 'lepabhāk' (entitled to only wipings of the hand) and the former *preta* becomes one of the *pitṛs* and entitled to participate in the pindas offered at a pārvanaśrāddha thereafter. As stated in the Garudapurāṇa I. 220. 2 the sapindikarāna-śrāddha is to be performed like the pārvana in the afternoon.

It may be noted that in some works the mantras recited at the time of pouring the water from the *preta* vessel into the *pitṛ* vessels are different. For example, the Viṣṇu Dh. S. 21. 14 says<sup>1172</sup> the mantras are 'Samsrjatu tvā prthivī' (May the earth unite thee) and 'samāni va ākūṭiḥ' (Rg. X. 191. 4), while the

1170. प्रेतत्वं च क्षुत्तृष्णोपजनितात्यन्तदुःखादुभयावस्था । यथाह मार्कण्डेय । प्रेतलोके तु वसतिर्दृष्ट्वा वर्षे प्रकीर्तिता । क्षुत्तृष्णे प्रत्यहं तत्र भवेतां मृगुनन्दन॥ इति । पितृसमाप्तिश्च वत्सादिआहुदेवतासम्बन्धः । मित on या I. 254. या I. 255-256 presuppose this idea

1171. सपिण्डीकरणार्हं पितृभ्यः प्रपितामह । सुतलेपसुजो याति प्रलुप्तपितृपिण्डकः॥ मार्कण्डेय 29. 1; ततः प्रभृति वै प्रेतः पितृसामान्यमाप्नुयात् । विन्दते पितृलोकं च ततः आहुं प्रवर्त्ते॥ हारीत q. by कल्पतरु (आ) p. 256, हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1640), आ कि कौ p. 262 which last explains 'पितृसामान्यं पितृभिः सह पार्षणआहुभोक्तृत्वमित्यर्थः । तेन पञ्चदश-आहुना प्रेतत्वपरीहारः । फलं सपिण्डनस्य तु प्रेतत्वपरीहारः पितृलोकप्राप्तिः पितृभिः सह पार्षणभोक्तृत्वं च फलत्रयमिति ।' Vide also स्मृतिच on आसौच (Mysore University ed.) p. 158 quoting प्रचेतस् and विष्णु.

1172. स्ववत्सरान्ते प्रेताश्च तत्पित्रे तत्पितामहाय तत्पितामहाय च ब्राह्मणाय देवपूर्वाय भोजयेत् । अत्राग्नीकरणमावाहनं पादं च कुर्यात् । संजुहत्वा पृथिवीं समानी व इति प्रेतपाद्यपात्रं पितृपाद्यपात्रत्रये योजयेत् । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 21. 12-14. q. by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 1640). The mantra is संजुहत्वा पृथिवीं वायुरग्निं प्रजापतिः । संजुहध्वं पूर्वैर्भिः पितृभिः सह॥ The काठकयुग 667 prescribes that when parts of pretapiṇḍa are mixed up with पितृपिण्डः, this mantra and two more viz. 'samānā va ākūṭiṇi' and 'sam vo manāmsi' (काठकसंहिता 10. 38-39) are recited,

Grhya-pariśista <sup>1173</sup> of Āśv. employs the three Madhumatī verses (Rg. I. 90.6-8) and the three fine verses at the end of the Rgveda beginning with 'sangacchadhvam' (Rg. X. 191. 2-4, 'May you unite' &c.).

Yāj. (I. 254) and Mārkaṇḍeya (28. 17-18) provide that Ekoddista and Sapindikarana śrāddhas are performed for women also (but, not pārvana nor abhyudayika). About the Sapindikarana of the mother there are somewhat conflicting dicta. If a woman dies sonless and her husband is alive, her sapindana is effected with her mother-in-law (Gobhilas-mṛti II. 102). If a woman dies leaving no son and the husband also is dead, then no sapindana can be performed for her. If she died either on the funeral pyre of her husband <sup>1174</sup> or afterwards (as a *Sata*) then her son should perform her sapindana with her husband (i. e. the son's father) and there is no separate sapindana for her. If she was married in the *Āsura* form or she was made a *putrikā*, then the son should perform his mother's sapindana with his maternal grandfather; while a son born of a woman married in the *Brāhma* and three other proper forms may perform her sapindana with her husband or the paternal grandmother or the maternal grandfather. In the case of these three alternatives if there is a certain family usage that should be followed; otherwise there is an option. If a woman has a step-son, the latter should perform her sapindana with his father, as Manu IX. 183 (= Vas. 17. 11) indicates. Vide the Mit on Yāj I. 253-254 and Sm. C. (on śśauca p 169) for discussion of these points and for various alternatives <sup>1175</sup>

The Nirṇayasindhu (III. p. 388) says that there is no sapindana for one whose upanayana was not performed when

1173. प्रेतपिण्डं त्रिधा विभज्य पितृपिण्डेषु त्रिणादधाति मधु घाता इति तिसृभिः सङ्गच्छन्मिति द्वाग्यामनुमन्य शेषं पार्षणवत्कुर्यात् । आश्व. सू. परि 3.11.

1174. सपिण्डीकरणं तासां पुत्राभावे न विद्यते । प्रतिसंस्तरं कार्यमेकोद्विष्ट नैः स्त्रियाः ॥ मार्कण्डेय 28.18 on which रुद्रधर (आश्वविश्वेक p 113) says: अत्र पुत्राभाव इत्युपलक्षणं पतिपुत्राभाव इति द्रष्टव्यम् ।

1175. स्वेन भर्तुः समं आर्द्धं माता कुक्के सुधामयम् । पितामही च स्वेनैव स्वेनैव प्रपितामही ॥ बृहस्पतिः q by स्मृतिच. (आ.) p. 449, कल्पतरु (आ.) p. 259 (reads स्वधामय and तथैव प्रपितामही) and आ. कि. कौ. p. 428, मातुः सपिण्डीकरणं पितामह्या सहोदितम् । गोभिलरघुति II. 102 आ. कि. कौ. p. 428, पितुः पितामहे यद्वत् पूर्णं संवत्सरे सुते । मातुर्मातामहे तद्वदेवा कार्यं सपिण्डता ॥ उद्गनस्व q by मिता. on या. I. 253-254 The गङ्ग (प्रेत 34.121) says 'पितामह्या समं मातुः पितुः सह पितामहीः । सपिण्डीकरणं कार्यमिति तदर्थं मतं समम् ।' Therefore the मिता. says 'मातुः सपिण्डीकरणेपि विरुद्धानि वाक्यानि द्रष्टव्यन्ते ।'.



he died, but if he was more than five years old then the 16 śrāddhas are performed for him (though not sapindana) and pinda is offered on bare ground. It may be noted that no auspicious rite like marriage in which abhyudayika śrāddha is necessary can be performed until the sapindana of a deceased person of the family has been effected (except in the case of such absolutely necessary ceremonies as simantonnayana).

Manu (V. 89-90) prescribes that no water and other rites like sapindikarāṇa are offered and performed for those who had left off their faith, who were born of condemned mixed marriages, who entered ascetic orders, who had committed suicide (by hanging, poison &c.), who had embraced heretical doctrines, for women that wilfully seek illicit connection with men, that did harm to their foetus or husband (were guilty of abortion and murder of husband) and that were addicted to drinking *surā*. Yāj. III. 6 contains similar provisions. It has to be noted that every kind of suicide is not condemned by the ancient smrtis. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III, pp. 939, 958-9 for cases where suicide was not condemned. Except in those cases Yama (q by the Mit. on Yāj. III. 6) provides that in the case of the persons mentioned in Manu and Yāj. there is to be no āsauca observed, no water offered, no tears shed, no cremation and no last rites. The Mit. (on Yāj. III. 6) quotes Vṛddha Yājñavalkya and Chāgaleya that in the case of those who are guilty of condemned suicide the procedure of Nārāyanabali should be resorted to after a year and then śrāddha may be offered to them. Then the Mit. describes at length the procedure of Nārāyanabali. Vide note 838 b p. 370 above for the Skandapurāṇa, Nāgarakhanda 219. 19-21 on the view that śrāddha may be performed on the 14th of the dark half for persons who committed suicide or who met a violent death.

The *Abhyudayika-śrāddha* is to be now described. Āśv. gr. IV. 7 mentions in one place only four śrāddhas viz. Pārvana, Kāmya, Abhyudayika and Ekoddista (note 966 above). Many of the sūtras such as Āśv. gr. II. 5. 13-15, Śaṅ. gr. IV. 4, Gobhila gr. IV. 3. 35-37, Kausitaki gr. IV. 4, Baud. gr. III. 12. 2-5, the Śrāddhasūtra of Kātyāyana (kandikā 6) briefly describe this śrāddha. According to most of these sūtras this śrāddha is performed when there is a lucky event such as the birth of a son, or his *caula*, *upanayana* or marriage or there is the commencement of a charitable (*pūrta*) act (such as the dedication of a well or a tank or a park to the public). Āśv.

gr. and Gobhila gr. are very brief. They say that in this śrāddha performed on auspicious occasions or on the undertaking of meritorious acts an even number of brāhmanas is to be fed, that the rite is to be performed from left to right and that *yavas* (barley) are to be used instead of sesamum grains. As this śrāddha is only a modification (vikṛti) of *pārvana* (as said by Aparārka p. 514) all rules of the latter will be applicable to the former except where special directions are given. The Āśv. gr. parīśista II. 19, Smṛtyarthasāra (p. 56), Pitrdayikā pp. 62-71 give a compact but tolerably full description of this śrāddha.

In this śrāddha which is to be performed in the morning (except on the birth of a son when it is to be done at once) the Viśve-devas are called Satya and Vasu, it is performed in the forenoon, the brāhmanas to be invited must be even in number, the darbhas are to be straight (and not doublefolded) and are not to be with their roots; the performer wears his sacred thread in the usual form (and not in the *pīṇcīnūvīla* form), all actions are to be done from left to right (*pradaksinam* and not *prasavyam*); the word *svadhā* is not to be used; *yava* grains are to be employed instead of sesamum grains, he invites them with the words 'find time to attend Nandīśrāddha'. The brāhmanas say 'be it so'. He says 'May you two come (to my house)'; they reply 'we two shall come'. The performer faces the east or north (but never the south); the mantra about *yavas* is '*yavosi*' (vide note 966)<sup>1176</sup> he requests 'I shall invoke the pitrs called Nāndīmukha'.<sup>1177</sup> When permitted by the brāhmanas in the words 'do invoke' he says 'may the Nāndīmukha pitrs be pleased'; he offers *arghya* only once with the words 'O Nāndīmukha pitrs! this is the *arghya* for you'. Sandalwood paste, incense, lamp are to be given twice; the *homa* is made on the hand of the brāhmana, the two mantras being 'to Agni, the bearer of *havya* *svāhā*' and 'to Soma accompanied by the pitrs! *svāhā*'. While the

1176. The मन्त्र here repeated is 'यवेति . यत्तः पुष्ट्या (in place of स्वधया) नान्दीमुखान् पितॄन् .. नः स्वाहा नमः (instead of स्वधा नमः)'

1177 The सङ्कल्प will be somewhat as follows. ओम्, अयासृकगो-  
त्राणां मातृपितामहीमपितामहीनामसृकासृकासृकदेवीनां नान्दीमुखीनां तथासृकगोत्राणां पितृ-  
पितामहपितामहानामसृकासृकासृकशर्मणां नान्दीमुखानां तथासृकगोत्राणां मातामहपिताम-  
हसृकसृकमातामहानामसृकासृकासृकशर्मणां नान्दीमुखानामसृकगोत्रस्य कर्तव्यासृककर्तव्यनिनि-  
कामसृकपिकआद्मर्दं करिष्ये। आहविवेक of रुद्रधर p. 149 For देवीनां it is usual  
to put वानां.

brāhmanas are eating the dinner, the Rāksoghna mantras and mantras addressed to Indra and propitiatory mantras may be recited but not the mantras addressed to pitrs (viz. Rg. X. 15. 1-13); when he sees that the brāhmanas are satiated, he recites the five verses (Rg. IX. 11. 1-5) beginning with 'upāsmai gāyatā narah' (O men! sing for this soma) instead of the Madhumatī verses (viz. Rg. I. 90. 6-8) and at the end he makes the brāhmanas hear the mantra 'the pitrs have partaken (of the food), they have regaled themselves'. The performer should ask 'I shall request the nāndimukha pitrs to utter benedictions' at the stage where (in Pārvana) 'aksayyodaka' is asked for, to which the brāhmanas respond with the words 'do request.' The performer employs the word 'sampannam' (was it perfect) in asking about the gratification of the brāhmanas, who reply with the word 'susampannam' (it was quite perfect). On the brāhmanas sipping water after their dinner, he coudungs the places where the dinner was taken, strews darbha grass thereon with their tips turned towards the east and offers thereon two pindas for (each of the ancestors) made with the food that remains after the brāhmanas have eaten mixed with curds, jujube fruit and *prasadājya* <sup>1178</sup> (mixture of curds and clarified butter). The pindas are offered to the mātṛs, to the three paternal ancestors and the three maternal ancestors (viz. mother's father, mother's paternal grandfather and her paternal great-grandfather). Some do not offer pindas in this śrāddha (as stated by Āśv. gr. parisista II. 19). The Pitrdayitā and Śrāddha-tattva (Jiv. p. 297) say that no mātṛśrāddha is to be performed in Abhyudayikaśrāddha by the followers of the Sāmaveda. It is possible that the śrāddha for the mother, paternal grandmother and paternal great-grandmother was inspired by the Anvastakya śrāddha, as the sūtras from Āśv. gr. quoted below will indicate. <sup>1178a</sup>

The words Nāndīśrāddha and Vṛddhīśrāddha are synonymous. When Yaj I. 250 says <sup>1179</sup> that the Nāndimukha pitrs should be worshipped with pindas when there is *vṛddhi* (a lucky or auspicious event), he indicates that Nāndīśrāddha and Vṛddhi-

1178 घृपदाज्य is defined in आश्व. गृ. IV. 1. 17 as 'दधन्यन्न सर्पिरानयन्येत-  
त्विष्य घृपदाज्यम्'.

1178 a अपरेसुरन्वद्वयम्...विण्डपितृयज्ञे कल्पेन। हुत्वा मधुमन्धवर्जं पिष्टम्यो  
वचात्। क्षीर्यश्च सुरा चान्नामनित्यधिकम्। आश्व. गृ. II. 5 1, 3-5.

1179. एवं प्रदक्षिणावृत्तो वृद्धौ नान्दीसुखात् पितृन्। यजेत दधिकर्कन्धूमिभ्यान्  
विण्डान्धैः क्रिया.॥ या. I. 250.

śrāddha mean the same thing. As noted by the Mit. on Yaj. I. 250 quoting Śatatapa this śrāddha is made of three parts, viz. mātṛ-śrāddha, pitrśrāddha and mātāmahaśrāddha.<sup>1180</sup> On the other hand the Bhavisiya-purāṇa I. 185. 15 states that there are two śrāddhas in this viz Mātṛ-śrāddha and Nādimukha-pitr-śrāddha. Abhyudayika-śrāddha and Vṛddhiśrāddha are treated as synonyms in some works such as the Padmapurāṇa,<sup>1181</sup> though it may be said that Abhyudayika śrāddha is wider in import than Vṛddhiśrāddha, since it is also applicable to śrāddha performed on the commencement of a *pūrta* act.

The Viṣṇupurāṇa III. 13. 2-7, Mārkaṇḍeya 28. 4-7, Padmapurāṇa (sr̥ṣṭi 9. 194-199), Bhavisiyapurāṇa I. 185. 5-13, the Viṣṇudharmottara I. 142. 13-18 describe briefly the procedure of Nādiśrāddha and also the occasions on which it is to be performed. The occasions specified are<sup>1182</sup>: on the marriages of sons and daughters, on entering a new house, on naming a child, at the time of Cūḍākarma, at Simantonnayana, on the birth of a son, a householder should honour the group of pitrs called Nādimukha. The Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa 28. 6 notes that some desire that this śrāddha should not have Vaiśvadeva brāhmanas, but the Padmapurāṇa (sr̥ṣṭikhaṇḍa 9.195) says that in this Vṛddhiśrāddha the mothers are to be first honoured, then the fathers, then the mātāmahas and then the Viśve-devas Hemādri (śr. p. 107) quotes two verses from the Brahmapurāṇa to the effect that the father, paternal grandfather and paternal great-grandfather are called *aśrumukha* pitrs, while the three paternal ancestors beyond the great-grandfather are called Nādimukha pitrs.<sup>1183</sup> The Kālpataru (on śrāddha p. 270) explains these verses as meaning no more than this that in case the three paternal ancestors of a man are living and there is a lucky event, then the devatās for Nādiśrāddha in his case would be the three

1180. यद्यपि पितृव्यजेतेति सामान्येनोक्तं तथापि आह्वयं क्रमश्च स्मृत्यन्तरादव-  
गन्तव्यः । यथाह शातातपः । मातु आह्वं तु पूर्वं स्वात्पितृणां तदवन्तरम् । ततो मातामहाना  
च वृद्धौ आह्वयं स्मृतम् ॥ मिता on या. I. 250, कल्पतरु (आ.) p. 271

1181. तृतीयमागुदायिकं वृद्धिआह्वं तदुच्यते । पद्म (सुखिखण्ड 9. 194).

1182. कन्यापुत्रविवाहेषु त्रयेणैव नववेश्मनि । नामकर्माणि बालानां चूडाकर्मादिके तथा ।  
सीमन्तोन्नयने चैव पुत्रादिमुखदक्षिणे । नान्दीमुखं पितृगणं पूजयेत् नयतो यदी । पितृपूजा-  
विधिः श्रौतौ वृद्धविष समासतः । विष्णुपुराण III. 13. 5-7, quoted by अपराक p. 515  
(except the last half)

1183. पिता पितामहश्चैव तथैव प्रपितामहः । त्रयो बन्धुमुखा ह्येते पितर समकीर्तता ॥  
तेषां पूर्वं त्रयो ये तु ते तु नान्दीमुख इति ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण q. by हेमाद्रि (आ p. 107),  
कल्पतरु (आ.) p. 270, मद पा p. 633. नान्दी means सगृही acc. to ब्रह्मपुराण q. by  
कल्पतरु (आ.) p. 268.

paternal ancestors beyond the great-grandfather. The Bhavisya-purāṇa notes that according to family usage some did not offer pīndas in Vṛddhīśrāddha <sup>1183a</sup>.

The word 'mātarah' has two meanings. Gobhilasmṛti <sup>1184</sup> prescribes that at the beginning of all rites the Mātrs together with Gaṇeśa have to be worshipped and it names fourteen mātrs such as Gaurī, Padmā, Śacī (I 11-12). <sup>1185</sup> In the Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa (88,11-20 and 38) they are said to be seven viz Brahmānī and others. Vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 217-218 for the Mātrs and their worship. <sup>1186</sup> Aparārka (p. 517) quotes verses to the effect that in Vṛddhīśrāddha one must offer worship to the seven mātrs (Brahmānī and others), then to one's mother, paternal grandmother, and paternal great-grandmother, then to the Nādimukha pītrs and then to the mātāmahas together with their wives. The Śrāddhaprakāśa (of Viramītrodaya) quotes Vṛddha-Vasīṣṭha to the effect that in the Mātrśrāddha (as part of Vṛddhi-śrāddha) if a sufficient number of brāhmanas be not available then for the groups of mātrs and of mātāmahās four women (for each group) whose husbands are living and who have a son or sons should be invited to dinner <sup>1186a</sup> and honoured.

The *Pratisāmmatsarika* or *Pratyābdika* śrāddha has already been described above at great length. It is to be performed every year on the day of death (Gobhilasmṛti III, 66). It is

1183a पिण्डनिर्वपणं कुर्यान्न वा कुर्याद्विचक्षणः । वृद्धिश्चाद्धे महाबाहो कुलधर्मान्वेद्य ह ॥ भविष्यपुराणः ; on this the पृथ्वीच० folio 167a remarks 'अतश्चाशौकरणादीनामपि निषेधः । तथा । अशौकरणमर्थं चावाहनं चावनेजनम् । पिण्डश्चाद्धे प्रकुर्वीत पिण्डहीने निवर्तते ॥'.

1184. कर्मादिषु ह सर्वेषु मातरः समग्राधिपाः । पूजनीयाः प्रयत्नेन पूजिताः पूजयन्ति ता ॥ गोभिलस्मृति I, 13, p by कल्पतरु (आ. p 272).

1185. ब्रह्मण्याद्यास्तथा सप्त दुर्गाक्षेत्रगणाधिपान् । वृद्ध्यादौ पूजयित्वा तु पश्चाद्ब्रह्मण्डि-सुखान् पितॄन् ॥ मातृपूर्वान् पितॄन्पूज्य ततो मातामहानपि । मातामहीस्ततः केचिद्युग्मा भोज्या द्विजातयः ॥ q by अपरार्क p 517.

1186 The worship of the mother Goddess or of mother Goddesses is one of the oldest and most widespread forms of religion. The mother Goddess appears in the civilizations of Mesopotamia and Syria, in prehistoric Europe and west Africa. Rude female figures, which represent idols of the mother Goddesses; have been discovered in the earliest deposits of prehistoric cultures. Vide 'Mother Goddesses' by Mr. S K Dikshit (Poona).

1186 a. मातृवर्गे मातामहीवर्गे वा ब्राह्मणालाभे पतिपुत्रान्विताश्चतस्रश्चतस्र सुवासिन्यो भोजनीया इत्युक्तं वृद्धवसिष्ठेन । मातृश्चाद्धे ह विमाणामलाभे पूजयेदपि । पतिपुत्रान्विता भव्या योपितोऽष्टौ सुदान्विताः ॥ आह्नयकाश p, 298.

laid down that in the case of one's parents this śrāddha partakes of the character of *pūrvana*.<sup>1186</sup> The Bhavīsyā-purāṇa and Skanda state that the Sāmvaṣṭarika śrāddha is the most eminent among śrāddhas and that if a son does not perform the yearly śrāddha of his parents on the day of death he goes to the horrible Hall called Tamisra and then is born as a pig in a town.<sup>1187</sup> In connection with this, if the tithi or month of death or both are not known then Brhaspati, the Skandapurāṇa, Padma and Bhavīsyapurāṇa lay down certain rules, viz.<sup>1188</sup> (1) if the tithi is known but the month is not known, then the śrāddha should be performed on that tithi in the month of Mārgaśīrṣa or Māgha; (2) if the month is known but the tithi is not known, then the śrāddha should be performed on the amāvāsyā of the month; (3) if both the tithi and the month are not known, then one should take the tithi and the month when the deceased started from home; (4) if even the day and month of starting be not known, then the tithi and month in which a person hears of the death of a relative should be taken. It is to be noted that the month in pitṛya rites is lunar and the words 'dina, aḥa, vāra' in connection with pitṛya rites mean 'tithi' (Aparārka p. 545). There is no *pratyābdhika* śrāddha in an intercalary month (Skanda VII. 1. 206, 59).

A few words may now be said about some other śrāddhas.

A well-known śrāddha is the Mahālayaśrāddha. Some of the Purāṇas deal with this. The Padmapurāṇa (Śrī-khaṇḍa) says 'In the fifth fortnight (*pañca*) beginning from the Full Moon day of Āśāḍha, one should perform a śrāddha, whether the Sun is by that time in the zodiacal sign of Kanyā (Virgo) or not. The sixteen days when the Sun is in Kanyā are equal to the solemn sacrifices which are completed with the gift of the

1186 b. एतच्च श्रुताहर्षपार्वणं मातापित्रोरेव । तथा च हेमाद्रिभूतकात्यायनवचनं  
'सपिण्डीकरणादूर्ध्वं पित्रोरेव हि पार्वणम् । पितृव्यस्रातृमातृणामेकोदिष्टं सदेव तु ॥ मातृपदं  
सपत्नीमातृपदम्' । आहृतत्त्व p. 304.

1187. सर्वेषामेव आह्वानं श्रेष्ठं सावत्सरं स्मृतम् । कियते यत्तत्तद्विशेषेन भुतेऽहनि भुधैः  
सह ॥ स यदि नरकं धीरे तामिस्रं नाम नामत । ततो भवति दुष्टात्मा नगरे दुर्कर खप ॥ भविष्य.  
I. 183. 20 and 25. The first occurs also in स्कन्दपुराण VII. 1. 205, 43.

1188. श्रुताहर्ष यदा मासो न ज्ञायेत कर्मचन । मार्गशीर्षेऽथवा माघे आर्द्रं तद्विशेषे  
स्मृतम् ॥ यदा तु वासराज्ञानं मासज्ञानमथैव च । अमायामेव तन्मासं आर्द्रं सावत्सरं भवेत् ॥  
एव (पातालखण्ड 101. 73-74). Vide भविष्यपुराण I. 183, 28-29, स्कन्द VII. 1. 205  
52 for similar rules बृहस्पति p. 545 has similar verses and adds  
'विनमासौ न विज्ञातौ मरणस्य यदा शुनः । मर्यादादिनमासौ तु ग्राह्यौ पूर्वोक्तया विज्ञातौ'.

best of daksinās. If it is not possible to perform the śrāddha in the dark half (when the Sun is in Kanyā), one may perform it when the Sun is in Tulā (Balance). When the Sun enters the sign of Scorpion (without a śrāddha being performed), the Fathers go away losing all hope and after pronouncing a terrible curse (on their descendants) they return to their abode.<sup>1189</sup> The fifth fortnight from the Full Moon day of Āśāḍha is the dark half of Bhādrapada. The dark half is the preserve of pītr̥s. In Bhādrapada the Sun is in the middle of its apparent motion in daksināyana. Therefore the dark half of Bhādrapada is specially chosen as the best period for śrāddha to the pītr̥s i. e. for the Mahālaya. The śrāddha performed in Bhādrapada dark half is called Mahālaya-śrāddha, since that fortnight is the abode (ālaya) as it were of the maha (i. e. festival day) for pītr̥s. The real idea is that the dark half of Bhādrapada is specially to be welcomed for a śrāddha when the Sun is in Kanyā during that fortnight and that even if the Sun is not in Kanyā the dark half of Bhādrapada is still a good time for a śrāddha to the pītr̥s. The Skandapurāṇa<sup>1190</sup> also says 'In the fifth fortnight from the Full Moon of Āśāḍha, when the Sun occupies the sign of Kanyā, the pītr̥s of him who offers a śrāddha on the tithi of the death (of one's father) certainly derive gratification for one year thereafter.' The Kalpataru quotes the Bhaviṣya-purāṇa to the effect that if a man has not performed śrāddha in

1189. आपाहीमवधिं कृत्वा यस्तु पक्षस्तु पञ्चमः । तत्र आर्द्धं प्रकुर्वीत कन्यां गच्छतु वा न वा ॥ कन्यागते सवितरि यान्यहानि तु पोदश । कर्तुमिस्तानि तुल्यानि समाप्तवरदक्षिणैः ॥ ...अभावात् कृष्णपक्षादौ तुलायां कर्तुमर्हति ॥ अतो वृश्चिकमायाते निराशाः पितरो गताः । पुनः स्वभवनं यान्ति शार्पं दत्त्वा सुदारुणम् ॥ पक्ष (सुदृष्टिखण्ड 47. 225-228). The first verse आपाही- occurs in अग्निपुराण 175.33 and is ascribed to जातूकर्ण्य by आ. क्रि कौ p. 283 and अपरार्क p. 423, which reads the third पाद as आर्द्धकालः स विज्ञेयः The verse कन्यागते- is ascribed to the ब्रह्मपुराण by आ. क्रि कौ p. 285 (which reads तुल्यानि देवो नारायणोऽनवीत्) and to ब्रह्माण्डपुराण by अपरार्क p. 424 (which reads last पाद as तत्र दत्तं महाफलम्) and to श्लोकगीतम् by आ. क. ल. p. 99. यान्यहानि तु पोदश—These words are explained in two ways. 'कदाचित् पक्ष-विद्वद्वा पोदशदिनात्मकोऽपि नभस्यस्यापर पक्ष आर्द्धकर्मणि कालो न तु पञ्चदशदिनात्मको वेति दर्शयितुमुक्तम् । यद्वा अमावारयाया अनुन्तरभूताया प्रतिपत्तिरपि संग्रहार्थं तिथि-पोदशकः' इत्युक्तम् । प्रतिपदापि क्षीणचन्द्रत्वे सापरपक्षतुल्यत्वात् । स्मृतिश्च (आ. p. 365). There is also a third way viz including the preceding full moon day along with the 15 days of the dark half. गजापतिस्मृति verse 161 is very similar to the verse कन्यागते- and कल्पतरु (आ. p. 16) quotes it from ब्रह्मण्ड

1190 आपात्वा पञ्चमे पक्षे कन्यासंस्थे दिवाकरे । मृताहनि पुनर्यो वै आर्द्धं दास्यति मानवः ॥ तस्य संवत्सर यावच्छताः स्युः पितरो भुवम् । स्कन्द. VI. 216. 96-97, q. by आर्द्ध-कल्पलता p. 98.

Mahālaya (i. e. in the dark fortnight of Bhādrapada when the Sun is in the sign of Kanyā) he should offer it on the 15th day (of the dark half of Āśvina) on which, it is well-known, lamps are lighted.<sup>1191</sup> The Śrāddha-sāra (p. 113) and the Smṛtikuṭṭha-phala (on śrāddha p. 745) quote Vṛddha-manu to the effect that the latter half of Bhādrapada when the Sun is in Kanyā is called Mahālaya and also Gajacchāyā. Various views are held on the question of the exact day on which the Mahālayaśrāddha is to be performed, viz. it may be performed on any day from the first *tithi* of the dark half of Bhādrapada to the amāvāsya or from the fifth of the dark half to the amāvāsya of Bhādrapada or from the 8th or 10th of the dark half to amāvāsya or from the 5th of the dark half of Bhādrapada to the 5th of the next fortnight or on any day on which the Sun is in Kanyā or on any day till the Sun enters Scorpion.<sup>1192</sup> Prajāpati states that there are numerous śrāddhas described by the Purāṇas, all of them yield rewards but the Mahālaya (śrāddha) is the most eminent among them.<sup>1193</sup>

The Mahālayaśrāddha is to be performed, as stated by the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa, in accordance with the procedure of Pārvaṇaśrāddha.<sup>1194</sup> The Smṛtyarthasāra states that if it is not possible to perform all śrāddhas (except sapindikarāṇa) according to the detailed procedure of Pārvaṇaśrāddha they should be performed by the procedure called 'Sankalpavidhi', which consists in performing the details laid down for Pārvaṇa as far as possible except the details of *āvāhana*, *arghya*, *homa* and *pindadāna*.<sup>1195</sup> The Madanapārijāta (pp 609-610) also states that when a man has to perform a 'sankalpa-śrāddha' he need not go through the details of *arghyadāna*, *vikāra* and there is no *āvāhana*, no *agnaukarāṇa* and no pindadāna even, but he has simply to feed a brāhmaṇa or brāhmaṇas

1191. येयं दीपान्विता राजन् स्वयात् पञ्चदशी शुवि। तस्या दद्यात् चैव तं पित्रा तु महालये॥ भविष्यपुराण q. by कल्पतरु (on आ p 17) and आ कि कौ p 291, स्मृतिरु (आ p 747 ascribes to सुमन्तु)

1192. तदेवं कृत्स्नः पञ्चमः पक्षः पञ्चम्यादिदर्शान्तमष्टम्यादिदर्शान्त-दशम्यादिदर्शान्त-पञ्चमीदर्शयोः मध्ये अनिदिद्धमेकं वा दिनं महालयपञ्चम्यादिदर्शकालः। स्मृतिरु (आ p 747)

1193. आह्वान्यनेकशः सन्ति पुत्राण्योक्तानि वै रुचि। फलमदानि सर्वानि तेषामग्नौ महालयः॥ प्रजापति verse 37.

1194. कन्यागते सवितरि दिग्गानि दश पञ्च च। पार्वण्येव विधिना तत्र आह्वं विधीयते॥ मार्कण्डेयपु. q. by स्मृतिरु (आ p. 745).

1195. संपिण्डीकरणवर्ज्यं सर्वआह्वेषु विस्तृतपार्वणविधिनासम्भवे सङ्कल्पविधिनैव कार्यम्। सङ्कल्पविधानं नामावाहनाद्यर्थहीमपिण्डवर्जं पार्वणीकं यथासम्भवं भवति। स्मृत्यर्थसार p 60.



In the Mahālayaśrāddha the Viśvedevas are Dhuri and Locana. This śrāddha is performed for the benefit not only of the paternal and maternal ancestors with their wives, but also for other relatives and persons that are dead (together with their wives, sons and husbands if these be dead) viz one's step-mother, one's wife, son, daughter, paternal uncle, maternal uncle, brother, paternal aunt and maternal aunt, sister, paternal uncle's son, son-in-law, sister's son, father-in-law, mother-in-law, ācārya, upādhyāya, *guru*, friend, pupil and any other relative.<sup>1196</sup> Some perform only for the paternal ancestors with their wives and the maternal ancestors with their wives. The day on which the moon is in Bharani nakṣatra in the dark half of Bhādrapada is called Mahābharani and śrāddha performed on that day is said to be equal to Gayāśrāddha (Matsyapurāṇa q. by Śr. K. L p 99) The Mahālaya-śrāddha is to be performed on the 12th tithi of Bhādrapada dark half in the case of a saṁnyāsī and on no other tithi and his yearly śrāddha is to be performed by his son according to pārvaya method as in the case of householders. The dvādaśī is sacred to Viṣṇu and *yatis* always repeat the words 'namo Nārāyaṇāya' and therefore the 12th is the special tithi for the mahālaya-śrāddha of *yatis*. The Mahālayaśrāddha is not to be performed in an intercalary month (*malamāsa*).

Two more śrāddhas that are performed even to this day may be mentioned here. One is called 'Mātāmahaśrāddha' or 'Dauhitra-pratipad-śrāddha'. A daughter's son whose parents are alive can alone perform a śrāddha for his maternal grand-father (together with the maternal grand-mother if she also be dead) on the first tithi of the bright half of Āsvina<sup>1197</sup>. A daughter's son can perform it even if his maternal grand-father has a son or sons living. It may be performed with or without pindaḍāna (generally without it) and it may be performed even if the daughter's son has not been invested with the sacred thread. The Śrāddhasāra notes that the mātāmahaśrāddha is based only on the usage of śiṣtas (p. 24).

Another is the 'Avidhavānavamīśrāddha', which is performed for one's mother or other women of the family who died while the husbands were alive. It is performed on the 9th of

1196. Vide धर्मसिन्धु II, p. 79 for the सङ्कल्प in महालयश्राद्ध

1197. गर्भस्थोऽपि च दौहित्रो अश्वदुक्षतिपदिने । कुर्यान्मातामहश्राद्धं पितरौ यदि जीवतः ॥ प्रजापतिस्मृति verse 170.

the dark half of Bhādrapada. It ceases to be performed when the husband dies after the woman's death. The Nirṇayasindhu notices several views about this and says that one should follow the usage of one's country <sup>1198</sup>. According to the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa in this śrāddha not only a brāhmana but also a woman whose husband is alive is to be fed and presents of a girdle, a garland and bangles are to be made to her.

It will have been seen from the translation of Āśv. gr., Yāj and the Padmapurāṇa that dakṣinā, according to one's ability, has to be given in each śrāddha towards the end of the rite. The Skandapurāṇa (VI. 218. 12-14) provides that whatever is wanting in mantras or the proper time or in procedure becomes perfect by dakṣinā. Śrāddha without dakṣinā is like rain on an arid place or like dancing in the dark or like singing before a deaf person, that he who desires the permanent gratification of himself and his Manes should not offer a śrāddha without dakṣinā. The Rāmāyaṇa shows how on the 12th day after the death of king Daśaratha gifts of jewels, of hundreds of cows, wealth, food in abundance and vehicles, of male and female slaves, of spacious houses were made to the brāhmanas. <sup>1199</sup> The Āśramavāsikaparva (14 3-4) recounts the valuable gifts to brāhmanas in honour of Bhisma, Drona, Duryodhana and other fallen warriors, adding that persons of all varṇas were treated to profuse food and drink. The Vāyupurāṇa (chapter 80) propounds in great detail the rewards of various kinds of gifts made in śrāddhas. From considerations of space those descriptions are passed over here and only a brief eulogy of the gift of cooked food is given in the note below. <sup>1200</sup> The Śāntiparva (chap 42. 7)

1198. अत्र भर्तृमरणोत्तरं पूर्वसुतश्राद्धं न कार्यमिति केचिद्वाहु पठन्ति च आह्वं नवम्या कुर्याच्चन्दते भर्तरे लुप्यते इति तदेवमिर्मूलत्वान्मूर्खमतारणमात्रम् । आह्वदीपकलिकाया ब्राह्मण-  
पितृमातृकुलोत्पन्ना याः काश्चिन्मुक्ताः स्त्रिय । आह्वार्हा मातरो ज्ञेया आह्वं तत्र प्रदीयते ॥  
इति । अत्र देशाच्चारद्धं व्यवस्था । निर्णयसिन्धु II p 154

1199 तान्ते दशाहोऽतिगते कृतशौचो ह्यपारमज । ह्यदशोऽहनि सपति आह्वकर्माप्य  
कारयत् ॥ ब्राह्मणेभ्यो ददौ रत्नं धनमर्क्षं च शुक्लम् । वासिकं बहुशुक्लं च गात्र्यापि शतशतदा ।  
वासिदासं च यानं च वेदमानि ह्यमहानि च । ब्राह्मणेभ्यो ददौ पुत्रो राजस्वरीध्वदेहिकम् ।  
रामायण, अयोध्याकाण्ड 77. 1-3 (M. L. J edition, 1933). ततोऽनन्तरमेवात्र सर्ववर्णा-  
न्महामते । अक्षपानरसौषेण ह्यवपाभासं पार्थिव ॥ आश्रमवासिकपर्व 14. 12

1200 अक्षदी लभते तिस्रः कन्याकोटीस्तथैव च । अक्षदानात्परं दानं विद्यते नेह किञ्चन ।  
अक्षद्वं भूतानि जायन्ते जीवन्ति च न संशयः ॥ जीवदानात्परं दानं न किञ्चिदिव विद्यते ।  
अक्षैर्जीवति वैलोचनमक्षरयैव हि तत्फलम् । अक्षे लोकाः प्रतिष्ठन्ति लोकदानस्य तत्फलम् । अन्नं  
प्रजापतिः साक्षात्तेन सर्वमिदं ततम् ॥ बाहुदुराण 80. 54-57.

states that while Yudhisthira performed the after-death ceremonies of the fallen heroes he erected *sabhās*, *prapās*, water reservoirs and the like intending them for each separately. Devala states. 'when the brāhmanas have sipped water after dinner, daksinā is to be given' and Brhaspati prescribes 'Daksinā should be given to all the brāhmanas according to the learning of them by means of (gifts of) cows, land, gold, clothes. He should do this in such a way that they feel satisfied, one who is well-off should do this specially.'<sup>1201</sup> The Āśvamedhika-parva (62. 2-5) states that Vāsudeva offered śrāddha to his sister's son Abhimanyu and donated to sixty thousand brāhmanas, gold, cows, bed-steeds, clothes and fed them. A special rule was provided by Brhaspati that the clothes, ornaments, bed-stead and the like, the horse and the like that were used by the father during his lifetime should be presented to the brāhmana invited for śrāddha after honouring him with sandalwood paste and flowers.<sup>1201a</sup> The Anuśāsana-parva (chapt. 96) states the origin of the practice of giving an umbrella and sandals on the completion of a śrāddha.

Something must be said about the gift of the bed-stead (*śayyā*) used by the deceased on the 11th or 12th day after death. The Garudapurāṇa (Pretakhanda 34. 69-89), Padma (śrīṭikhaṇḍa 10. 12), the Matsyapurāṇa highly eulogise the gift of śayyā to a brāhmana and his wife. The Matsyapurāṇa states that on the 2nd day after the end of impurity on death the performer (of śrāddha) should donate a bed-stead possessing special characteristics; on it the golden image of the deceased should be placed and also fruits and clothes. After honouring a brāhmana couple with many ornaments this should be done; then a bull should be let loose (for the benefit of the deceased) and the gift of a dark brown cow should also be made.<sup>1202</sup> The Garudapurāṇa (Pretakhanda 34. 73-82) gives a more elaborate description which appears to be almost identical with the

1201. बृहस्पतिरपि । यद्याहक्षिणां तेषां सर्वेषामनुकूलतः । गोधृष्टिरप्यवसोमि-  
स्तुष्टिर्लक्ष्मणा यथा । तथा भवति कर्तव्यं समर्थेन विशेषतः ।' q. by पुट्टवीच folio 112b; यद्य-  
द्विदमं लोके यद्यास्य दयितं गृहे । तत्तद्वृण्वते देयं तदेवाक्षयमिच्छता ॥ मार्कण्डेय 32.91,  
घामनपुराण 14 106.

1201 a बलालङ्कारशय्यादि पितृयज्ञादिकम् । गन्धमाल्यैः समभ्यर्च्य आङ्गभोजने  
तदपयेत् ॥ बृहस्पति q. by च म p 129, आ. क. ल. p 213.

1202. स्तकान्वाद् द्वितीयोद्विद्धि शय्यां दद्याद्विलक्षणां । काञ्चनं पुरुषं तद्वत्फलवज्र-  
समन्विताम् । सम्पूज्य द्विजदाम्पत्यं नानाभरणभूषणैः । दूषोत्सर्गं च कुर्वीत देया च कपिला  
शुभा ॥ मत्स्यपुराण 18, 12-14 q. by आ. क. ल. p 213, आङ्गिरस p. 199.

verses of the Bhavisya quoted by Hemādri. The Bhavisya-purāṇa quoted by Hemādri ( and from Hemādri by the Nirṇaya-sindhu p. 596 ) states the mantra to be recited viz 'just as the bed-stead of Kṛṣṇa is never devoid of Lakṣmī, the daughter of the ocean, similarly my bed may not be empty in each birth that I may have to undergo.'<sup>1203</sup> Acceptance of the gift of a śayyā was looked down upon in former times and even now it is only the poor brāhmanas ( that are not generally learned ) that accept this gift. The Padmapurāṇa condemns the acceptance of the gift of śayyā in no measured terms. It says 'when a brāhmana accepts the gift of a bed-stead, he should have to undergo the ceremony of upanayana again. In the Veda as well as in the Purāṇa ( the gift of ) a bed-stead is everywhere condemned and all those who accept the gift go to hell.'<sup>1204</sup>

Certain other matters connected with śrāddhas may be briefly touched upon. In very ancient times twelve kinds of sons were recognized out of whom the kṣetrāja,<sup>1205</sup> the putrikāputra and dattaka were most important. All these were the sons of two fathers. The question mooted was : to whom were they to offer pindas ? The Maṇḍanapārijāta ( pp 607-608 ) quotes a passage from the Hārīta-dharmaśūtra<sup>1206</sup> and explains it. Hārīta says, 'seed does not grow without a field. Since it is seen that both are necessary the child born is the child of both. Out of the two ( fathers ) the procreator is to be first invoked

1203 मन्त्रस्तु—यथा न कुण्डलायनं क्षुण्यं सागरजातया । शय्या ममाप्यशुण्यास्तु तथा जन्मनि जन्मनि ॥ यस्मादशुण्यं शयनं केवलस्य शिवस्य च । शय्या जन्मनि ॥ नि ति III p. 597. The गरुडपुराण ( प्रेतखण्ड 34 81 ) has the verse यथा न etc

1204. ग्रहीताया तु शय्यायां पुनः संस्कारमर्हति । वेदे चैव पुराणे च शय्या सर्वत्र गर्हिता ॥ ग्रहीतारस्तु जायन्ते सर्वे नरकगामिनः ॥ पद्म ( दृष्टिखण्ड 10 17-18 )

1205. The kṣetrāja son was procreated on the wife or widow of a sonless man by a *sagotra* ( a brother or other agnate ) or even an *asagotra* according to the rules of *niyoga*, the procreator being called *bhṛūṇ* and the husband on whose wife or widow the son was begotten was called *kṣetrim*. The *putrikāputra* is of two kinds, (1) a sonless man gives his daughter in marriage to another with the stipulation that the son born of the marriage will be the son of the girl's father ( Vas. 17. 17, Manu IX 127 ). (2) A daughter herself may be made a son ( Vas 17. 16 ). A *dattaka* is a son whom his father or mother gives to another as a son confirming the gift with water ( Manu IX. 168 ). Vide H. of Dh vol. III. pp. 647-650 for detailed explanations about these and other secondary sons.

1206. तत्र हारीतः । नाक्षेत्रं बीजं रोहति । उभयदर्शनाद्भयोरपरत्यमिति । तेषामुत्पाद-  
यितुः प्रथमं पदो भवति । द्वौ द्वौ पिण्डौ निर्वपेत् । अथवैकपिण्डे द्वावशुकीतिपेत् । द्वितीये पुत्र-  
स्तृतीये पौत्रौ लेपिनश्च त्रीनन्वाचक्ष्ण आ सप्तमादित्येके । मद् पा pp 607-608 and  
कल्पतरु ( on आ pp. 241-242 ).

(and then the ksetrin). He (the son) may offer two pindas to each grade of the ancestors or he may offer a single pinda (to the father and) may repeat the names of both (fathers) as to that single pinda. The son (of the son of two fathers) may repeat two names as to the 2nd pinda (i. e. the pinda for paternal grand-father); the grand-son (of the son of two fathers) may do the same as to the third pinda (viz. the pinda for paternal great-grandfather).’ Manu IV. 140 and Gobhila-smṛiti II. 105 say about the putrikāputra<sup>1207</sup> that he presents the first pinda to his mother (as she was appointed as a son), the 2nd to her father and the third to his father’s father. This appears to be one order in which pindas are to be offered by the putrikāputra, while Manu IX. 132 sets out another method since it says that a putrikāputra inherits the entire wealth of his own father if he is sonless and he gives two pindas (i. e. performs two śrāddhas) for his own father and for his maternal grandfather. The Śān. Śr. S. provides<sup>1208</sup> that if there be two fathers, the son should recite the names of both (*bījin* and *ksetrin*) with reference to the same pinda. Even Yāj. says ‘The son procreated according to the rules of *nyūyoga* by a sonless man on the wife of another inherits the wealth of both and offers pinda to both.’<sup>1209</sup> The Mīt. adds that if a person appointed to procreate a son on another’s wife has a son, then the son so begotten becomes the son of the ksetrin alone and not of the bījin. As the ksetraja and putrikāputra have become obsolete for several centuries the subject has only an academic interest now. But the *dattaka* is still in vogue and a few words must be said here about the persons to whom the *dattaka* offers pindas. The Kalpataru quotes from the Pravarādhyāya a passage on this point which is as

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1207. मातुः प्रथमतः पिण्डं निर्वपेत् पुत्रिकापुत्रः। द्वितीयं तु पित्रस्तस्यास्तृतीयं तु पितुः पितुः ॥ गोभिलस्मृतिः II 105. कुल्लूक appears to be wrong in explaining पितुः पितुः in मनु IX. 140 as ‘तृतीयं मातुः पितामहाय दद्यात्’। मनु IX. 132 is ‘दौहित्रो ह्यखिलं रिम्यमपुत्रस्य पितुर्ददेत्। स एव दद्याद् द्वौ पिण्डौ पित्रे मातामहाय च ॥’. Here दौहित्र means पुत्रिकापुत्र.

1208 असावेतसे ये च त्वामत्रान्विति पिण्डान् यथावनेजितं निधानोभावकस्मिन् पिण्डे पितृभेदे । शाङ्खायनश्रौत सू IV. 3 10-11 q by कल्पतरु p 241 (on आ.). The आप. श्रौ I 9. 7 says ‘यदि द्विपिता स्यादेकैकस्मिन् पिण्डे द्वौ द्वावुपलस्येत्’.

1209. अपुत्रेण परस्त्रे नियोगोत्पादितः सुतः। उभयोरप्यसौ रिक्थी पिण्डदाता च धर्मतः ॥ या II. 127: यदा तु नियुक्तः पुत्रवान् केवलं क्षेत्रिणः पुत्रार्थं प्रयतते तदा तदुत्पन्नः क्षेत्रिण एव पुत्रो भवतीति न बीजिनः। स च न नियमेन बीजिनो रिक्थ्यहारी पिण्डदो वेति। मिता.

follows: 1210 'If these (i. e. those who are *bijin*) have no issue born of their own wives, (the sons begotten by *nyoga* or given in adoption) should inherit their wealth and offer *pindas* to them up to three ancestors; if both (the *bijin* and *ksetrin* or the giver and taker in adoption) have no other son, then they (sons begotten or adopted) should offer *pinda* to both, in one and the same *śrāddha* they should repeat (the names of) the two ancestors respectively (of the acceptor and that of the begetter) after having separately intended the same *pinda* for both up to the third ancestor.' The Baud. Dh. S. 1211 quotes a verse as follows 'The son of two fathers shall give the *pinda* (to his two fathers and pronounce) two names with each *pinda*; three *pindas* will thus serve for six persons (ancestors).' It would be seen from the passage quoted above from *Hārīta* that some authorities allowed two separate *pindas* for each degree of ancestors when there were two in the same degree. *Manu* IX. 142 lays down 'the son given should not take the *gotra* and wealth of his natural father, the *pinda* follows the *gotra* and wealth; the *śrāddha* (obsequies) of him who gives (his son in adoption) cease or fail (so far as that son is concerned).' This verse has been so interpreted by some decisions of the High Courts and of the Privy Council as to mean that the son adopted becomes totally severed from the family of his birth. This subject has been discussed at great length in *H. of Dh.* vol III pp 690-697 and it is established there that the severance of the son given in adoption is only partial, that the *gotra* of the natural family persists even after adoption into another family for purposes of marriage and *āśauca* and that the *Nirayāsindhu*, 1212 the *Dharma-sindhu* and the *Dattaka-candrikā* declare that the son given away in adoption into another family can perform the *śrāddha* of his natural father,

1210. अथ यद्येषा स्वभार्यात्पत्यं न स्याद्विक्रयं हरेत्. पिण्डं चैव्यस्त्रिपुरं दद्यात् यद्यभयोर्न स्यादुभयोर्य द्युरेकस्मिन्नास्ते पृथगुद्दिश्येकपिण्डे द्यावद्वकीर्तयेत् भतिग्रहीतारं चोत्पादयितारं चावृणीयात्पुनरात् । q by कल्पतरु (आ. p. 241) with variations The same passage is cited as from कात्यायन by the वय. न p. 115 (my edition), and from कात्यायन and लौगाक्षि (quoted in प्रवरमञ्जरी) by नि सि. III p. 389.

1211. अथाप्युदाहरन्ति । द्विपितुः पिण्डदानं स्यात् पिण्डे पिण्डे च नामनी । त्रयश्च पिण्डाः षण्णां स्मरुर्वै कुर्वन् मुह्यति । इति । श्री घ सू II 2. 22-23.

1212. दत्तकस्तु जनकस्य पुत्राद्यभावे दद्यात् तत्सत्त्वे । गोत्ररिक्तये जनयितुर्न भजेद् दत्तमः सुतः । गोत्ररिक्त्याद्यग. पिण्डो व्यपैति दत्त. स्वधा । इति मन्त्रे । इदं जनकस्य पुत्र-सम्प्रापयन् । नि सि III p. 389, दत्तकस्तु जनकपितुः पुत्राद्यभावे जनकपितुः आहं कुर्वीद् धनं च श्रद्धीयात् । धर्मसिन्धु III. (उत्तरार्ध) p 371.

if the latter has no son at the time of his death and can also take his wealth.

*Vrsotsarga* (the letting loose of a bull). This topic has been dealt with by several sūtra works such as the Śān. gr. III. 11, the Kausitaki gr. III 11 (in Benaras S. S. and III 6 in Madras University Series), Kāthaka gr. 59, 1 ff., Pāraskara gr. III. 9, Visnu-dharmasūtra, chap. 86. 1-20. In numerous works some verses called *gāthās* sung by the pitrs are set out one of which expresses the yearning of the pitrs as follows: <sup>1213</sup> 'one should desire to have many sons; since if even one (of the sons) goes to Gayā (and offers śrāddha after his father's death) or if he performs a solemn horse sacrifice or lets loose a dark-coloured bull (the man having such a son will secure final release)'. The description in the Visnudharmasūtra being tolerably full is set out here; <sup>1214</sup> "(This ceremony) takes place on the full moon day in Kārtika or Āśvina. In this rite he must first examine the bull. The bull must be the offspring of a milch cow having young ones living, he must have all auspicious

1213. एष्टव्या बहवः पुत्रा यद्येकोपि गयां व्रजेत् । यजेत वाश्वमेधेन नीलं वा वृषस्य-  
त्यजेत् ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 85. 67, बृहस्पतिसंस्तुति verse 21, लघुशङ्ख 10, मत्स्यपुराण 22 6,  
ब्रह्मपुराण 220. 32-33, वायुपुराण 83 11-12, पद्म (सुखिखण्ड 11.68), ब्रह्माण्ड (उपोद्धात-  
पाद 19 11), विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 146.58 and I. 144 3. The meaning is 'बहूनां पुत्राणां  
मध्ये एकनापि गयाश्राद्धकरणे पितृसुक्तिर्भवति,' as stated in स्कन्दपुराण, नामरत्नखण्ड,  
chap. 216 114-117. The first half occurs in अश्वत्थामनपर्व 88 14 and the whole  
verse in मत्स्य 207. 40 (which says it is an ancient gāthā and reads the third  
pāda as 'गौरीं वायुहृहेत्कन्याः'), Compare कूर्म- II. 20. 30-31.

1214 अथ वृषोत्सर्गः । कार्तिक्यामाश्वयुज्या वा । तत्रादावेव वृषमं परीक्षेत । जीवद्वत्साया-  
पयस्विन्या पुत्रम् । सर्वलक्षणोपेतम् । नीलम् । लोहितं वा । सुखश्छपादश्चक्षुःशृङ्गम् । सूक्ष्म-  
च्छादकम् । ततो गवा मध्ये सुसमिद्धमग्निं परिस्तीर्य पीण्यं चर्चं पयसा अपयित्वा पूषा गा  
अन्वेत न इह रतिरिति च हुत्वा वृषमयस्कारस्त्वङ्कयेत् । एकास्मिन् पार्श्वे चकेनापरास्मिन् पार्श्वे  
शूलैव । अङ्कितं च हिरण्यवर्णा इति चतसृभिः । शं नो देवीरिति च स्नापयेत् । स्नातमलङ्घनं  
रुनातालवृताभिश्चतसृभिर्वत्सतरीभिः । सार्धमानीय रुद्रान् वृषसूक्तं कृष्माण्डोश्च जपेत् । पिता  
वत्सानामिति वृषभस्य दक्षिणे कर्णे पठेत् । इमं च । वृषो हि भगवान्धर्मश्चतुष्पादः प्रकीर्तितः ।  
वृणोमि तमहं भक्त्या स मे रक्षतु सर्वतः ॥ एतं युवानं पतिं वो वदामि तेन क्रीडन्तीश्वरतः प्रियेण ।  
मा हास्यहि प्रजया मा तनुमिर्मा रयाम हिपते सोम राजन् । वृषं वत्सतरीयुक्तमैनास्यां कारये-  
हिहि । होतृवर्चयुगं दद्यात्सुवर्णं काश्यमेव च ॥ अपस्कारस्य दातव्यं वेतनं मनसोऽप्यतम् ।  
भोजनं बहुसर्पिकं ब्राह्मणांश्चात्र भोजयेत् ॥ उत्सृष्टो वृषभो यस्मिन् पिबत्यथ जलाशये । जला-  
शयं तत्सकलं पितृस्तस्योपतिष्ठति ॥ शृङ्गेणोल्लिखेत धूमि यत्र कचन दर्पितः । पितृणामक्षयानं  
तत्प्रभूतमुपतिष्ठति ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 86. 1-20. The काठकग्रन्थ (59.3) reads 'इह रतिरिति  
हुत्वा'. The commentator gives ten mantras here of which इह रतिरिति is the  
2nd. The first half of एतं युवानं occurs in ते स III. 3.9.1 (reads परि वो वदामि).  
The whole verse occurs in a corrupt form in विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 147 12 and the  
verse वृषो हि is विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I 147. 10.

marks (i. e. must not be deficient in any limb), must be dark-coloured<sup>1215</sup> or red but having a white mouth, white tail, white feet and white horns, he must be one that can protect the herd (or that throws into the background by his height all the herd). Then after having kindled a blazing fire among the cows (in the cowpen) and having strewn kuśa grass around it let him boil with milk a dish sacred to Pūsan and offer (two oblations) with the mantra 'May Pūsan follow our cows' (Rg. VI. 54.5) and the mantra 'here is pleasure' (Vāj. S. 8.51); a blacksmith should then mark the bull, on one flank with a discus and on the other flank<sup>1216</sup> with a trident. Let him wash the bull after he is marked with four mantras beginning with 'the golden-coloured' (Tai. S. V. 6.1. 1-2) and with the (five) mantras beginning with 'May the divine (waters) bring us happiness' (Rg. X. 9. 4-8). Having washed and decked the bull he should bring him together with four young cows which also should have been washed and decked and mutter the Rudras (Tai. S. IV 5. 1-11), the Purusasūkta (Rg. 10. 90. 1-16) and the Kūsmāṇḍis (Vāj. S. XX. 14-16, Tai. A. X. 3-5). Then let him recite in the right ear of the bull the mantra<sup>1217</sup> 'father of calves' and the following mantras 'The holy dharma<sup>1218</sup> is a bull and is declared to have four feet; I choose him with devotion (as the object of worship); may he protect me on all sides. This young bull I give you as husband (O young cows!), roam

1215. A नीलवृष is variously defined. The मत्स्यपुरा 207.38 and विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I, 146.56 define 'चरणानि सुखं पुच्छं यस्य श्वेतानि गोपतेः। लासारससर्पणश्च तं नीलमिति निर्दिशेत्॥'. In विष्णुधर्मोत्तर I. 146.42-55 and मत्स्य 207 the characteristics of auspicious and inauspicious bulls are given. The आ. क. ल. p. 214 quotes सौनक as 'लोहितो यस्तु वर्णेन सुखे पुच्छे च पाण्डुरः। श्वेतः सुखविद्यायां स नीलो वृष उच्यते॥'. This is ascribed to ब्रह्माण्डपुराण (रिवाचण्ड) by आ. म. and ह्य. म. p. 226.

1216. The विष्णुधर्मोत्तर says शूलेन दक्षिणे पाश्वर्णे चामे चक्रेण निर्दधेत्। I. 147.6; while the भाष्योत्तर q. by ह्य. म. p. 227 says 'ततो वामे त्रिशूलं च दक्षिणे चक्रमालिखेत्'.

1217. The आश्वविदेक of रुद्रधर (p. 75) sets out the whole verse as 'पिता वत्सानां पतिरन्धानामथो पिता महता गयराणां। वत्सो जरायुः प्रविधुर्गृहीय आमिक्षा पूर्ववद्दस्य रेतः॥'. It is a corrupt reading of तै. स. III. 3.9.2 (which reads पतिरितिः पानां and आमिक्षा मस्तु घृतमस्य रेतः).

1218. The holy dharma ... four feet—This refers to the idea that Dharma, when in pristine glory in the कृतयुग, has four feet, but in each succeeding युग one foot is lost; vide मनु I. 81 (= शान्तिपूर्व 232.37). Dr. Jolly is not right when he refers (in SBE vol. 7. p. 262) the words to मारुद् I. 11 (SBE vol. 30. p. 7) where स्यवहार is said to have four feet of which धर्म is one. Vide H. of Dh., vol. III. pp. 259-262 for explanation.



about sportingly with him as your lover. May we not lack progeny, O king Soma, nor physical fitness and may we not succumb to our enemy'. He must drive away the bull together with the young cows in the north-eastern direction and give a pair of garments, gold and a vessel of bell metal to the hotr (officiating priest). The blacksmith should be given wages as desired by him and food seasoned with a good deal of clarified butter should be served to (three) brāhmanas (at least). That <sup>1219</sup> pool at which a bull let loose (in honour of a deceased person by his son or the like) drinks water serves (reaches) the manes. Wherever a bull (let loose) exulting in his strength scratches (or digs up) the earth, that earth becoming abundant food and water waits upon the manes." <sup>1220</sup> In the Anuśāsanaparva the pītr̥s are represented as saying that by letting loose a dark-coloured bull, by offering water mixed with sesame and by lighting lamps in the rains a man becomes free from the debt he owes to the pītr̥s (chap. 125. 73-74).

In the Garudapurāṇa it is stated that the deceased person for whom a bull is not let loose on the 11th day after death permanently remains a *pītr̥*, even if hundreds of śrāddhas are offered for him. The same Purāṇa further provides that if a bull be not available on the 11th day, then the effigy of a bull made of darbhas and flour or clay should be symbolically let loose. <sup>1221</sup> In the Bhaviṣyapurāṇa the 12th day after death is prescribed for the letting loose of a bull (N. S. III. p. 505). The Nirṇayasindhu says that the making of an effigy of a bull with clay, darbhas and flour is without authority. Even at present people let loose a bull but owing to the rise in the prices of bulls this is becoming less frequent. Several medieval digestas such as the Pitr̥dayitā (pp. 84, 94), Śrāddhahiveka of Rudradhara (pp. 69-77), Nirṇayasindhu (III pp. 595-596), Śuddhiprakāśa

1219. 'That pool' etc The वायुपुराण (83. 45-48) contains verses of similar import, only two of which are quoted here 'वृषोत्सृष्टा पुनात्येव वृक्षाती-  
ताम्वशावरान् ... शुद्धे' 'सुरैर्वा यद् भूमिमुल्लिखत्यनिशं वृषः । मधुकुल्याः पितृन्स्तरप अक्षयारता  
भवन्ति वै' ॥ 45, 48.

1220. The वृषोत्सर्गविधि in विष्णुधर्मोत्तर (I 147. 1-19) closely follows the  
विष्णुधर्मसूत्र

1221. एकादशाहं प्रेतस्य यस्यात्सर्वं जेत नो वृषः । प्रेतस्यं सुस्थिरं तस्य वृषैः आश्रयतेरपि ॥  
... एकादशदिशि संश्लेषे वृषालाभो भवेद्यदि । दूर्गेः पितृस्तु संपाद्य तं वृषं मोचयेद्बुध ॥ गरुडपुराण  
II. 5.40, 44-45. वृषरूपति q. by आ. क. ल. p. 214 and वृद्धिज्ञानमत q. by झु प  
p 225 have a verse very similar to the first and the 2nd is ascribed to संग्रह  
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pp. 225-230, Antyestipādhati of Nārāyanabhatta present a far more elaborate description, but from considerations of space they are passed over here. It is provided in these and other digests that such a bull should not be seized by anyone nor made to draw a vehicle and the cow or cows let loose along with him should not be milked nor confined in a cow-pen. A bull is not let loose for a deceased woman, but a cow may be donated together with its calf without being branded and after being decked with sandal-wood paste.<sup>1221a</sup>

What is the idea underlying the letting loose of a bull after the death of a person? If a conjecture may be hazarded, it appears to have been thought that if a bull were freed from toil (that is the lot of most bulls) and placed in the midst of pleasant surroundings, that act of the relatives of the deceased may in a vicarious manner conduce to the happiness of the departed spirit in the other world.

One remarkable matter about śrāddhas is yet to be mentioned. The Baud. grhyaśesasūtra III, 19, the Lingapurāṇa (II 45, 8-90, some of which are quoted by Śr. Pr. pp 363-364), the Kalpataru (on śrāddha pp. 277-279), Hemādri (Śr. pp. 1704-1717), the Śrāddhaprakāśa (pp. 361-371) and a few other digests describe the procedure of *Jīva-śrāddha* or *Jīva-śrāddha*, which a man was allowed to perform for the benefit of his own soul, while he was himself alive. Baudhāyana's being probably the most ancient extant description it is briefly set out here "A man who desires his own highest happiness should fast on the 13th tithi of the dark half and bring together materials on the same day, which are required in the funeral rites of deceased persons, viz six garments, a golden needle, a goad, a noose made of (cotton) threads, a ragged garment, a stalk of palāśa leaves, a chair of udumbara wood, jars and other materials also. On the next day he bathes; after standing in the midst of water he comes out and makes (the brāhmanas) pronounce 'this is an auspicious day, may there be happiness and prosperity (for you)'; he makes a gift of garments, a ring and dakṣiṇā and facing the south eats rice boiled in milk and mixed with ghee.

1221 a. वाचस्पतिमिश्र wrote a work called चन्दनधेनुदान in which he quotes two verses of देवल from the रत्नाकर as follows जीवज्जी ह वा नारी श्रियते श्रियती यदि । सर्वस्वामङ्गिता धेनुमाचार्याय प्रदाययेत् ॥ पतिव्रतवती नारी श्रियते चाग्रतस्तपो । इषं नैवोत्पलेत्युन्न पितृ वावजु जीवति ॥. Vide Descriptive Cat. of Sanskrit Mss. under the care of the Asiatic Society of Bengal by M. M. Haraprasad Shastri, vol. III (smṛit Mss) pp 405-406 No 2310.

He kindles the fire according to the general<sup>1222</sup> procedure laid down for *homa*, spreads round it *darbhās*, cooks food on the fire and offers from the cooked food four oblations of food into the fire; the first is made after first reciting the Puroṇuvākya<sup>1222a</sup> (invitatory prayer) 'catvāriśrngā' ('Agni has four horns,' Rg. IV. 58. 3, Tai. Ā. X. 10. 2) and offers the oblation with the Yājyā (offering prayer) 'tridhā hitam' (placed in three plates, Rg. IV. 58. 4) The Puroṇuvākya and Yājyā of the 2nd oblation of rice are 'tatsavitur varenyam' (Rg. III. 62. 10, Tai. S. I. 5 6 4) and 'yojayitri sūrtānām'. Of the third oblation the Puroṇuvākya and Yājyā are respectively 'ye catvārah' (Tai. S. V. 7. 2. 3) and 'Dve srutī' (Rg. X. 88. 15, Tai. Br. I. 4. 2. 3); the Puroṇuvākya and Yājyā of the 4th oblation are respectively 'agne naya' (Rg. I. 189. 1, Tai. S. I. 114. 3) and 'yā tiraści' (Br. Up. VI. 3. 1).<sup>1223</sup> Then he offers oblations of clarified butter with the Puruṣasūkta of 18 verses (Vāj. S. 31. 1-18, Tai. Ā. III. 12) and 1008, 108 or 28 oblations of clarified butter with the *Gāyatrī* verse. Then he goes to a spot where four roads meet, makes a gift of the needle, goad, ragged garment, the rope to a short-statured brāhmaṇa who has a dark skin and having made him repeat the words 'May the servants of Yama be gratified' he places the jars on grains of rice. Having wound round the jars that are full of water threads he prepares an effigy of a human being, three threads for the head, three for the mouth, 21 for the neck, 4 for the body, two on each arm, one for the male organ, five for each of the feet with the words 'May the revered Yama be pleased.' Then making ready the chair, washing it with *pañcagavya*, he makes the effigy of a human being on black antelope skin with palāśa stalks, he establishes the prānas in the effigy made on the jar and placing his body on the body made with stalks he should sleep. When he rises,

1222. For the general procedure of *homa*, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 207-211.

1222 a The पुरोनुवाक्य (or simply अनुवाक्य) is so called because it is recited to make the deity favourable before the sacrifice is offered (इति यजुष्यते इति व्युत्पत्त्या). Yājyā is the offering prayer. It is preceded by ये यजामहे and followed by vasat (pronounced as वासद्). Both these are uttered by the hotṛ in a high tone. Vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 1058-1060. The yājyā is recited while standing, but the Puroṇuvākya is recited sitting. The verse योजयित्वा सूताना appears to be an adaptation of चोदयित्वा सूताना (Rg. I. 3.11).

1223. The verse is. या तिरश्ची निपद्यते (से?) अहं विधरणी इति । ता त्वा घृतस्य धारया यजे संराधनीमहम् ॥ बृह. उ. VI. 3.1,

he should himself bathe his body with (the water in) the jar with verses of Purusasūkta and with pañcagavya and pure water and eat in the evening food mixed with sesamum grains together with clarified butter. He should give dinner to brāhmanas for the gratification of the servants of Yama. On the 4th day he burns (the effigy) with mantras. He should offer water, and pinda with the words 'pinda to me of such and such a gotra for benefit in the next world, *svadhā namah.*' With these words he should bring to a close the rite. He should observe impurity for ten days for himself, but his agnates have not to observe impurity for him. On the 11th day he performs ekoddista. They also cite the following verse 'one who is in distress, a woman and a śūdra having burnt one's body (i. e. effigy) with mantras should perform all rites on that very day. This is the revelation.' In the case of women the rite is performed silently or with (?) Vedic mantras. In this way he should perform his own śrāddha every month for a year and at the end of each year up to twelve years. And then he should stop. When he is not able to do all these (himself) his son and the like may perform them. They also recite the following verse; 'Although heirs may be alive one may perform one's śrāddha while alive, having quickly set about doing everything according to the rules, except Sapindana. One should not make delay as to the time specified above, since life is evanescent'."

It may be noted that the Baud. grhyasūtra III, 22 contains a very brief procedure of the same rite, but therein two verses of Kanva and one of Visnu are quoted. It appears that this is a later addition. The text of Baud. grhyasūtra III, 19 is quoted by Śr. Pr. pp. 361-363. But the Śrāddha-prakāśa also quotes a long passage from the Lingapurāna and explains it (pp. 363-368). The procedure in the Lingapurāna, however, materially differs from that of Baudhāyana. It is passed over here from considerations of space. The Śrāddhamayūkha also gives an elaborate description. Some of its provisions are stated here. In Jivat-śrāddha the word *preta* should nowhere be used. An effigy of the person is made with fifty kuśas and is to be burnt by another with the mantra 'kravyādam-agnim' (Rg. X. 16, 9). The person has to kindle fire on the banks of a river with his face to the south with his grhya fire or ordinary fire and has to dig up a pit and make a prayer to the earth as in the case of an actual death.

In the Bombay University Library there is a Ms. of Jivat-śrāddha ascribed to Śaunaka in the Bhadkamkar Collection.

It contains a far more elaborate procedure than that of Baudhāyana and is in prose. It contains many of the provisions of Baudhāyana. Further details are passed over here.

The provision of a śrāddha for a living person offered by himself is a perversion of the ancient idea of śrāddha. The basic and fundamental conception of a śrāddha was to gratify the spirits of *deceased* ancestors. People had gone crazy with the idea of śrāddhas and invented this new mode to satisfy that craze. I have known persons that performed Jivat-śrāddha, though they had sons, younger brothers and nephews who would have certainly performed śrāddhas for them on their death.

It is customary to make a gift of a cow with a calf to a brāhmana, preferably a kapila cow, on the 2nd day after the period of āśauca. Often times this is the only cow given, and the cow called Vaitarani referred to above (p. 183, note 427) is rarely donated in the midst of the sorrow and turmoil immediately on the death of a dear and near relative. A declaration is first made that a gift of a cow will be made and then water is poured on the hand of a brāhmana. Then holding kuśas in his hand the donor makes a gift of the cow with a formula noted below<sup>1224</sup>. The donee replies with the words 'om svasti' (Yes, may it be well!). Then daksinā (in gold or silver coins) is given and the brāhmana says 'om svasti', holds the tail of the cow and repeats a Kāmastuti (eulogy of Kāma)<sup>1225</sup> according to the recension of the Veda he has studied. The Anuśāsana-parva (57. 28-29) eulogises the gift of a kapila cow with the calf, given with a milking pail of bell-metal, whose horn tips are decked with gold, by stating that such a gift not only saves the donor in the other world but also his sons, grandsons and family for seven generations. The Anuśāsana-parva (77.10 ff) sets out a legend why the kapila cow is the best of all cows.

The Purānas and digests devote a good deal of space to śrāddhas at tīrthas and at Gayā. Vide Atri 55-58, Vāyupurāna 83. 16-42, Hemādri (on Śr.) pp. 1568 ff and 1575 ff. This subject will be briefly dealt with in the section on *tīrthas*.

1224. ओम् अयाशौचान्ते हिंसीयेद्धि अमुकगोत्रस्य पितुरमुकमेतस्य स्वर्गप्राप्तिकामः इमं कपिलां नां हेमवर्णीं सौम्यचुरां वल्लभगच्छलां कांर्योपदोहां सुक्तालाङ्गुलधृतिर्वा सवक्तां रुद्रदैवतयाममुकगोत्रापासकज्ञानि ब्राह्मणाय हुम्यमहं संमदये। आस्तु विवेक ०१ रुद्रधर p. 77.

1225. For Kāmastuti, vide p. 184, n. 430 above.

Much is said on the question whether śrāddhas should be performed in the intercalary month. The intercalary month is called by various names, viz. Malimlūca (Kāthaka Sam. 38. 14),<sup>1226</sup> Samsarpa or Amhasaspati (Vaj S. 7.30 and 22.31), Mala-māsa, Adhimāsa. An intercalary month is known even to the Rg-veda (Rg. I. 25.8). The vendor of soma and the thirteenth month are condemned as *pāpa* (sinful) in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa.<sup>1227</sup> The Pūrāṇas tried to bolster up the intercalary month by calling it Puruṣottama-māsa (i. e. the month of Viṣṇu) but the original stigma attaching to the 13th month seems to have persisted. The general rule about an intercalary month is stated by the Grhyaparīśiṣṭa.<sup>1228</sup> 'the month called Malimlūca is polluted and springs from sin; it is condemned for all acts; it should be discarded in all rites in honour of gods and pitṛs.' But exceptions to this sweeping prohibition have been recognized. Hārīta provides<sup>1229</sup> that all śrāddhas that come after Sapindana are not to be performed in an intercalary month. Vyāsa laid down<sup>1230</sup> that such ceremonies as jātakarma, annaprāśana, the navaśrāddhas, śrāddha on Magha and the thirteenth *tithi*, the sixteen śrāddhas, bath, gifts, *japa* and śrāddha at the time of the eclipse of the sun or moon—these should be performed even in an intercalary month. The Smṛtimuktāphala concludes (p. 728) that there is no blemish in performing a śrāddha in an intercalary month provided it is to be performed before the end of one year from death. It is provided by Bhṛgu<sup>1231</sup> that the sāmavatsarika śrāddha of those who die in an intercalary month

1226. मलिम्लुचो नामासि त्रयोदशो मास इन्द्रस्य क्षमासि। काठकसं. 38. 10 (161-162); संतपतेर्यद्वैतस्यैव स्वल्पहासि त्रयोदश मास इत्याहुस्तमेव तद् प्रीणाति। तै. सं. VI, 5 3.4.

1227. तं (सोमं) त्रयोदशमासादाहर्णीतस्तस्मात्त्रयोदशो मासो नाव्ययते न च सोम-विकल्पव्ययवियते पापो हि सोमविक्रयी। ऐ. ब्रा III. 1 (com त्रयोदशमासो नाव्ययते शुभ-कर्माद्वृत्तौ नास्ति).

1228. मलिम्लुचस्य मासो वै मलिनः पापसम्भवः। गृहितः पितृदेवेभ्यः सर्वकर्मसु तं त्यजेत्। गृह्यपरिशिष्ट 9. by आ. कि. को. p 38

1229. सपिण्डीकरणादूर्ध्वं यत्किञ्चिच्छ्राद्धिकं भवेत्। तद्वत् वाप्यथवा पूर्वं तत्र कुर्यान्मति-स्तुजे ॥ हारीत. 9. by स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 374), आ. कि. को. p 323, आहृतस्य p. 252 (as सप्तहारीत).

1230. जातकर्मान्यकर्माणि नवश्राद्धं तथैव च। नवात्रयोदशीश्राद्धं आद्याप्यपि च षोडश। चन्द्रसूर्येभ्यो स्नानं श्राद्धं वान तथा जपः। कार्याणि मलमासेऽपि निरर्थं नैमित्तिकं तथा ॥ गंगास 9. by आहृतस्य p. 283, स्मृतिच. (आ. p 373 ascribes to यम).

1231. मलमासे सुतानां तु श्राद्धं यत्प्रतिवत्सरम्। मलमासेऽपि तत्कार्यं मान्येषां तु कर्तव्यं ॥ भृगु 9. by स्मृतिच. (आ. p. 375). The ति. सि III. p 474 says 'मलमासं सुतानां तु यदा स एवाधिक' एवातदा तत्रैव कार्यमन्यथा श्रुद्धं त्व'.

may be performed in the intercalary month, but if there be none such then in the ordinary month of the same name. When the tithi for performing a śrāddha comes and there is then an intercalary month, Vṛddha-Vasistha says that śrāddha should be performed in both months.<sup>1232</sup>

Further discussion about what may be done in *Malamāsa* and what is prohibited therein will be taken up in the section on *Kāla*. The question as to the day on which a śrāddha is to be performed if the tithi is spread over two days or if there is a *lāṣa* of the tithi will also be discussed in that section.

Some of the works on śrāddha such as the Pṛthvi-candro-daya deal with what is called 'saṅghāta-śrāddha.'<sup>1232a</sup> When on the same day several persons die, but not at the same time, then the śrāddhas for them should be performed, as said by Rṣyaśrngā, in the order in which they died. But if five or six persons die at the same time on the same day (as when a vessel sinks in the sea or a market is burnt down all at once), then the order in which śrāddhas are to be performed is determined by the nearness of relationship to the performer of śrāddha in the case of each. For example, if a person's wife, son, brother and paternal uncle meet death at the same time, then the order should be this that the śrāddha of the wife is performed first, then of the son, then of the brother and then of the uncle. If the parents die at the same time by accident, then the father's cremation or other rites should be first performed and then of the mother.

Provision is made if the performance of a śrāddha is rendered impossible by some obstacle. Rṣyaśrngā provides <sup>1233</sup>

1232. आद्धीयाहनि संभाते अधिमासो भवेद्यदि । मासद्वयेऽपि कुर्वीत आद्धमेवं न  
सृष्टाति ॥ इद्ववसिष्ठ q by सृष्टातिच. (आ. p. 375), नि. ति. p. 13.

1232 a. तत्रैकस्मिन्नहनि क्रमेण मृतानां मरणक्रमेणैकेन कर्त्रा आद्धं कर्तव्यम् । तदाह  
ऋष्यशृङ्गः । कृत्वा पूर्वमृतस्यादौ द्वितीयस्य ततः पुनः । तृतीयस्य ततः । कुर्यात्संनिपाते त्वयं  
क्रमः ।... भवेद्यदि सपिण्डानां युगपन्मरणं तदा । सम्बन्धासत्तिमालोच्य तत्कमाच्छ्राद्धमाचरेत् ॥  
पृश्नीच folio 265 a; जाबालि. । पित्रोस्तु मरणं चेत्तस्यादेकदेव यदा तदा । पितृर्दाहादिकं  
कृत्वा पश्चात्मातुः समाचरेत् ॥ *ibid* folio 266 a.

1233. देये पिबूणां आद्धे तु आशौचं जायते यदि । आशौचे तु व्यतिक्रान्ते तेभ्यः  
आद्धं मदीयते ॥ एकोद्विष्टे तु संभाते यदि विघ्नः प्रजायते । मासेऽन्यस्मिन्तिथौ तस्यां आद्धं  
कुर्यात्प्रयत्नतः ॥ ऋष्यशृङ्ग q. by अपराकं p. 561, आ. नि. कौ. p. 480, मद. मा. 618.  
स्कन्दपुराण VII. 1. 206. 70 is a very similar verse and the verse एकोद्विष्टे तु is  
शुद्धपुराण (मेतस्मिन् 45,9),

'if impurity (on death) intervenes when a śrāddha is to be offered to the pīṭṭa, śrāddha should be offered at the end of the period of impurity. If an obstacle arises at the time when an ekoddiṣṭa is to be performed, the śrāddha should be performed in another month on the same tithi'. This last refers to a monthly śrāddha. If any of the sixteen śrāddhas fails owing to an obstacle it should be performed on the amāvāsya or better still on the 11th day of the dark half. If there is an obstacle owing to impurity on death in the performance of a monthly śrāddha or yearly śrāddha it should be performed at the end of the impurity or on amāvāsya.<sup>1234</sup> The Padmapurāṇa (Pātālakhaṇḍa 101. 68-70) provides similar rules. If the obstacle is the performer's illness or his inability to collect materials or his wife being in her monthly illness, he may offer amaśrāddha described above.

It may be noted that while great emphasis was laid on inviting a very learned brāhmana at a śrāddha, that object was often frustrated in practice by the provisions made in certain smṛtis that one<sup>1235</sup> should not partake of śrāddha food for three years after sapindana (which is often one year after death) and that by dining at a śrāddha in the first year one eats the bones and marrow of the deceased, in the second year his flesh, in the third year his blood and śrāddha in the 4th year is (somewhat) pure. Vide Par. M. vol. II part 1 p 423, where smṛti passages prescribing prāyaścittas for partaking of food at various śrāddhas including sāmvaśarika are set out. Hārīta says: one partaking of food at Navaśrāddha should undergo Cāndrāyana, the Prājāpatya for dining at a monthly śrāddha and fast for one day for dining at a pratyūḍhika śrāddha. This is on the same lines as acceptance of gifts. A donor collected merit by making gifts, but it was for the acceptor to decide whether he should accept gifts. The ideal

1234. नास्तिकाद्ये तु संनते स्वल्पमुत्तरेके। वदन्ति शुद्धीतन्मात्रं दशं वापि त्रिच-  
क्षणम्। दह्मिहान्नं च by अपराक p. 561; नास्तिकान्मुदकुन्मानि आदानि शतवेदेषु च। मणि-  
संवत्सरे आर्द्धं दत्तवानन्तरं विदुः। एकादश्यां क्षुण्णपक्षे कर्त्तव्यं शुभमिच्छता। तत्र स्थितिरग्रे  
हेतावनायां कियते तु तद्। एतत् (पातालखण्ड 101. 68 and 71)

1235. अथ शुद्धिआर्द्धं द्विगोदासीदि। तपिष्टीकरणादूर्ध्वं पादद्वयवर्षं भवेत्। तपश्च  
न भोक्तव्यं तपेऽहनि कदाचन॥ मन्मथेद्योनि मन्मा च द्वितीये नानभक्षणम्। कृत्वाये रथिर्  
प्रोक्तं आर्द्धं शुद्धं चतुर्थकमिति आर्द्धकारिकेः। नि ति III p 475, चात्राद्यन म-  
आर्द्धे नात्रापत्यं तु निश्चेत। एकारं तु उपनेषु आपत्तिर्त्तं विधीयते॥ एतत्तु प 12 परा मा II  
1. p 423; see आर्द्धविक्रि of रुद्रचर p 123, आ. क्रि. को. p. 345 for similar rules  
from other Smṛtis; परा V. 10. 19 says 'नवआर्द्धं न भोक्तव्यं शुक्ला चात्राद्यनं चेत'.



placed before brāhmanas was that one, though entitled to accept gifts on account of his vedic learning and *tapas*, should not accept gifts, if he desires to secure the highest world (Yāj. I. 213), while Manu IV. 186 affirms<sup>1236</sup> that though entitled to accept gifts a brāhmana should not again and again resort to that method, since the spiritual power that he acquires by Vedic study is lost by accepting gifts. Manu IV. 85-86 (= Padma V. 19. 236-237) say that acceptance of a gift from the king is terrible (in its consequences) and Padma warns that gift appears sweet like honey but is like poison (i e. deadly in its effects). This reasoning applied with greater force to officiating and dining at a śrāddha, where not only gifts are to be received, but also sumptuous food that will please the palate is served in abundance.

It has been seen above how the most ancient literary monument, viz the R̥gveda, shows that the funeral rites performed immediately after death were prompted by affectionate concern for the departed spirit mingled with some element of fear, that the object of those rites was to provide sustenance to the departed spirit and to endow it with an intermediate body before it became one of the *pitr̥s*. It has also been found that in the most ancient times of which we have literary evidence, there were rites for the worship of ancestors, being the Pinda-pitryajña performed every month on *amāvāsyā*, the Mahāpitryajña performed in the Śākamedha and the Astakā śrāddhas. Gradually the rites for deceased ancestors became more and more frequent, all-inclusive and elaborate, so that ultimately an exaggerated importance came to be attached to the cult of śrāddhas over which there was an enormous expenditure of time, effort and wealth. The question now arises what Indians of the 20th century should do about śrāddhas. One finds that in these days when many brāhmanas even do not engage in any of the five daily obligatory yajñas (the pañca-yajñas), they are solicitous to offer śrāddha at least once a year to their ancestors. The following may be therefore suggested as a *via media* for all kinds of people. Those who have faith in the duty of performing śrāddhas and their efficacy for the benefit of

1236. प्रतिग्रहसमर्थोऽपि प्रसङ्गं तत्र वर्जयेत् । प्रतिग्रहेण ह्यस्यास्तु ब्राह्मं तेजः प्रशाम्यति ॥ मनु IV 186, vide पद्म IV. 19. 268 for a similar verse राजन् प्रतिग्रहो घोरो मत्वास्तादो निषेधम् । तद् ज्ञायमानं कस्मात्तु क्षुरपेऽस्मत्पलोभनम् ॥ दशसूनासमश्वाक्री... तेन तुल्यसत्तो राजा घोरस्तस्व प्रतिग्रहः ॥ पद्म V 19 235.

the dead may perform them on a small scale, bearing in mind the emphatic admonition of Manu (III. 125-126), the *Kūrmapurāṇa* II. 22. 27, *Padmapurāṇa* V. 9. 98<sup>1237</sup> that one should desist from extravagance in the matter of *śrāddhas*, particularly in the number of *brāhmanas* to be invited. Those whose faith is shaken or shattered by the onrush of modern ideas and English education or firm belief in the doctrines of *karma* and *punarjanna* should also remember one thing. The main underlying conception of *śrāddha* is certainly admirable, viz. a tender and affectionate regard for one's near and dear relatives. It is a good practice to set apart at least one day in a year for the remembrance of one's near and dear relatives that are no more, to invite relatives, friends, and learned people to a dinner in memory of the dead and to bestow monetary gifts on poor but learned persons of character and devoted to the practice of plain living and high thinking. This will be in keeping with our past traditions and will also give a new orientation to and infuse new life into practices and usages that have become lifeless and meaningless to many people. From very ancient times one of the fundamental conceptions of our faith has been the idea of three debts owed to sages, gods and *pitrs*. The debt owed to the ancestors is paid off by the procreation of a son who would offer *pindas* to his (and therefore also to his father's) ancestors. This is a grand conception. Nothing can be more sublime than the formula which one has to repeat at the time of offering *pindas* and water (with sesame) at *Gayā* 'may those of my ancestors that are in the form of *pretas* be all satiated by means of the (balls made) of barley flour mixed with sesame and may everything, whether moving or immoveable from *Brahmā* up to blades of grass derive satisfaction from the water offered by me.' If the implication of this formula be thoroughly understood and

1237. द्वौ दैवे पितृकृत्ये ऋणैकैकमुभयत्र वा । भोजयेद्दाम्नरोपिह न क्षुर्पदिहस्तर इव ॥  
 पद्म V. 9. 98 जायमानो ह वै ब्राह्मणस्त्रिभिर्कण्ठा जायते ब्रह्मर्चयेण ऋविभ्यो यज्ञेन देवेभ्यः  
 ब्रजया पितृभ्य एष वा अर्चणो यः पुत्री यज्वा ब्रह्मचारिवासी । ते सं VI. 3 10 5 ; ऋणम-  
 स्मिन् संनयत्यष्टतत्त्व च गच्छति । पिता पुत्रस्य जातस्य पश्येच्चैजीवतो मुखम् ॥ हे. ब्रा. 33.1  
 This subject has been dealt with already in H. of Dh. vol III, pp. 414-416  
 and may be further dilated upon under *Gayāśrāddha* ये केचित्पितरूपेण वर्तन्ते  
 पितरो मना । ते सर्वे तुष्टिमायान्तु सक्तुमिस्तिलमिश्रिते ॥ आनन्दास्तस्य पर्यन्त यत्किञ्चित्सचराचरम् ।  
 मया इच्छेन तमेव तुष्टिमायान्तु सर्वदाः ॥ बाहुपुराण 110. 63-64 Compare also a similar  
 invocation in बाहु. 110 21-22 and the *Mettasutta* in the *Suttanipāṭa*.

implemented by actual practice, it will make the whole world kin. Therefore, while discarding the heavy accretions accumulated through ages, we Hindus of these days must see to it that we do not throw overboard the gold that lies buried under the crust of ritual and ill-understood ceremonies.\*

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\* In passing I may mention that my friend Mr. N. G. Chapekar, B. A., LL. B., retired First Class Subordinate Judge residing at Badlapur in the Thana District, has been celebrating the yearly śrāddha of his mother in the manner indicated above for about twenty-five years.

## SECTION IV

### CHAPTER XI

#### TĪRTHAYĀTRĀ (pilgrimages to holy places)

All religions have laid great emphasis on the sacredness of certain localities and have either enjoined or recommended with great insistence pilgrimages to them. Among the five incumbent practical religious duties<sup>1237</sup> of a Moslem, pilgrimage at least once in his life to Mecca and Medina, the birth place and burial place of the prophet Mohammad, is one. The four places of pilgrimage for Buddhists have been the place of the birth of Buddha (Lumbini or Rummindai), the place where he attained perfect enlightenment (Bodh Gaya), the place where he set in motion the wheel of *dharma* by delivering his first sermon (at Sarnath near Benares) and the place where he passed away into the state of *nirvāna* (Kusinara). Vide Mahāparinibbānasutta (S. B. E. vol. XI. p. 90). For Christians Jerusalem has been the holiest place and no religious community except the Christians undertook in historic times several great military pilgrimages. The crusades were launched to free the Holy Land of Christians from the domination of Moslems. In spite of what Gibbon says<sup>1238</sup> somewhat cynically about those who joined the crusades, it must be admitted that there were thousands among the crusaders who risked their lives and fortunes in the pursuit of an ideal. In India holy places have played a very important part. Large rivers, mountains and forests have always been venerated as sacred<sup>1239</sup>

1237. Vide S. B. E. vol. VI, Introduction LXXI, for the five duties. The pilgrimage is called *Hajj* and the Moslem who performs it is entitled to be called *Hajj*.

1238. Gibbon remarks 'At the voice of their pastor, the robber, the incendiary, the homicide arose by thousands to redeem their souls by repeating on the infidels the same deeds which they had exercised against their christian brethren and the terms of atonement were eagerly embraced by offenders of every rank and denomination' Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, vol. VII (ed. of 1862) p. 188.

1239. Tagore in his 'Sādhana' (p. 9) remarks 'India chose her places of pilgrimage wherever there was in nature some special grandeur or

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and as the abodes of gods. In ancient and medieval India pilgrimages brought many advantages to the community as well as to the pilgrims themselves. Though India was divided into many kingdoms and the people of India followed several cults and sub-cults, pilgrimages tended to foster the idea of the essential and fundamental unity of Indian culture and of India also. Benares and Ramesvara were held sacred by all Hindus, whether they hailed from the north of India or from the peninsula. Though the Hindu community was broken up into numerous castes and suffered from caste exclusiveness, pilgrimages tended to level up all men by bringing them together to the same holy rivers or shrines. The traditions associated with holy places, the discipline through which the pilgrims passed, association with holy and philosophic men and the whole atmosphere and environment at *tirthas* made it easy for pilgrims to remain at a high spiritual level and inculcated in them a mood of reverence that lasted long even after they returned from the pilgrimage. Pilgrimages supplied the much needed stimulus to draw ordinary men away from selfish pursuits and to make them think of the higher and more enduring moral and spiritual values. These obvious benefits and the belief that a holy place was the abode of some divinity led ancient dharmaśāstra writers to lay emphasis on visits to *tirthas*. The Visnu Dh. S. provides <sup>1240</sup> that the *dharma* common to all men comprises the following: forbearance, truthfulness, restraint of the mind, cleanliness, charity, control of the senses, *ahimsā*, obedience to elders, *visiting holy places*, compassion, straightforwardness,

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beauty so that her mind could come out of its world of narrow necessities and realize its place in the Infinite. This was the reason why in India a whole people who once were meat-eaters gave up taking animal food to cultivate the sentiment of universal sympathy for life, an event unique in the history of mankind. There is a fundamental difference in the outlook of modern Westerners and that of ancient and medieval Indians (which persists to a large extent even now). If there is a beauty spot anywhere most men in the West would think of building a hotel there for tourists, while ancient and medieval Indians would have thought of erecting a shrine there.

1240. क्षमा सर्वं दमः शौचं दानमिन्द्रियसंयमः । अहिंसा युक्श्च श्रुवा तीर्थाहुसरणं  
दया । अर्जवं लोमशृण्वत्वं देवनाह्वणपूजनम् । अनन्यसूया च तथा धर्मः सामान्य उच्यते ॥  
विष्णुधर्मसूत्र II 16-17 Vide विष्णुधर्मोत्तर II. 80 1-4 for a list of सामान्यधर्मः  
such as अहिंसा, सत्यवचन, तीर्थाहुसरण and H. of Dh vol II p 11 notes 28-30  
for quotations about सामान्यधर्मः from शान्तिपर्व, वामनपुराण, ब्रह्मपुराण and other  
sources

freedom from avarice, honouring gods and brāhmanas and freedom from jealousy. Modern men whose faith in some of the aspects of the religious beliefs of our forefathers has been weakened or altogether sapped by the sight of the professional ministrants at the tirthas and their rapacity and ignorance should not judge the ancient attitude towards tirthas harshly.

The word *tirtha* occurs frequently in the R̥gveda and other Vedic samhitās. In several passages of the R̥gveda *tirtha* appears to mean a road or a way (e. g. in R̥g. I. 169. 6 'tirtha nāryah paumsyāni tasthuh', R̥g. I. 173. 11 'tirtha nācchā tātsānam-oko', R̥g. IV. 29. 3 'karan-na Indrah sutirthābhayam ca.' In some places *tirtha* may be taken to mean a ford in a river, as in R̥g. VIII. 47. 11 'sutirtham-arvato yathānu no nesathā sugam &c.', R̥g. I. 46. 8 'aritrām vām divas-prthū tirtha sindhūnām rathah'. In R̥g. X. 31. 3 'tirtha na dasmam-upa yantūmāh', *tirtha* probably means 'a holy place'. On R̥g. VIII. 19. 37 'Suvāstvā adhi tugvanī' the Nirukta IV. 15 explains that *Suvāstu* is a river and *tugvanī* means 'tirtha' (either a ford or a holy spot). In the Tai. S. VI. 1. 1. 1-2<sup>1241</sup> it is said that the sacrificer is to bathe at a *tirtha* (probably a holy river). The Rudras are said to prow about tirthas (ye tirthāni pracaranto arkāvanto nisanginah) in Tai. S. IV. 5. 1. 1-2 and Vāj. S. 16. 61 (reads 'arkāhastā'). In the Śāṅkhayana Br. 1. 12 it is said that Day and Night are the sea that absorbs everything and the twilights are the unfathomable *tirthas* (of the sea). *Tirtha* also means the way between the 'utkara' and 'cātvala' pit for going to or coming from the sacrificial ground (the *vikāra*).<sup>1242a</sup> Vide H of Dh. vol. II. p. 384.

It is said that, just as some parts of the human body (e. g. the right hand or ear) are held to be purer (than others), so some localities on the earth are held to be very holy. Tirthas are held to be holy (on three grounds, viz.) on account of some wonderful natural characteristic of the locality or on account of the peculiar strikingness (or grandeur) of some watery place or on account of the fact that some (holy) sages resorted to

1241. अथ स्वस्ति साधुदेव दीक्षातपती अवश्ये तीर्थे स्नतति। तै. सं. VI. 1. 1. 1-2  
Vide जैमिनि III. 4. 14-16 for a discussion on the purpose of this passage

1242. सद्यो वा एष सर्वदेवे यदहोरात्रे तस्य द्वे अगारे तीर्थे यस्मिन्ने तस्य  
अगारम् तीर्थम् सद्यमतीयात्तादृक् तत्। शौ. भा. II. 9.

1242 a. ते अन्तरेण स्वात्वालोक्या उपनिष्क्रामन्ति तदि यद्वाय तीर्थमाम्नां यम।  
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them (for bathing, austerities &c.). Tirtha, therefore, means a locality or spot or expanse of water which gives rise to the accumulation of righteousness (merit) owing to its own peculiar nature without any adventitious circumstance (such as the presence of Śalagrāma near it).<sup>1243</sup> Or it is better to say that those localities that have been technically spoken of by wise and great sages as tirthas are tirthas, just as Pāṇini employs such technical terms as Nadi and Vṛddhi in his grammar. The Skandapurāṇa<sup>1244</sup> says that a spot of the earth resorted to by ancient good men for the collection of merit is called tirtha and that the main thing is to go to (i. e. associate with holy) men and pilgrimage is only a secondary object.

In the R̥gveda waters, rivers in general and certain named rivers<sup>1245</sup> are referred to with great reverence as holy and are deified. In R̥g VII. 49 the refrain of all four verses is 'may the divine waters protect me' (tā āpō devīr-īha māmavantu). In R̥g. VII. 49. 1 waters are spoken of as purifying (punānāh). R̥g. VII. 47, X. 9, X. 30<sup>1246</sup> are hymns addressed to waters as divinities. They are said to purify a man not only physically but are also invoked to rid a man of all sins and lapses from the right path. The Tai S. II. 6. 8. 3 asserts that all deities are centred in waters (āpō vai sarvā devatāḥ). In the Atharvaveda<sup>1247</sup> (I 33.1) waters are described as holy and purifying and are invoked to confer happiness. About twenty rivers in all

1243. यथा शरीरस्योद्देशाः केचिन्मेध्यतमाः स्मृताः । तथा पृथिव्या उद्देशाः केचित् पुण्यतमाः स्मृताः ॥ प्रभावाद्भुतान्मूमेः सलिलस्य च तेजसा । परिग्रहान्मुनीनां च तीर्थानां पुण्यता स्मृताः ॥ पञ्चपुराण (उत्तरखण्ड) 237 25-27, स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड 6 43-44, नारदीय-पुराण II 62. 46-47 These verses are quoted by कल्पतरु on तीर्थ pp 7-8 (ascribes them to महाभारत) and by तीर्थप p 10 Similar verses occur in अनु-शासनपर्व 108 16-18 'शरीरस्य यथोद्देशाः शुचयः परिकीर्तिताः । तथा पृथिव्या भागाश्च पुण्यानि सलिलानि च ।...परिग्रहाच्च साधूनां पृथिव्याश्चैव तेजसा । अतीव पुण्यभागास्ते सलिलस्य च तेजसाः ॥

1244. मुख्यं पुरुषयात्रा हि तीर्थयात्राचुपङ्गत । सद्भिः समाश्रितो रूपं भूमिभागस्तथोच्यते ॥ स्कन्द I 2. 13 10, यद्वि पूर्वतमैः सद्भिः सेवितं धर्मसिद्धये । तद्वि पुण्यतमं लोके सन्तस्तीर्थं प्रचक्षते ॥ स्कन्दपुराण 4. by पृथ्वीच० folio 135 b

1245 Vide H of Dh vol II, p. 12 for the rivers mentioned in the R̥g

1246 इदमापः प्रवहत यत्किं च दुरितं मायि । यद्वाहनमिदुद्गोहं यद्वा शेष उताहृतम् ॥ अ X 9.8.

1247. हिरण्यवर्णां शुचयः पावका यासु जातः सविता यास्वसिः । या अग्निं गर्भं दधिरे सुवर्णास्ता न आपः शं स्योना भवन्तु ॥ अथर्व० I. 33, 1.





flood of the Sarasvatī impinging by its powerful waves against the tops of hills is referred to in Rg. VI. 61. 2 and 8<sup>1250</sup>. In VII. 96. 1, Sarasvatī is spoken of as *asuryā* (of divine origin) among rivers. Sacrifices are said to have been performed on the Drsadvatī, the Āpayā and Sarasvatī (Rg. III. 23. 4). In Rg. II. 41. 16 Sarasvatī is called the best of rivers and goddesses (ambitame naditame devitame Sarasvatī). Rg. I. 3. 11-12 praise<sup>1251</sup> Sarasvatī as a river and a deity, as a purifier (*pāvaka*), as the impeller of sweet but truthful words and the inspirer of good thoughts and as bringing to notice its great flood of waters. From Rg. VII. 95. 2, VII. 49. 2 and I. 71. 7 it is obvious that the Rgvedic sages knew that the seven rivers fell into the sea. It would be proper to hold that the seven rivers are Sindhu (Indus), the five rivers of the Panjab and the Sarasvatī. Though from the Rgveda passages cited above it appears that in the times of the hymns of the Rgveda Sarasvatī was a big river with abundant waters, that it flowed between the Yamunā and Śutudri (X. 75. 5), in the times of the Brahmanas it disappeared in the sands. It is now generally identified with the modern Sarsuti which is lost in the desert at Bhatnair. The Vāj. S. 34. 11 says that five rivers together with their tributary streams fall into Sarasvatī.<sup>1252</sup> There were three *sattras* called Śārasvata, viz the first in honour of Mitra and Varuna, the 2nd for Indra and Agni and the third for Aryaman. The *dikṣā* (consecration ceremony) was to be performed on the south bank of the dry bed of the Sarasvatī where it disappeared underground<sup>1253</sup>. Vide Tāndya Br.

1250. इयं छुण्मेभिर्बिसस्ता इवावजस्तासु गिरीणा तविदेभिर्कृमिभिः। ऋ. VI. 61.2; यस्या अनन्तो अद्भुतस्त्वेषश्चरिष्णुरणवः। अमश्चरति रोचवत् ॥ ऋ. VI. 61.8 The निरुक्त II. 23 remarks 'तत्र सरस्वती इत्येतस्य नदीवत् देवतावच्च निगमा भवन्ति' and explains Rg. VI. 61.2 as a verse where सरस्वती is described as a river.

1251. चोदायित्री सृष्टताना चेतन्ती सुमतीनाम्। यज्ञं दधे सरस्वती ॥ महो अर्णः सरस्वती प्र चेतयति केतुना। ऋ. I. 3. 11-12. For this last, vide निरुक्त XI. 27.

1252. पञ्च नद्यः सरस्वतीमपि यन्ति सप्तोत्तसः। सरस्वती तु पञ्चधा सो देशेऽभवत्सत्ति ॥ वाज. सं. 34. 11.

1253. सरस्वत्या विनशने दीक्षन्ते। ..इषद्वत्या अप्यगेऽपोनज्जीय चर्चं निरूप्याथाति-यन्ति। चतुश्चत्वारिंशद्वासीनामि सरस्वत्या विनशनात् एतन् प्राञ्चवणः तावदितः स्वर्गो लोकः सरस्वतीसंमितेनाध्वना स्वर्गलोकं यन्ति। ... यदा एतन् प्राञ्चवणमागच्छन्त्यथोत्थानम्। . कार-पञ्चवं प्रति यहुनामवभृथमन्यवयन्ति। ताण्ड्य 25. 10 I, 15, 16, 21, 23. मनु II. 17 defines ब्रह्मावर्त as the country between the divine rivers सरस्वती and इषद्वती and (II. 21) मध्यदेश as the country between the Himālaya and Vindhya mount-

25. 10 for the first Sārasvatā-sattra, 25. 11 for the 2nd and 25.12 for the third. The land between Vināśana and Plaksa Prāsra-vana (which was the source of the Sarasvatī) was the proper locality for Sārasvatā-sattra. At the confluence of Sarasvatī and Drsadvatī an *īṣṭi* to Apām Napāt was performed wherein boiled rice (*caṇu*) was the offering. From the place where the Sarasvatī disappeared up to Plaksa-Prāsra-vana the distance was a journey on horse-back for forty days and nights. When the sacrificers (in the sattra) reach Plaksa Prāsra-vana they should stop the performance of the items of the sattra and undergo the Avabhṛtha bath near the river Yamunā (modern Jumna) which flows through the country called Kārapacava (and not in the Sarasvatī even if it had water). For details, vide Kātyāyana Śrautasūtra (10. 15-19) which mentions (in 10. 19. 1) a spot called Parinaḥ in Kurukṣetra where the Vedic fires were to be kindled, the Āśv. Ś. S 12 6 1-28 which adds that at the distance of each throw of the Śamyā from the Vināśana one day is to be spent by the sacrificers, the Kātyāyana Śrauta-sūtra (24. 5-6) which states that the *īṣṭi* at the confluence of the Drsadvatī and Sarasvatī is to be offered to Agni Kāma, Āp. Ś. S 23. 12-13 (which gives more details than any one of the other three sūtras). In the Ait. Br. a story is narrated that the sages performed a sattra on the Sarasvatī and Kavaśa who was sitting amongst them was driven out by them as not a brāhmaṇa but the son of a female slave and left in a sandy desert with the idea that he would die of thirst, but he praised the waters or *Apām napāt* with the hymn, Rg. X. 30 ('*pra devatrā brahmane*') called 'Aponaptriya' and Sarasvatī came rushing towards the place where Kavaśa stood and surrounded it, which (spot) thence-

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ains, which is to the east of विनक्षन and west of Prayāga. For the mention of विनक्षन in the Baud. Dh. S., Vanaparva and Salyaparva, vide H. of Dh. vol. II p. 14 note 35. Dr. D. R. Patil in his thesis 'Cultural History of Vāyupurāṇa' (p. 334) remarks that the institution of pilgrimage was first started by Buddhists and Jains and that later on it became common to all faiths in India. This is quite wrong. The Brāhmaṇa and Śrautasūtra passages clearly show that there were holy places in the comparatively small part of India up to the Yamunā where the Sārasvatā sattras had to be carried on. The importance of holy places, visiting them and performing religious rites there were known in the Brāhmaṇa period at least a thousand years before Buddhism and Jainism began to spread.

forward came to be called <sup>1254</sup> 'Parisaraka'. This shows that in the times of the Ait. Br. and long before it the bed of the Sarasvatī was dry. Devala <sup>1255</sup> mentions several places as Sārasvata tīrthas. The Rgveda <sup>1256</sup> VIII. 6.28 appears to hold that the valleys of mountains and the confluences of rivers are sacred. Mountains have been held by most ancient peoples to be the abodes of gods. Mount Parnassus north of Delphi was one of the most holy mountains in classical Greece and Olympus was supposed to be the home of the gods. In the Rgveda Parvata is a dual deity with Indra 'O, Indra and Parvata! may you two sharpen (or purify) us (our intellects)' Rg I 122 3 <sup>1257</sup>; O, Indra and Parvata! May you two, being in the forefront of battle, kill with the thunderbolt every one who desires to attack us with an army' Rg. I. 132. 6. In Rg. VI. 49. 14 a prayer is addressed to Parvata separately 'May the god Ahibudhnya, may Parvata and may Savitr bestow on us food together with the waters on account of our prayers'. In Rg III. 33 1 the two great rivers Vipās (modern Beas) and Sūtudri are described as issuing from the lap of mountains. Here the word 'Parvata' is used in its ordinary sense. The Atharvaveda <sup>1258</sup> speaks of a salve (āñjana) from Traikakuda peaks of the Himalaya mountain 'May that salve which comes off the Himalaya from Traikakuda (peaks) destroy all wizards and all witches'. The Hir. Gr. I. 3 11.5 (S. B. E. vol. 30 p. 168) also

1254. ऋषयो वै सरस्वत्या सत्रमासत। ऐ वा 8 1. माध्यमाः सरस्वत्यां सत्रमासत तद्वापि ऋषयो मध्ये नियसात्। तं हेम उपोद्गुर्वास्या वै त्वं पुत्रोऽस्ति न वयं त्वया सह भक्षयिष्याम इति। स ह कुक्षः मध्वस्तरस्वतीनेतेन सूकेन तुष्टाव तं हेमाम्नियाम। शां. वा. XII. 3. It may be noted that the Vanaparva chap 83 when enumerating the numerous tīrthas on the Sarasvatī and in कुक्षेत्र mentions a famous tīrtha called Saraka which is said to contain in it the sanctity of three *crores* of tīrthas (verses 75-76) This सरक appears to be the same as the परिसरक tīrtha of सरस्वती.

1255. एकमस्रवणं बृहकन्याकं सारस्वतमादित्यतीर्थं कौबेरं वैजयन्तं पृथुदत्तं नैमिषं विनशानं वसोद्धेदं प्रभासमिति सारस्वतानि। देवल 9 by तीर्थकल्पतरु p. 250.

1256 उपहरे गिरीणां सङ्गये च नदीनाम्। धिया विनो अजायत॥ क्र. VIII. 6. 28 = भाज सं 26. 15 (which reads सङ्गमे)

1257 शिशीतमिन्द्रापूर्वता युवं नस्तजो बिम्बे वरिष्यन्तु देवाः॥ क्र. I. 122. 3 (सायण explains पूर्वतः पूर्ववात् बृहत्यादिपूरणवात् पर्वज्यः); युवं तमिन्द्रापूर्वता पुरोयुधा यो नः पृतन्यादप ततमिन्द्रतं वज्रेण ततमिन्द्रतम्। क्र. I. 132 6 (सायण explains पूर्वतः पूर्ववा-न्येयः। तदभिमानि देवः), ततोऽहिर्बुध्न्यो अद्भिरकस्तत्पर्वतस्तत्तविता चनो धात्। क्र VI. 49. 14.

1258. वदाञ्जनं वैककुब्जं जातं दिनवत्स्परि। यार्द्वं सर्वोऽभ्यपत्सर्वाश्च यातुधान्य॥ अथर्व IV. 9.9. vide also Sat. Br. in SBE vol. 26 p. 15.

refers to this salve. Gaut., Baud Dh S. and Vas. Dh. S. have the same sūtra <sup>1259</sup> stating that the 'deśas (localities) that are holy and hence destroyers of sin are all mountains, all rivers, holy lakes, places of pilgrimage, the dwellings of sages (rsis), cowpens and temples of the gods' The Vāyupurāṇa <sup>1260</sup> and Kūrma state that all parts of the Himalāya are holy, the Ganges is holy everywhere, all rivers falling into the sea and all seas are holy. The Padmapurāṇa (Bhūmikhanda 39. 46-47) says that all rivers, whether flowing through a village or a forest, are holy and that where no name of a tirtha on rivers is known it should be called Visrutirtha. Kālidāsa speaks of the Himalāya as *devatātmā* (as vivified by the presence of gods) in the Kumārasambhava (I 1). The Bhāgavata V. 19.16 names 27 holy mountains while the Brahmānda (II. 16. 20-23) names thirty. The grandeur and sublimity of snow-capped mountains, of large life-sustaining rivers and of great forests easily impress the minds of almost all people and induce them to think that there is something divine about them, that the Supreme

1259 सर्वे शिलोच्चयाः सर्वाः सवन्त्यः पुण्या ह्रदास्तीर्थान्वित्विनिवासा गोष्ठपरिस्कन्दा इति देशाः। गौ 19, 14 = वसिष्ठ 22 12 = बौ ध सू III. 10 12 (which reads ऋषि-निकेतनानि गोष्ठक्षेत्रपरिस्कन्दा इति)

1260. सर्वे पुण्य हिमवतो गङ्गा पुण्या च सर्वतः । सद्युद्रगा. सद्युद्राश्च सर्वे पुण्या. सम-  
न्तत ॥ वायुपुराण 77. 117, सर्वत्र हिमवान् पुण्यो गङ्गा . न्ततः । नद्यः सद्युद्रगा. पुण्याः  
सद्युद्रश्च विशेषतः ॥ कूर्म II 37 49-50, 'राजा समस्तवीर्यानां सागर सरिता पतिः ।'  
नारदीय (उत्तर) chap 58 19; सर्वे प्रसवणा पुण्या सर्वे पुण्या शिलोच्चया । नद्यः पुण्या  
सदा सर्वा जाह्नवी तु विशेषतः ॥ शङ्ख 8 14 (reads सरासि च शिलोच्चया ) q by तीर्थ-  
प्रकाश p 14, सर्वा. सद्युद्रगा पुण्या सर्वे पुण्या, नगीतमा । सर्वमायतनं पुण्य सर्वं पुण्या  
वनाश्रमा ॥ श्लोक q by तीर्थकल्पः p 250, पक्ष IV. 93 46 has almost the same  
words (reads वराश्रमा) The great mountains (called कुलपर्वत) generally  
enumerated are. महेन्द्रो मलय सहाय छुक्तिमासृक्षपर्वत । विन्धवश्च पारियात्रश्च ससात्र  
कुलपर्वता ॥ कूर्म I. 47 23-24, वामन 13. 14-15, वायु I 85, मत्स्य 113 10-12. ब्रह्म  
18 16 enumerate them somewhat differently. The भार्गवसप्तसूत्र III. 81 says  
'तत्रापि दैवतकविन्धवसहायकुमारमलयश्रीपर्वतपारियात्रा सप्त कुलाचला ।' The नील-  
मतपुराण 57 reads 'महेन्द्रो. .सृक्षवानपि । विन्धवश्च पारियात्रश्च न विनश्यन्ति पर्वताः ।'  
The ब्रह्माण्डपुराण (II 16 39) and वायु (45 108) observe about rivers falling  
into the sea तास्तु नद्यः सरस्वत्यः सर्वा गङ्गा सद्युद्रगा । विश्वस्य मातरः सर्वा जगत्पादरा-  
स्तृता ॥ In some Purāṇas certain great rivers are said to be specially holy  
at certain times For example, देवीपुराण quoted by कल्पः (on तीर्थ) p 242 states  
'कार्तिके ग्रहणं श्रेष्ठं गङ्गायस्तुनसङ्गमे । मार्गे तु ग्रहणं पुण्यं देविकाया महादुने । पौषे तु  
नर्मदा पुण्या माघे सनिहिता शुभा । फाल्गुने वरणा रघुपादा चैत्रे पुण्या सरस्वती । वैशाखे तु  
महापुण्या चन्द्रभागा सारिद्रा । ज्येष्ठे तु कौशिकी पुण्या आपादे तापिका नदी । आश्विने सिन्धु-  
नामा च भाद्रमासे च गण्डकी । आश्विने सरयूश्चैव ध्रुव पुण्या तु नर्मदा । गोदावरी महापुण्या  
चत्वे राहसमान्विते । एवमादिष्वथान्येषु तीर्थेषु सरिद्रासु सर्वेषामपि स्वभावेषु श्रुतिनेषु प्रसवनेषु  
पर्वतेषु त्रिकुक्षेषु धनेष्वप्यनेषु गोमयलिप्तेषु मनोज्ञेषु । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 85.

Being is partially revealed in such surroundings. In Protestant Europe and the U. S. A. hardly anyone performs a pilgrimage to a holy place in these days. Instead, they tour different countries for rest, health and in search of natural beauty and a respite from humdrum existence. But pilgrimage to a place supposed to be holy for the curing of disease is not rare even now. When one reads a work like that of Louis Carell, a great surgeon and a winner of the Nobel prize, on the miracles worked at Lourdes in France (in 'a Journey to Lourdes') one sees that pilgrimage has taken on a new motive in the West. Similarly, pilgrimage to the tombs of unknown warriors has become common owing to the two world wars.

In Rg X. 146 a large forest <sup>1261</sup> (Aranyāni) is invoked as a deity. The Vāmanapurāṇa mentions <sup>1262</sup> seven forests in Kuruksetra as holy and as removers of sin, viz. Kāmyaka, Aditivana, Vyāsavana, Phalakivana, Sūryavana, Madhuvana and Punyaśitavana.

In the Sūtras and ancient smṛtis like those of Manu and Yājñavalkya tīrthas do not occupy a very prominent position. But in the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas they are highly lauded and placed even above sacrifices. In the Vanaparva <sup>1263</sup> a comparison is made between sacrifices to gods and pilgrimages. Sacrifices require numerous implements, collection of materials, the co-operation of priests and the presence of a wife and so

1261. अरण्यान्यरण्यसौ या मेव नश्यति। कथा ग्रामं न पृच्छसि न त्वां भीरिषि विद्मतीह॥ ऋ. X 146 1. The निरुक्त 9.30 explains this verse and says अरण्यानी means अरण्यस्य पत्नी, while the वार्तिक 'हिमारण्योर्महत्त्वे' on पा IV. 1. 49 holds that अरण्यानी is formed from अरण्य in the sense of महत्त्व

1262. शृणु सप्त वनानीह कुरुक्षेत्रस्य मध्यत। येषां नामानि पुण्यानि सर्वपापहराणि च॥ काव्यक च वनं पुण्यं। वाननपुराण 34. 3-5.

1263. ऋषिभिः क्रतवः प्रोक्ता देवेष्विव यथाक्रमम्। फलं चैव यथातथ्यं प्रेत्य चेह च सर्वश॥ न ते शक्या दुरिद्रेण यज्ञा प्राप्तु महीपते। बहुपकरणं यज्ञा मानासम्भारविस्तरा॥ मायन्ते पार्थिवैर्यै समुद्भूतैर्नरैः कश्चित्। नार्थन्यूनैर्नार्थगणैरेकात्मभिरसाधनैः॥ यो दुरिदैरपि त्रिधि शक्यः प्राप्तु नरेभ्यः। तुल्यो यज्ञफलं पुण्यैर्न निर्बोध युषां वरः॥ ऋषीणां परमं शुद्धमिदं भरतसत्तम। तीर्थाभिगमनं पुण्यं यज्ञैरपि विशिष्यते॥ महाभारत, वनपर्व 82. 13-17, 9 by तीर्थकल्पतरु p 37, तीर्थं p 12 (which explains अवगमे. तक्षादिसहाय्यरहितैः, यज्ञस्य कुण्डमण्डपादिसाध्यत्वात्, एकात्मभिः, पत्नीरहितैः, असंहतैः कृत्तिगादिसङ्घातरहितैः। The अनुशासनपर्व (107 2-4) has almost the same verses as न ते शक्या .. शक्यः प्राप्तुं सदा भवेत्। मत्स्यपुराण (chap 112. 12-15) has these verses (except the half verse नार्थन्यूनैः साधनैः and पद्मपुराण, आदिशृणु 11. 14-17, 49. 12-15, vide विष्णुधर्मोत्तर III. 273. 4-5 for the same ideas in almost the same words.

they can be performed only by princes or rich men. They cannot be performed by poor men, who are devoid of wealth, who are without a wife and without friends, who are helpless. The reward that a man gets by visiting holy places cannot be secured by performing such sacrifices as Agnistoma in which large fees are paid (to priests); therefore visiting holy places is superior to sacrifices. But the Mahābhārata (Vanaparva 82, 9-12 and Anuśāsana 108, 3-4) lays the greatest emphasis on the cultivation of high moral and spiritual qualities if the full reward of pilgrimages is to be reaped. It says <sup>1264</sup> 'He whose hands, feet and mind are well controlled and who possesses knowledge, austerities and a good reputation derives the (full) reward of pilgrimages. He who turns his face away from receiving gifts and is content with what little he gets and is free from vanity obtains the rewards of pilgrimages. He, who is free from hypocrisy (or deceit), is not engaged in various undertakings (for earning money), is not a heavy eater, has subdued his senses and is (therefore) free from all sins; so also he who does not fly into a rage, who always speaks the truth, who is firm in his observances, and acts towards all beings by treating them like himself, obtains the full reward of pilgrimages'. The idea seems to be that pilgrimages may help to remove the sins of men who are not possessed of the above characteristics, while those who possess these acquire a great store of merit in addition. The Skanda (Kāśikhaṇḍa 6.3) asserts 'snāna cannot be predicated of a man whose body alone is flooded with water; that man who is plunged in restraint of senses, who is pure, relieved of all taint and is stainless, is alone to be called snāta' (as having had a bath). The Anuśāsana has almost the same

1264. यस्य हस्ती च पादौ च मनश्चैव सुसंयतम् । विद्या तपश्च कीर्तिश्च स तीर्थफलमश्नुते ॥ प्रतिग्रहादुपावृत्त सन्मुखो येन केनचित् । अहङ्कारनिवृत्तश्च स तीर्थफलमश्नुते ॥ अकल्मषः कौ निरारम्भो लज्जाहारी जितेन्द्रियः । विमुक्तः सर्वपापेभ्यः स तीर्थफलमश्नुते ॥ अक्रोधनश्च राजेन्द्र सत्यशीलो ब्रह्मव्रत । आत्मोपमश्च धृतेषु स तीर्थफलमश्नुते ॥ वनपर्व 82 9-12 q. by the तीर्थकल्पवच pp. 4-5, तीर्थम p. 13 (only 9 and 12) 'हस्त्वयोः संयमः परीक्षा-चौर्यादिनिवृत्त्या, पादयोः सयमः अगम्यदेशगमनपरतादृशादिनिवृत्त्या । मनसः सयमः कुत्सितसङ्कल्पादिनिवृत्त्या । विद्या अत्र तत्तत्तीर्थगुणज्ञानम्, तपः तीर्थार्थसाधने, कीर्तिः सञ्चितत्वेन प्रसिद्धिः' तीर्थम. p. 13. 'अकल्मषः दम्भरहितः, निरारम्भोऽन्वार्थजनादिप्रापारहितः' तीर्थकल्पवच p. 5. Vide also वनपर्व 92.11, 93. 20-23. The above verses of the वनपर्व occur in पद्म, आदिखण्ड 11. 9-12 and the first two in पद्म, उत्तरखण्ड 237. 30-32; all occur in स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड 6. 48-51, वायु 110. 4-5 are the same as the first two, the verse यस्य हस्ती च is शङ्करस्मृति 8.15, ब्रह्म 25 2, अग्नि 109 1-2, the स्कन्द (I 2.2 5-6) says that Angirasa sang the वृत्तं यस्य... सयतम् । निर्विकारा क्रियाः सर्वा स ऽशुते

words (108.9).<sup>1261a</sup> The Vāyupurāṇa states<sup>1265</sup> 'A steadfast (or wise) man visiting tirthas with faith and controlling his senses would be purified even if he has been guilty of sins; what need is there to say about him whose actions have been pure? One who has no faith, who is full of sins, whose mind is not free from doubts (about the rewards of pilgrimages and the rites there), who is an atheist and who is bent on bad reasoning—these five do not reap the rewards of pilgrimages'. The Skandapurāṇa (I. 1. 31, 37) remarks that all holy places, sacrifices and various gifts are meant for cleansing the mind (of its sins and sinful proclivities, *manaḥ-suddhi*). The Padmapurāṇa (IV. 80. 9) remarks 'sacrifices, *vratas*, *tapas* and *dāna* cannot be carried out fully in the Kali age; but bathing in the Ganges and taking the name of Hari are free from all defects. The Viṣṇudharmottarapurāṇa<sup>1266</sup> puts the matter very clearly when it says 'When resort is made to a tirtha, it removes the sins of the sinful and tends to the increase of merit in the case of the good and that a holy place yields fruit to men of all varnas and āśramas.' Some of the Purāṇas (such as Skandapurāṇa, Kāśikhanda 6, Padma, Uttarakhanda, 237) say that in addition to the holy places on land (*bhūma*) there are certain virtues that may be called mental tirthas (in a figurative sense). According to them 'truthfulness, forbearance, restraint of the senses, compassion for all beings, straight-forwardness, charity, self-control, contentment, celibacy (brahmacharya), sweet speech, knowledge, patience, austerity, are tirthas and the highest tirtha is purity of mind.' They further state that a man who is avaricious, wicked, cruel, hypocritical and immersed in pleasures of senses is still sinful and impure even if he bathes in all tirthas and that fish are born and die in holy waters but they do not go to heaven because their minds are not purified and that even charity, sacrifices, austerity,

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1264 a नोदकङ्गिजगात्रस्तु स्नात इत्यभिधीयते । स स्नातो यो दमस्नातः सबाह्याभ्यन्तरः शुचिः ॥ अष्टाशतन 108 9.

1265. तीर्थान्यष्टसरत्न धीर. अद्धानो जितेन्द्रियः । कृतपापो विशुध्येत किं पुनः शुभकर्मकृत् ॥ अद्धानाः पाप्मानो नास्ति का स्थितसंशयाः । हेतुद्वया च पश्येत् न तीर्थफलभानिन ॥ वायु 77. 125 and 127 q by तीर्थकल्पः pp. 5-6, ती. चि. p 4 (which explains पापात्मा बहुपापयस्तस्तस्य पापशमन तीर्थ भवति न तु यथोक्तफलम्) These verses occur also in स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड 56 52-53.

1266 पापानां पापशमनं धर्मबुद्धिस्तथा सताम् । विज्ञेयं सेवितं तीर्थं तस्मात्तीर्थपरो भवेत् ॥ सर्वेषामेव वर्णानां सर्वोभ्रमनिवासिनाम् । तीर्थं फलमदं ज्ञेयं नात्र कार्यं विचारणा ॥ विःशुभमोत्तर III. 273, 7 and 9,

cleanliness, frequenting sacred places, learning—all these are not tīrthas, if the mind is not pure <sup>1267</sup> The Brahmapurāṇa (25.4-6) states 'a heart that is wicked is not purified by baths at holy places, just as a vessel in which *surā* (liquor) was carried remains impure even after being washed with water hundreds of times, that tīrthas, gifts, *vratas*, or (residence in) hermitages do not purify a man whose heart is wicked, who resorts to hypocrisy and whose senses run away (are uncontrolled). Wherever a man who has his senses under control may dwell, there are present Kuruksetra, Prayāga and Puskara'. The Vāmanapurāṇa has a fine <sup>1267a</sup> *Rūpaka* about the soul being a river full of the water of control, flowing with truth and having character as the bank and the waves of compassion (for all beings) and states that the soul cannot be purified by water. The Padmapurāṇa (II. 39. 56-61) extends the meaning and scope of tīrthas by remarking that places where Agnihotra and śrāddha are performed, a temple, a house where Veda is being studied, a cowpen, the place where a soma drinker dwells, parks, a place where the *Āśvattha* exists, a place where Purāṇa is being recited or where one's teacher stands or where a chaste housewife dwells, or where a father and a worthy son dwell are all holy.

Numberless tīrthas and holy shrines have been mentioned from ancient times. The Matsyapurāṇa states <sup>1268</sup> that Vāyu declared that there are 35 millions of tīrthas in the sky, in the aerial regions and on the earth and all of them are centred in the Ganges; while the Vāmanapurāṇa 46. 53 states that there are 35 millions of Lingas. The Brahmapurāṇa says that the number of tīrthas and shrines is so large that they cannot be

1267. सर्वं तीर्थं क्षमा तीर्थं..तीर्थानामुत्तमं तीर्थं विशुद्धिर्मनस पुनः १. जायन्ते च श्रियन्ते च जलेष्वेव जलोक्तसः । न च गच्छन्ति ते स्वर्गमविशुद्धमनोमलाः । दानमिग्या तपः शौचं तीर्थसेवा श्रुतं तथा । सर्वाभ्येतान्यतीर्थानि यदि भावो न निर्मलः ॥ स्कन्द, काशी= 6. 28-45, पद्म, उत्तरखण्ड 237. 11-28, compare मत्स्य 22 80 (सर्वं तीर्थं दया तीर्थः).

1267 a आत्मा नदी संयमोयपूर्णः सत्यावहा शीलतया दयामि । तत्राभिप्रेक्षं कुत्र सापेक्षुष्य न वारिणा शुध्यति चान्तरात्मा ॥ वामनपुराण 43. 25

1268. तिस्रः कोट्योऽर्धकोटिश्च तीर्थानां वायुरजवीजः । दिवि सुव्यन्तरेषु च तत्सर्वं जाह्नवी स्मृता ॥ मत्स्यपुराण 110 7, नारदीय (उत्तर) 63. 53-54, and पद्म IV. 89. 16-17 and V. 20 150 (last पाद is तानि ते सन्ति जाह्नवी); बराह 159 6-7 पाटिकोटिसदृशाणि पाटिकोटिसतानि च । तीर्थान्येतानि देवाश्च तारकाश्च नमस्तले । याजितानि समस्तानि वायुना जगदायुषा ॥ तिस्रः कोट्योर्धकोटी च तीर्थानि ध्रुवत्रये । तानि स्नातुं समापान्ति गङ्गायां सिद्धये क्षुरे ॥ ब्रह्मपु. 175 83; तस्माच्छुष्यं वक्ष्यामि तीर्थान्यापतनानि च । विस्तरेण न शक्यन्ते वक्तुं वक्ष्येतिरपि ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 25 7-8.



enumerated in detail even in hundreds of years. The Vanaparva <sup>1269</sup> remarks that Naimisa is the (best) tirtha on the earth and Puskara in the aerial region, while Kurukṣetra is the most distinguished in all the three worlds and that all the ten thousand crores of tirthas are present in Puskara (chap 82,21). New tirthas were added from time to time and the monetary benefits derived by the permanent residents and particularly by the tirtha priests led them to prepare numerous māhātmyas of an apocryphal character and father them on Vyāsa, the reputed author of the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas. Most of the writers of digests on tirthas follow a process of selection. The Tirthakalpataru of Lakṣmīdhara, one of the earliest digests (about 1110-1120 AD), devotes more than half the work to Vārāṇasī and Prayāga alone, assigns only two or three pages to such famous tirthas as Puskara, Pṛthūdaka, Kokāmukha, Badarikāśrama, Kedāra. The Nṛsimhaprasāda (Tirthasāra) mostly deals with tirthas in the Deccan and southern India such as Setubandha, Puṇḍarika (modern Pandharpur), Godāvari, Kṛṣṇā-venyā, Narmadā. The Triśthalīsetu of Nārāyanabhaṭṭa devotes two-thirds of it to Benares and its sub-tirthas and the rest to Prayāga and Gayā. This unequal treatment arose from various causes, such as the localities where the authors lived, their familiarity with the holy places and their predilections. There was also another tendency among the authors of Purāṇas, Māhātmyas and digests viz. that of great exaggeration and over-statement which is often repellent. If a man reads the description of one tirtha and does not discount much as sheer hollow laudation, he is likely to feel that a pilgrimage to a certain tirtha will yield all the desires in this life as well in the next and that after visiting a holy tirtha like Kāśī or Prayāga he need not go to any other tirtha, nor need he perform any *yajña* or act of charity and the like. A few striking passages may be cited here. The Vanaparva remarks that <sup>1270</sup> even gods and sages secured

1269. पृथिव्यां नैमिषं तीर्थमन्तरिक्षे च पुष्करम् । त्रयाणामपि लोकानां कुरुक्षेत्रं विद्धि-  
ष्यते ॥ वनपर्व 83 202, q. by तीर्थं p 19 and तीर्थकल्पद्वय p 178 ; नीलकण्ठ explains:  
नैमिषारण्ये कृतं पुण्यं पृथिव्यामेव सन्ततिस्तपचित्तार्त्तगौमादिपदमाभिहेतुरित्यर्थ, अन्तरिक्षे  
सूर्यचन्द्रादिमार्गे नक्षत्रादिचक्रेषु पुष्कर मापयतीत्यर्थ । The same verse occurs in  
मत्स्य 109.3, पद्म (आदिखण्ड 27.87) and the first half in वामन 7. 37.

1270 पुष्करेषु महामाग देवाः सर्पिर्गणा युरा । सिद्धिं समप्सिंश्वावां पुण्येन महता-  
न्विताः ॥ तत्राभिषेकं यः कुर्यात्पितृदेवाचने रतः । अश्वमेधादश्वघ्नं फलं प्राप्नुमन्नीविण ॥ वनपर्व  
82. 26-27 ; नास्मात्परतर तीर्थं लोकैस्तिन्यपिपठ्यते । पद्म (5th खण्ड, 27 78).

perfection at Puskara and that whoever takes a bath there and devoutly worships gods and his pitrs secures rewards ten times of what the performance of Āśvamedha might give. About this very tīrtha viz. Puskara, the Padmapurāṇa says that there is no holier tīrtha in this world. The Vanaparva (83, 145) in its eulogy of Prthūdaka asserts that Kuruksetra is holy, that Sarasvatī is holier than Kuruksetra and that Prthūdaka is holier than all other tīrthas. The Matsyapurāṇa puts the comparative holiness of several tīrthas thus 'the waters of the Sarasvatī purify after (one bathes for) three days, those of Yamunā in seven days, those of the Ganges at once, while the water of the Narmadā purifies a man at sight of it.' In its eulogy of Vārāṇasī the Kūrma-purāṇa states 'there is no place higher than Vārāṇasī nor will there be one' (I 31. 64). The inveterate habit of exaggeration goes so far that it is said that by merely residing in Kāśī till one's death not only does a man become free from the great sin of brāhmana murder but from the never-ending cycle of births and deaths and is not born again.<sup>1271</sup> The Lingapurāṇa says the same thing. The Vāmana-purāṇa remarks <sup>1273</sup> that *mukta* (release from *samsāra*) can be secured in four ways, viz. by knowledge of *Brahman*, by śrāddha at Gayā, by loss of life in repelling the carrying away of cows and by residence in Kuruksetra and that those who die in Kuruksetra never come down (to the earth). Mere residence in Kāśī was so much lauded that the Matsya (181. 23), the Agni (112. 3) and other Purāṇas say that after repairing to Kāśī one should smash one's feet with a stone (in order that

1271. त्रिभिः सारस्वत तोयं सप्ताहेन तु बाहुनम्। सद्यः पुनाति गाङ्गेयं दर्शनमेव नार्मदम्॥ पद्म, आदिखण्ड 13.7, मत्स्य० 186.11. The अभिलषितार्थचिन्तामणि (Mysore ed.) I. 1.130 has a very similar verse 'सरस्वती त्रिभिः स्नाने पञ्चभिर्बाहुनापहतम्। जाङ्गली स्नानमात्रेण दर्शनेनैव नर्मदा॥'

1272. आ देहपतनाद्यावत्तत्क्षेत्रं यो न मुञ्चति। न केवलं ब्रह्महत्या प्राकृतं च निवर्तते। प्राप्य विश्वेश्वरं देवं न स भूयोऽभिजायते। मत्स्य 182 16-17, q. by तीर्थकल्पः p. 17 (which reads प्राकृतश्च that is explained as संसारबन्ध) and तीर्थचि p. 345 which quotes the passage from लिङ्गपुराण, but those verses are not found in chap. 92 of the लिङ्गपुराण (Venk. ed.) which deals with वाराणसीमाहात्म्य लिङ्गपुराण 1. 92 63 is विष्णुसक्तचितोपि त्यक्तधर्मरतिनरः। इह क्षेत्रेऽस्युतः सोऽपि संसारे न पुनर्भवत्। कामं ह्यत्र मृतो देवि जन्तुर्मोक्षाय कल्पते। लिङ्ग 1. 92 94. The verse आ देहपतनात् occurs in स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड 25. 67.

1273. ब्रह्मज्ञानं गयामाह गोमये सरणं ध्रुवम्। वासः क्षताः कुरुक्षेत्रे मुक्तिरुक्ताः चतुर्विधाः॥ ग्रहनक्षत्रताराणां कालेन पतनञ्जयम्। कुरुक्षेत्रसुतानां च पतनं नैव विद्यते॥ वामन-पुराण 33.8 and 16; the first occurs in बाहु 105 16, आग्नि 115. 5-6.

one may not be induced to visit another tirtha) <sup>1274</sup> and stay in Kāśī forever.

The Brahmapurāṇa classifies tirthas into four divisions <sup>1275</sup> viz. daiva (created by gods), āśura (those associated with such asuras as Gaya), āśa (those established by sages) such as Prabhāsa, Naranārāyaṇa and mānusa (created by kings like Ambarīsa, Manu, Kuru) and provides that each preceding one is superior to each succeeding one. It enumerates six rivers to the south of the Vindhya and six rivers having their sources in the Himalayas as most holy and as devatīrthas, viz. Godāvari, Bhīmarathī, Tungabhadra, Venikā, Tāpī, Payosnī, Bhāgrathī, Narmadā, Yamunā, Sarasvatī, Visokā, and Vitastā. Similarly, Kāśī, Puskara and Prabhāsa are devatīrthas (Tirthapr. p. 18). The Brahmapurāṇa (175. 31-32) assigns daiva, āśura, āśa and mānusa tirthas respectively to the Kṛta, Tretā, Dvāpara and Kali yugas.

There is a good deal of discussion in the Purāṇas and digests about those who are entitled or have the eligibility or capacity (*adhikāra*) for tīrthayātrā. The Vanaparva <sup>1276</sup> provides that brāhmanas, ksatriyas, vaiśyas and śūdras, when they have bathed in holy places, are not born again. The same work further states that whatever sin a man or a woman may have committed from birth, the moment a person takes a bath in the holy Puskara all that sin vanishes <sup>1277</sup> Therefore not only men but women also had the right to undertake tīrthayātrā. The Matsyapurāṇa <sup>1278</sup> goes further and asserts that 'Avimukta

1274. अश्मना चरणौ हत्वा वसेत्काशी न हि त्यजेत् । अग्नि 112.3; अवियुक्तं यदा गच्छेत् कदाचित्कालपर्ययात् । अश्मना चरणौ भित्त्वा सत्रैव निधनं ब्रजेत् ॥ मत्स्य 181.23, which last is quoted in तीर्थकल्पः p. 16. अश्मना चरणौ हत्वा वाराणस्या वसेत्करः । कूर्म I 31 35 q by तीर्थम p. 140.

1275. चतुर्विधानि तीर्थानि स्वर्गं मर्त्यं रसातले । देवानि मुनिशङ्खल आसुराण्यारुणानि च । मातृवाणि त्रिलोकेषु विख्यातानि सुरादिभिः । .. ब्रह्माविष्णुशिवैर्वैवर्तनिमित्तं देवमुच्यते । ब्रह्मसुराण 70 16-19 q by तीर्थमकाश p. 18, which also quotes the verses from ब्रह्मसुराण 70 33-35 about the twelve rivers (देवतीर्थस्य) आरुण्य stands for आर्य. Vide ब्रह्म 70 33-40 for examples of the four kinds of तीर्थस्य

1276. ब्राह्मणा क्षत्रिया वैश्याः शूद्रा वा राजसूतन । न वै योनौ प्रजायन्ते स्नातास्तीर्थे मदात्मन । वनपर्व 82 30-31 q by तीर्थम p. 19 (which reads न वियोनौ ब्रजनत्येते, meaning 'are not born in a condemned or low body')

1277. जन्मममृतिं यत्पापं स्त्रिया वा पुरुषेण वा । शुक्ले स्नातमात्रेण सर्वमेव प्रणश्यति ॥ वनपर्व 82 33-34 q. by तीर्थम p. 23.

1278. नानावर्णा विवर्णाश्च चण्डाला ये त्र्युत्पिस्ताः । किल्बिषैः पूर्णदेहाश्च मकुटैः पातकेरिताः । भेषज परमं तेषामवियुक्तं विदुर्बुधाः । मत्स्यपुराण 184. 66-67, कूर्मसु. I. 31. 42-43 q. by तीर्थकल्पतरु p. 26, तीर्थम. (on p. 140), तीर्थचिं p. 140.

(Vārānaśī) is the highest cure for men of numerous castes, for men not (recognized as) belonging to any particular *varṇa*, for cāṇḍālas who are abhorred (by people) and for persons whose bodies are full of diseases and of aggravated sins' It is stated in the Vāmanapurāṇa: <sup>1279</sup> persons of all the four *āśramas* (i. e. brahmacārins, householders, forest hermits and *sannyā-sins*) by bathing in the tirtha (mentioned by it) save seven generations in their families and that persons belonging to the four varṇas and women, when they bathe in tirthas with devotion, see the highest goal. It was provided by the Brahmapurāṇa that a brahmacārin can undertake a pilgrimage only if ordered or directed by his guru, and that a householder whose wife is alive and is chaste must go on a pilgrimage with her; otherwise he would not reap the fruit of pilgrimage. The Padmapurāṇa (Bhūmikhanda chap. 59-60) narrates the story of a vaiśya called Kṛkālā who went on a pilgrimage without his virtuous wife and did not reap the fruits of a long pilgrimage (bhāryām vinā yo dharmah sa eva viphalo bhavet, 59. 33). The Tirthacintāmaṇi and Tirthaprakāśa quote a passage (from the Kūrmapurāṇa) which glorifies Vārānaśī (called Avimukta there) as follows <sup>1280</sup> 'brāhmaṇas, kṣatriyas, vaiśyas, śūdras, persons of mixed castes (varṇasankara), women, mlecchas and others who are born in evil forms and are of mixed blood, worms, ants, birds and beasts when they die in Avimukta are born as human beings in Benares and no one guilty of sins dying in Avimukta goes to Hell' As regards <sup>1281</sup> women and śūdras, a smṛti verse provided 'Japa, tapas, pilgrimage to holy places, becoming an ascetic (sannyāsin), efforts to attain mastery over mantras and worshipping deities (as a priest)—these six lead to sinfulness in the case of women and

<sup>1279</sup>. ब्रह्मचारी गृहस्थश्च वानप्रस्थो यतिस्तथा । कुलानि तारयेत्तत्रात् सप्त सप्त च सप्त च ॥ ब्राह्मणा, क्षत्रिया, वैश्या, शूद्राश्च तत्परा । तीर्थस्नानात् भक्तिपुता पश्यन्ति परम पदम् ॥ वामनपुराण 36 78-79.

<sup>1280</sup>. ब्राह्मणा क्षत्रिया वैश्या शूद्रा ये वर्णसङ्कराः । स्त्रियो म्लेच्छाश्च ये चान्ये सङ्कीर्णाः पापयोनयः ॥ कीदा विपरीतिकाश्चैव ये चान्ये सुगणक्षिणः । कालेन निधनं प्राप्ता अविमुक्ते वरानने!... शिवे मम पुरे देवि जायन्ते तत्र मानवा । नाविमुक्ते मृत कश्चिन्नरकं याति किल्बिषी । कुर्म I 31, 32-34, मत्स्यपुराण 181. 19-21 q. by तीर्थचि p. 346, तीर्थम p. 139 (which quotes from कुर्मपुराण and adds नाविमुक्ते मृत कश्चिन्नरकं याति किल्बिषी) । ईश्वराष्टशतीता हि सर्वे याति परा गतिम् । नाविमुक्ते मृत कश्चिन्नरकं याति किल्बिषी । कुर्म I. 31 31-34 q. by तीर्थचि p. 346, तीर्थम p. 139 The same verses occur in पद्म I 33. 18-21

<sup>1281</sup>. जपस्तपस्तीर्थयात्रा । प्रव्रज्या मन्त्रसाधनम् । देवताराधनं चेति स्त्रीशुद्धयतना निषद् ॥ q. by तीर्थम p. 21, ascribed to मनु by भट्टोजि in त्रिपुरालीसेतुसारसंग्रह p. 2,

*śūdras*.' This was explained away by stating that this text refers to undertaking pilgrimage without the husband's permission (in the case of a woman) and as to a *śūdra* in such a way as to be opposed to the primary duty of a *śūdra* to wait upon learned *brāhmanas* (as laid down in *Manu* X. 123). *Kātyāyana*<sup>1282</sup> as quoted in the *Vyavahāramayūkha* provides 'whatever a woman does that relates to (benefit in) a future state (i. e. state after death) without the permission of her (husband's) father, husband or son, would become fruitless' It is clear therefore that it was recognized early that *tīrthayātrā* was a popular way for redemption of sins in the case of all classes of men and women. Though a Hindu woman succeeding as heir to her husband's estate has only a limited and qualified ownership over it, judicial decisions have recognized that she can alienate a small portion of her husband's estate for the expenses of a pilgrimage to *Gayā* for performing her husband's *śrāddha* for the latter's spiritual benefit or of a pilgrimage to *Pandharpur*. Vide *Muteeram v. Gopal* 11 *Beng. L. R.* 416; *Darbari Lal v. Gobind* 46 *All. 822*; *Ganpat v. Tulsiaram* 36 *Bom. 88* (pilgrimage to *Pandharpur*).<sup>1283</sup> It was also provided that there was no question of untouchability<sup>1284</sup> when bathing in holy waters.

1282 नारी खल्वननुज्ञाता पित्रा भर्त्रा सुतेन वा । विफलं तद्भवेत्तस्या यत्करोत्यौर्ध्व-  
देहिकम् ॥ कात्याय. q. by vy. n ; p. 113, this verse is quoted by चतुर्वर्ग- on व्रत I.  
p. 327 as from आदित्यपुराण and और्ध्वदेहिकं is explained as व्रतानि.

1283. Strangely enough, the Calcutta High court has held that a widow cannot validly alienate a part of her husband's property inherited by her as heir for a pilgrimage to Benares; vide *Hari v. Bayrand* 13 *C. W. N.* 544 at p. 547. But a gift to the temple of Jagannātha at *Puri* for *bhog* (offerings of cooked food) to the deity and for the maintenance of the priests there for the salvation of the husband and the members of his family and for the widow's own salvation was upheld by the Privy Council in *Sardar Singh v. Kunj Behari* 49 *I. A.* 383. As seen in note 1294 below, a person on returning from a pilgrimage had to honour and feed *brāhmanas*. In *Dinanath v. Hrishikesh* 18 *C. W. N.* 1303, 1306, where a widow on returning from a pilgrimage to *Gayā* for the benefit of her husband's soul incurred a debt for feeding *brāhmanas* and her husband's relatives and alienated a portion of her husband's property, it was held that the debt was one for a spiritual purpose and was binding on the reversioners after the death of the widow.

1284. तीर्थे विवाहे यात्रायां संग्रामे देशविल्लवे । नगरग्रामवाहे च स्पृष्टास्पृष्टिर्न दुष्यति ॥  
बृह q by कल्पतरु on शुद्धि p 169, स्मृतिच. I p 122 This is variously explained.  
The तीर्थेय. p 41 says 'तीर्थे विवाह इत्यनेनानिवार्य-तीर्थाद्याधिकरणकारस्पृश्यस्पर्शौ न  
दोषायेत्यभिधानात् । स्पृष्टास्पृष्टिर्न दुष्यतीति वचनं पक्काञ्जुद्धौ कल्पतरुद्वयता लिखितं तीर्थे  
पक्काञ्जस्पर्शे न दोष इति । अत एव पुरुषोत्तमक्षेत्रादौ तथैव शिष्टाचार इति ॥'. Vide above  
note 750 for the same quotation The शुद्धि. p. 130 explains तीर्थादी अस्पृश्य-  
स्पर्शानां नाचमननानादि

There is a verse of Bṛhaspati: 'At holy places, in marriages, in a religious festival (or procession), in a battle, when there is an invasion of the country and when a town or village is on fire, no blame attaches on the ground of incurring contact with untouchable persons or things.'

In order to guard against the facile assumption that without a change of heart or change in one's sinful mode of life a mere physical act of pilgrimage and bath in holy waters would be enough, some of the texts in the Mahābhārata and Purāṇas adopted two propositions: viz the one noted above that it is the pure mind that is a real tirtha and further emphasized that it is better to stay at home and perform all the duties of a householder including the performance of vedic sacrifices than to go on a pilgrimage. The Śānti-parva<sup>1285</sup> in the dialogue between Tujādhāra and Jāyali (a brāhmana proud of his *tapas*) asserts that purodāśa is the holiest of offerings, that all rivers are (holy like) Sarasvatī and all hillocks (and not merely Himālaya and the like) are holy, that one's soul is a tirtha and advises Jāyali not to be a guest, (i. e. to be wandering in quest of tirthas) to several countries. The Tīrthacintāmaṇi and Tīrthaprakāśa quote passages from the Brahmapurāṇa that a brāhmana should wander about tirthas after his capacity to perform sacrifices has come to an end, that it is better for a man to stay at home and perform the duties of an householder when he has the capacity and authority to perform *ṛkṣis* and *yajñas*, and that all the tirthas do not come up (in their rewards) to the performance of *agnihotra*.<sup>1286</sup> The Kūrmapurāṇa<sup>1287</sup> has the following remarkable verses on this point. 'That person who abandoning his proper duties<sup>1287</sup> resorts to tirthas does not reap the fruits of

1285. दुरोडासो हि सर्वेषां पशूनां मेघ्य उच्यते। सर्वा नद्यः सरस्वत्यः सर्वे दुग्ध्याः शिरोऽध्याः। जाजले तीर्थमात्मैव मा स्म देशातिथिर्मयं। एतानीदृशकान् धर्मानाचरन्तिह जाजले। कारणैर्धर्ममाविच्छेत् स लोकानाप्नोते क्षुमात्। ज्ञान्तिष्व 263. 40-42. नीलकण्ठ explains 'यत्रैवात्मसमाधानं तत्रैव सर्वाणि तीर्थानि सन्तीत्यर्थः' 11.

1286. यज्ञाधिकारेण्यथा निवृत्ते विभक्तु तीर्थानि परिभ्रमेत्... यद्वद्विप्रेनाधिनाति-  
तारित वरं यद्वै यद्वधर्माश्च सर्वे। एवं यद्वधर्माश्चमत्सरितरप तीर्थे गतिः पूर्वतरेति विद्या। सर्वाणि तीर्थान्यपि चाग्निहोत्ररूपानि नैवेति वयं वदाम। ब्रह्मपुराण ५ by तीर्थरत्नप्रकाश ५, तीर्थचिन्त pp. 5-6 and तीर्थम p. 19. Vide नारदीय (अचर) 62 22 for the first verse.

1287. य. स्वधर्मात् परित्यज्य तीर्थसेवा करोति हि। न तस्य फलते तीर्थमिह लोके परत्र च॥ प्रायश्चित्ती च विपुरस्तथा यायावरो यद्वै। मकुर्वात्तीर्थसेवा यथापराधार्थं जनः॥ सहाशिरां सपत्नीको गच्छेत्तीर्थानि पत्न्यत्। (सर्वापविनिर्मुक्तो यथोक्तं गतिमाप्नुयात्) कथानि श्रीगणेशपुराणकुर्वन्वा तीर्थसेवनम्। विधाय वृत्तिं पुत्राणां भार्यां तेषु विधाय च॥ कुर्म II, 44, 20-23.

pilgrimage in this world as well as in the next. A person who has to undergo an expiation (for a sin), or who is a widower or who is a householder of the *yāyāvara*<sup>1288</sup> type or similar persons may resort to pilgrimages. One may go to holy places with his vedic fires or with his wife; he becomes free from all sins and secures the best goal as stated above. One who wants to go on pilgrimages should pay off the three debts, should provide means of maintenance for his sons and should consign his wife to their care.'

Ancient writers on Dharmaśāstra favoured pilgrimages by prescribing, as stated in the Viṣṇu Dh. S., that<sup>1289</sup> no money was to be demanded from a Vedic student, a forest hermit, an ascetic, a pregnant woman and a pilgrim by a ferryman or by a toll officer and that if he took money from such persons he was to be made to return it. But this prescription was not invariably followed even by Hindu Kings. The Rājatarāṅgiṇī (VI 254-255 and VII, 1008) notices that a tax was levied on Kashmirians performing śrāddhas at Gāyā.<sup>1290</sup> It appears that Siddharāja king of Anahilavād (1095-1143 A. D.) levied a tax on pilgrims going to Somanātha at the frontier town Bahuloda, that he remitted the tax at the intercession of his mother and that the tax thus remitted amounted to 72 lakhs of rupees every year (this last may be an exaggeration to glorify Siddharāja).<sup>1290a</sup> Moslem kings levied this tax. It appears that a great writer called Kavindrācārya took up the cause of Hindu pilgrims visiting Prayāga and Kāśī and so eloquently pleaded it before Emperor Shah Jehan that the latter remitted the tax altogether

1288. A householder is said to be of two sorts, *śālīna* and *yāyāvara*. The latter is one who subsists by picking up grains that fall down when the corn that is reaped is taken from the fields to the house or threshing floor or who does not accumulate wealth or who does not earn his livelihood by officiating as a priest or by teaching or by accepting gifts. Vide H. of Dh. vol II. pp. 641-642 and notes 1501-1504. For the three debts to Gods, Manes and sages, vide, H. of Dh. vol II. pp. 270 and 425

1289. ब्रह्मचारिवानप्रयत्नविशुद्धिर्नितीर्यादिसारिणः नाविकः शौल्किकः शुल्कमाद-  
दानश्च । तच्च तेषां दद्यात् । विष्णुधर्मसूत्र V. 132-133.

1290. काश्मीरिकाणां यः आङ्गशुल्कोच्छेत्ता गयान्तरे । सोऽप्येवमन्तकः क्षुरः  
परिहासपुराभ्यः ॥ बहुला नहाशिलां कण्ठे वितस्ताम्बासि पातितः । राजत VI. 254-55.  
The valiant हरमन्तक of परिहासपुर who had relieved Kashmir residents from  
the tax at Gāyā was drowned in Vitastā (by queen Diddā) with a big stone  
tied round his neck.

1290a. Vide Bom G. vol. I part 1 p. 172 and Prabandha-cintāmani  
(tr. by Tawney p 84)

and conferred upon the great scholar <sup>1291</sup> the title of 'Sarva-vidyā-nidhāna'. People throughout India felt such relief at the remission of the tax that congratulatory letters and addresses (several of them couched in very poetic language) poured upon Kavindrācārya. These have been published in a work styled 'Kavindra-candrodaya' by Dr. Har Dutta Sharma and Mr. M. M. Patkar (in the Poona Oriental series), a characteristic verse from which is quoted below.<sup>1292</sup> In a remarkable copper-plate inscription in Sanskrit <sup>1293</sup> and Kannada issued by the Hoysala king Narasimha III in Māgha śaka 1200 (1279 A. D.) it is said that the king granted the revenues (amounting to 645 *mkas* a year) of a village called Hebbāle to the pilgrims of Kāśī and to god Śrīviśveśvara for the purpose of enabling the pilgrims to Benares (including those from the whole of Karnāṭaka, from the countries of Teluṅga, Tulu, Tīrhuṭ, Gauda and others) to pay off the tax levied by the Turuskas (Moslem kings).<sup>1294</sup>

The digests quote certain verses of the Brahmapurāṇa about the rites to be performed when a person decides to start on a pilgrimage. The Brahmapurāṇa provides that the intending pilgrim should restrain his senses the previous day, should observe a fast and on the next day he should offer worship to Ganeśa, the gods, the pitrs and honour good brāhmanas according to his ability and when he returns from the pilgrimage he should offer similar worship and honour.<sup>1295</sup> The digests

1291. Vide I A vol 41 (1912) p 7 at p 11 for an account by the late M. M. Haraprasad Shastri of the abolition of the pilgrim tax by Shah Jehan.

1292. येन श्रीसाहिजाहौ नरपतितिलकः स्वस्य वक्ष्य कृतोऽष्टुक्तिं चावश्य मयः पुनरपि विहितः साहिदायकाकोटः । काशीतीर्थप्रयागप्रतिजनितकरग्रहमोक्षकहेतुः सोऽर्थे श्रीमान्कवीन्द्रो जयति कविशुक्तीर्षराजाधिराजः ॥ कवीन्द्रचन्द्रोदय प. 23 No. 169. There is possibly a veiled allusion to गजेन्द्रमोक्ष in the words 'ग्रहमोक्ष'.

1293. Vide Epigraphia Carnatica, vol 15 No 298 pp. 71-73 (containing transliterated text) and p 12 of the dynastic list; the important words in Kannada are 'Ellā-ksetravāsi-galu Turahkarige ... Kula karnātīgaru Telugu .Tulū-Maleylaru .Tirabhuṭṭi-garu...Gavudīgaru' &c. This inscription indicates that the expression 'Turushadanda' occurring in certain Gāhadvāla inscriptions such as those in E I IX at p 305, E I XIII p 295, E. I. XIV p. 195 meant a levy imposed by Moslem raiders and rulers.

1294. यो यः कश्चित्तीर्थयात्रां तु गच्छेत्तुसप्ततः स च पूर्व एवे स्वे । कृतोपवासः शुचिर-प्रसन्नः सम्पूजयेद्भक्तिमयी गणेशम् ॥ देवान् पितृन् ब्राह्मणाश्चैव साधून् धीमान् पितृन् ब्राह्मणान् पूजयेच्च । प्रत्यागतश्चापि पुनस्तथैव देवान् पितृन् ब्राह्मणान् पूजयेच्च । ब्रह्मपुराण q. by तीर्थ-कल्याण p. 9, तीर्थचि p 6 (explains सुसप्त इति पूर्वदिने कृतेऽन्यकादिनिषण्णः), तीर्थच.



explain that on return there is no fast and no worship of Ganeśa. He should perform śrāddha in which there is plenty of ghee, honour three brāhmanas (at least) with the offer of sandalwood paste &c. and then make a resolve (*saṅkalpa*) to go on pilgrimage. The Vāyupurāṇa <sup>1295</sup> and the digests lay down that (after the worship of Ganeśa, the planets and the deities) he should put on the dress of a *kārpātī* viz. wear a copper-ring, a copper bracelet and reddish garments. Bhattoji (p 5) states that according to some the apparel of *kārpātika* is to be put on by a pilgrim going to Gayā. The Padma (IV. 19. 22) prescribes the pilgrim's dress for other tīrthas also. The Tir. C. adds that this dress is to be worn only on the journey to a tīrtha, when the pilgrim is in a tīrtha, but not at the time of performing his daily duties such as taking meals (p. 9).

There is a difference of opinion among the digests as to whether tonsure of the head is obligatory when starting on a pilgrimage. The Padmapurāṇa <sup>1296</sup> and Skandapurāṇa appear to make it obligatory. The Tīrtha-Kalpataru does not <sup>1297</sup> refer to tonsure at all, while a fast at a tīrtha is declared by it to be optional. The tendency of later digest-writers is generally to make every religious act more elaborate and harder. The tonsure of the head and beard was prescribed for a sacrificer

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p. 23 (which states 'सुसयतः पूर्वदिने कृतैकमकादिनियम इति केचित्, ब्रह्मचर्यादि-शुक्त इति तु युक्तम्'). In *Dinanath v. Hrishikesh* 18 C. W. N. 1303 this passage of the Brahmapurāṇa is quoted and relied upon. These verses occur in नारदीय (उत्तर) 62. 24-25). The स्कन्दपुर (काशीखण्ड 6. 56-57) and पद्म have similar verses तीर्थयात्रा चिकीर्षु प्राग्विधायोपोषणं युद्धे । गणेशं च पितृन् विभान् साधून् शक्त्या प्रयुज्य च । कृतपारणको हृष्टो गच्छेन्नियमधुक् पुन । आगत्यामृत्य च पितृन् यथोक्त-फलभागभवेत् ॥ पद्म, उत्तरखण्ड 237. 36-38 ब्रह्म 76. 18-19 provide नान्दीमुखआरु, देहशुद्धि, ब्राह्मणभोजन, remaining celibate and not talking with *patita* people, when one is on a pilgrimage to गोदावरी.

1295. उद्यतश्चेद्वा गन्तुं आरब्धं कृत्वा विधानतः । विधाय कार्पटिविषं कृत्वा ग्रामं प्रदक्षिणम् । ततो ग्रामान्तरं गत्वा आद्रक्षेपस्य भोजनम् । बाह्यपु 110 2-3, q. by तीर्थचि p 7, तीर्थम p. 29 (which explains 'कार्पटिविषः ताम्रमुद्राताम्रकङ्कणकापायवस्त्रधारणम्') The तीर्थचि remarks that although these requirements are mentioned in connection with Gayā, these hold good as to pilgrimages to all holy places. Besides, this *kārpātika* apparel is to be worn only when actually travelling and not when the pilgrim performs his daily duties or takes his meals or offers śrāddha

1296. तीर्थोपवास कर्तव्य शिरसो मुण्डनं तथा । शिरोगतानि पापानि यान्ति मुण्ड-नतो यत । पद्म (उत्तरखण्ड 237. 45), स्कन्द (काशीखण्ड 6. 65).

1297. तीर्थोपवासश्च फलविकीर्णार्थ । तीर्थमभिगम्य व्रतोपवासनियमशुक्लरूपहमव-गाहमानस्त्रिरात्रमुपित्वा सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते स्वस्तिमांश्च भवतीति देवलवचनात् । तीर्थकल्प° p 11,

when undertaking such solemn Vedic sacrifices as Cāturmāsya and Agnistoma.<sup>1298</sup> The termination of the stage of Vedic studenthood (*samūvartana*) was also marked by tonsure.<sup>1299</sup> Further, tonsure was prescribed when undergoing *prāyaścitta* for sins (vide p. 122 above). The Tīr. C. and Tīr. Pr. both quote a verse of Viṣṇu<sup>1300</sup> from the *Smṛtisamuccaya*, viz. 'at Prayāga, on a pilgrimage, on the death of one's father or mother one should cut one's hair; but one should not cut one's hair without cause.' The Mit. on Yāj. III. 17 quotes a verse as follows: 'On the Ganges, in Bhāskaraksetra, on the death of one's father, mother and *guru*, at the time of consecrating Vedic fires and at a *soma* sacrifice—tonsure is prescribed in these seven cases. Some read 'satsu' and therefore they take the first two words as meaning 'on the Ganges only at Prayāga.' Both Tīr. C. and Tīr. Pr. quote a verse<sup>1301</sup> which says that tonsure and fast are acts that must be done at all tīrthas except at Kuruksetra, Viśālā (Ujjayinī or Badarikā), Virajā (river in Orissa) and Gayā.' In the case of a *snātaka*, all the hair except the top-knot is cut and

1298. Vide Sat. Br II 6. 3 14 ff. (S. B. E. vol. 12 pp 448).

1299. Pārashara gr. II 6. 17, Khādīra gr. III. 1. 2. 23, Sāh. gr. III. 1. 1-2 (S. B. E. vol. 29. p 314, p. 408, p. 91 respectively). The Khādīra gr. is 'prāśya vāpayet śikhāvarjam keśaśmaśrulomanakhāni.'

1300. मनुष्याणां तु पापानि तीर्थानि प्रतिगच्छताम्। केशमाश्रित्य तिष्ठन्ति तस्मात्तद्वपनं चरेत्॥ पद्य, पातालखण्ड 19. 21; उपवासदिने हण्डनमपि। प्रयागे तीर्थयात्राया पितृमातृविधायकः। कचाना वपनं कुर्याद्बुधा न विकचो भवेत्॥ इति स्तुतिस्तद्वचनं विष्णुलिखितवचनात्। तीर्थचि p. 7, तीर्थम p. 28. This verse is नारदीय (उत्तर) 62 28. The Mitā. on ya III. 17 quotes the following verse गङ्गाया भास्करक्षेत्रे मातापित्रोर्ध्वोर्ध्वती॥ आधानकाले सोमे च वपनं सप्तसु स्मृतम्॥. भास्करक्षेत्रं प्रयागं acc. to some and कोणाकं acc. to others It is not correct to translate 'ādāhāna' as 'in the Garbhādhāna ceremony' (as Dr. Chaudhuri does on p 55 of his English Intro. to गङ्गावाक्याः) आधान by itself in धर्मशास्त्र works generally means अग्न्याधानं गर्भ्याधानं is referred to by the word निषेक or गर्भ्याधानं itself भास्करक्षेत्रं is really कोणाकं and not प्रयाग, which latter is called प्रजापतिक्षेत्रं in मत्स्य 104 5 and 111. 14.

1301. हण्डनं चोपवासश्च सर्वतीर्थेष्वप्य विधिः। वर्जयित्वा कुरुक्षेत्रं विशालां विरजां ययाम्॥ वायु. 105. 25 q by तीर्थचि p 14 (ascribes to स्कन्दपुराण). तीर्थम p 50 (ascribes to देवल and स्कन्द). The तीर्थम. (p 50) refers to the view of तीर्थकल्पः 'यद्यपि कल्पतरुकारेण तीर्थे हण्डनं भोक्तुं न वा तत्र प्रमाणं दर्शितं तथापि हण्डनं चोपवासश्चेत्यादिवाक्यस्य सकलशिष्टपरिच्छेदतत्त्वार्थत्वमेव'. The तीर्थचि. p. 32 also does the same. In the गङ्गावाक्याः second half is read as वर्जयित्वा गयां गङ्गां विशालां विरजां तथा॥ and is said to be from स्कन्दपुराण. The बालमन्दूके on ya III. 17 explains विरजं as दक्षिणदेशस्थं लोणारक्षेत्रमपि विरजमित्यादित्यद्वयम्। The first half is अग्नि 115 7 and the whole verse is ascribed to अग्निपुराण by the पुण्यदीपचन्द्रोदय folio 141a and occurs also in नारदीय (उत्तर) 62. 45.

in the case of women whose husbands are living only two finger-breadths of hair are cut. *Vṛddha-Hārta* (IX. 386-387) lays down that in the case of women whose husbands are living tonsure of the head should not be carried out, but that holding up all their hair only three finger-breadths should be cut off. Other *smṛtis* like *Āpastamba* in verse (I. 33-34), *Angiras* verse 163, *Yama* 54-55, *Parāśara* q. by the *Mitākṣarā* on *Yaj.* III. 263-264 lay down that tonsure is limited to the cutting of two finger-breadths of hair in the case of woman (*nārī*). *Par.* M. <sup>1302</sup> II. 1. p. 291 reads 'evam nārikumārīnām' and holds that *nārī* means here 'a woman whose husband is alive'. Although the *smṛti* passages occur in the section on *prāyaścitta* still by analogy they are to be applied to the tonsure in holy places. As regards widows, ascetics <sup>1303</sup> and *sūdras* all hair are to be cut. The *Tirthaprakāśa* finds fault with *Vācaspatimīśra* for saying that there is no tonsure on the Ganges. When there is such a conflict of views, the final decision rests with the usage of each country or the individual's choice. The *Tir. K.* (p 10) appears to hold that honouring the *pitṛs* at the time of starting on a pilgrimage is specially obligatory on a man with means. The texts make a difference between *ksaura* and *mundana*. The latter means 'shaving the hair on the head as well as the moustache and beard,' while *ksaura* means only shaving the head. Therefore the *Nāradya* says that all sages did not prohibit *ksaura* even at *Gayā* but only *mundana* is forbidden there <sup>1303a</sup> and there is no *mundana* on the Ganges anywhere except at *Prayāga*. The *Tirthenduśekhara* (p 7) gives it as its opinion that tonsure and fast are not obligatory but are only *kāmya* (i. e. to be done if certain rewards are desired) and points out that *śīstas* do not resort to these two at many *tirthas*.

1302. स्त्रीणां पराशरेण विशेषोऽभिहितः। वपनं नैव नारीणां... सर्वान्कोशात्समुद्भूत्य छेदयेदङ्गुलिद्वयम्। सर्वत्रैवं हि नारीणां शिरसो मुण्डनं स्मृतम्॥ मिता on *ya* III. 263-264; सर्वान् कोशात्... मुण्डनं भवेत् ॥ इत्यस्य भयाश्रितप्रकरणे श्रुतस्याकाङ्क्षातौल्येनात्राप्यन्वयात्। प्रयागादावपि तासां ह्यङ्गुलिकेशाग्रकर्तनमात्रं वपनम्। तीर्थम् pp 50-51.

1303. यति शूद्रश्च विधवा सशिल्वं वपनं चरेत्। इति दाक्षिणात्याः। वाचस्पति-मिश्रास्तु-वर्जयित्वा गया गङ्गां विशाला विरजा तथा-इति पठित्वा गङ्गाया न मुण्डनमिति प्रलपन्ति। तत्र सार्धयः। अस्य पाठस्य शिष्टैरपरिग्रहात्। तीर्थम् p. 51.

1303 a गयादावपि देवेशि इमंशृणां वपनं विना। न कौरं मुनिभिः सर्वैर्नपिज्जं चेति कीर्तितम्॥ सदनशृकेशवपनं मुण्डनं तद्विदुर्बुधाः। न कौरं मुण्डनं मुमुक्षु कीर्तितं वेदवेदिभिः॥ नारदीय (उत्तर) 62. 54-55, प्रयागव्यतिरेके तु गङ्गायां मुण्डनं नहि। *ibid* chap. 62.52.

The Purāṇas and digests devote some attention to the mode of travel. The Matsya (106. 4-6) states that <sup>1304</sup> if a pilgrim goes to Prayāga in a conveyance drawn by bulls he falls into hell and his pīṭra do not accept the water offered by him at the holy place and if a pilgrim because of riches or avarice or foolishness goes in a conveyance (not drawn by bulls) all his effort (as a pilgrim) becomes fruitless and therefore a pilgrim should avoid journey in a conveyance. According to the Kalpataru (on Tīrtha p. 11) using a conveyance is forbidden only in the case of pilgrimage to Prayāga (and not in the case of other tīrthas), while the Tir. C. (p. 8) and Tir. Pr. (p. 45) quote a verse <sup>1305</sup> which provides that if a pilgrim uses a cart drawn by bulls he is guilty of *govadha* (killing a cow), if he travels on horse-back (or in a horse-drawn carriage) his pilgrimage yields no fruit, if he is carried by men (in a palanquin or the like) he secures only half the merit but if he travels bare-footed then he wins the full merit. The Padma-purāṇa (IV. 19. 27) has a similar verse. The Tir. Pr. p. 34 quotes a verse from the Kūrmapurāṇa that those who are unable to perform a pilgrimage otherwise do not incur blame (or loss) by making use of a conveyance drawn by men or a chariot which is drawn by mules or horses. Similarly, a verse of the Viṣṇupurāṇa <sup>1306</sup> quoted by both Tir C and Tir. Pr. (pp. 34-35) provides that one should always go on a journey wearing shoes and holding an umbrella in the rains or in summer and armed with a staff at night or in a forest. The Viṣṇudharmottara takes a more practical view when it says that to make a pil-

1304. प्रयागतीर्थयात्रार्थी यः प्रयाति नरः कच्चिद्। बलीवर्द्धसमारूढः शृणु तस्यापि यत्फलम्॥ नरके वसति घोरं यत्रां क्रोधो हि दाकणः। सलिलं न च गृह्णन्ति पितरस्तस्य देहिन्॥  
एश्वर्यलाभमोहाद्वा गच्छेद्यानेन यो नरः। निष्फल तस्य तत्सर्वं तस्माद्यान विवर्जयेत्॥ मत्स्य. 106. 4-5 and 7. These verses are quoted by तीर्थचिं p 8 (its reading ऐश्वर्यलाभ-माहात्म्यात् is better) and तीर्थय pp. 33-34 The verse ऐश्वर्यलाभमाहात्म्यात् 15 q. by माय तत्त्व p 492. The कूर्म (I. 37 4-5) has the verse ऐश्वर्यमदमोहेन and remarks 'मत्स्यपुराणीय-वर्जयेत्' The गङ्गावाक्यां p 13 reads ऐश्वर्यमदमोहेन प्रयागमनेपि दोषाभावः।

1305. गोयाने गोवधः प्रोक्तो वृषयाने तु निष्फलम्। नरयाने तदर्थं स्यात् पदस्या तत्र चतुर्लपम्॥ q. by गङ्गाभक्तिः p. 13, तीर्थचिं. and तीर्थय , 'उपानदस्या चतुर्थीस गोयाने गोवधादिकम्' पद्म IV. 19.27.

1306. वर्षातपादिके छत्री दण्डी राज्यद्वीषु च। शरीरत्राणकामो वै सोपानत्कः सदा ब्रजेत्॥ इति विष्णुपुराणीयवचनेन निष्पातिपक्षसदाशब्दस्वरसात् तीर्थयात्रायामपि उपान परिधानमावश्यकमिति। तीर्थचिं. pp. 8-9. This verse is विष्णु III 12. 38, नारदीय (उत्तर) 62, 35 is almost the same, तीर्थोत्तरणं पदस्यां तपः परमिहोच्यते। तदेव कृत्वा यानेन स्नानमात्रफलं लभेत्॥ विष्णुधर्मोत्तर III, 273. 11-12.

grimage on foot is the highest *tapas* (austerity) and that if a pilgrimage be made in a conveyance the pilgrim will reap only the reward of the bath. The Tir. Pr. (p. 35) allows the use of a vessel to reach holy places like Gangāsāgara which cannot be reached otherwise.

The Tristhali-setu (pp. 1-3) has a long discussion about the *sankalpa*<sup>1307</sup> (declaration) to be made at the time of starting on a pilgrimage. The conclusions reached are that the declaration should not include the names of all the holy places intended to be visited, but should expressly state the last one up to which one desires to go, that persons from southern or western India should make a *sankalpa* about Gayā (and pilgrimage to Prayāga and Kāśī will be implied) and that a person from East India should make a *sankalpa* about Prayāga (and pilgrimage to Gayā and Kāśī will be included as a matter of course) and that (as an alternative method) a man from south or west India should at first make a *sankalpa* about pilgrimage to Prayāga, then while in Prayāga he should make a *sankalpa* about visiting Kāśī and then in Kāśī he should make a *sankalpa* about visiting Gayā. A pilgrim from Eastern India should first make a *sankalpa* about Gayā, then, while in Gayā, he should make one about Kāśī and so on. The Tirthaprakāśa (p. 326) appears to criticize the first method proposed by the Tristhali-setu and states its own view to be that those who intend to visit many sacred places should make a *sankalpa* in the form 'I shall perform pilgrimage' (Tirtha-yātrāmaham karisye). The Tirthaprakāśa, however, approves of the second method proposed as an alternative.

That the merit of a pilgrimage could be collected in a vicarious manner is laid down by the Smṛtis and Purāṇas. Atri (50-51) provides<sup>1308</sup> 'He for whom an effigy made with kuśa grass intending it as a representative is dipped in the waters of a holy place secures one-eighth part of the merit (that he would have secured by himself bathing in the waters). If a man takes a bath (in a holy place) having in view (the benefit

1307. The *sankalpa* may take the form ओं अथ प्रतिपदमश्वमेधयज्ञजन्य-फलसम्पत्तिमाप्तिकामोऽनुकतिर्यथावानर्हं करिष्ये।

1308. प्रतिष्ठति कुशनयी तीर्थवारिषु नज्जयेत्। यमुद्दिश्य निमज्जेत अष्टभागं लभेत स ॥ नातरं पितरं वापि आतरं सुहृदं शूरयम्। यमुद्दिश्य निमज्जेत द्वादशांशफलं लभेत । अत्रि 50-51. The first verse is quoted as पैठानसि by तीर्थकल्पः p. 11 and by तीर्थचि pp 13-14 and occurs in स्कन्द (काशी= 6. 64), the 2nd is q. by माय तत्त्व. 492, as from अत्रि The महावाक्यवली (p 59) reads लभेत् सं. and attributes it to गरुडपुराण

of his mother, father, brother, friend or guru, these latter receive one-twelfth of the fruit (of the pilgrimage). Another verse of Paithinasi says that he who visits a holy place for money (wages) from another gets only a 16th part of the merit, but he who goes to a tirtha while bent on another purpose or errand (such as study, business, waiting on a guru)<sup>1309</sup> reaps only half the merit. The Visnudharmottara has a similar verse. It was owing to this idea of collecting merit and God's Grace that wealthy men built *Dharmasālās*, *tanks*, and *annasatras* and wells for the conveniences of pilgrims and the planting of trees by the sides of roads had in view the comfort of pilgrims as well as of the general public. The Prabhāsa khanda remarks 'A wealthy man who enables another to perform pilgrimage by providing his own money or conveyances gets one-fourth of the merit of the pilgrimage.'<sup>1310</sup>

The Prāyascittatattva of Raghunandana quotes from the Brahmandapurāṇa some verses which enumerate fourteen acts that a pilgrim has to give up after reaching the Ganges viz. *śauca* (punctilious performance of bodily purification), *ācamana* (sipping water on various occasions in the day), hair (dressing), wearing *nirmālya* (flowers taken away after being offered in worship), repeating the Aghamarsana hymn (Rg. 190. 1-3), shampooing the body, sports, acceptance of gifts, sexual dalliance, devotion to another tirtha, praising another tirtha, the gift to others of clothes (worn by oneself), striking any one and swimming across the water of the tirtha.

One noticeable rule is that, though Manu III. 149 requires strict examination of the ancestry and learning of *brāhmanas* to be invited at a śrāddha, some of the Purāṇas provide<sup>1311</sup> that

1309. पैठीनसिः। योऽत्राह स लभते य. परार्थेन गच्छति। अर्थे तीर्थफलं तस्य यः प्रसङ्गेन गच्छति। तीर्थकल्प. p. 11, अथ. तत्त्व. p. 492 (explains परार्थेन वेत्तादिना प्रसङ्गेन जडेश्यान्तरप्रसङ्गेन), तीर्थम. p. 36 (प्रसङ्गेन शुरुसेवाध्ययनवाणिज्यादिव विहित-विहितकल्पः) This is found in स्कन्द (काशी) chap. 6, 63). The first half is पर VI. 237 43

1310. यश्चायं कारयेत् शक्या तीर्थयात्रां तथेश्वरः। स्वकीयद्रव्ययानाया तस्य पुण्यं चतुर्थेणम्। प्रभासखण्ड q. by तीर्थम. p. 36; तीर्थे अप्याहुषङ्गेन स्नानं तीर्थे समाचरेत्। स्नानजं फलमाप्नोति तीर्थयात्राफलं न तु॥ शङ्ख 8 12 q. by सूत्रिच. I. p. 132 and कल्प-सूत्र (तीर्थे) p. 11. Almost the same verse occurs in पराशर, VI. 237. 41-42, vide विष्णुधर्मोत्तर III 273.10 for a similar verse.

1311. तीर्थेषु ब्राह्मणं नैव परीक्षेत कथंचन। अज्ञातयेनमनुभास भोज्य तं मन्त्रज्वरीत्॥ पद्मे V 29.212 and देवीपुराण q. by तीर्थकल्प. p 10; ब्राह्मणाय परीक्षेत आदौ क्षेत्रनि-वासिनः। सुमहान्परिवादोऽस्य ब्राह्मणानां परीक्षणे॥ स्कन्द. (प्रभासखण्ड) quoted by पृथ्वीचन्द्रोदय folio 130 b; न परीक्ष्यो द्विजस्तीर्थेऽस्मार्थी भोज्य एव च। सकुमिः पिण्डदानं च चक्षणा पापसेन वा। स्कन्द. (काशी) 6, 56-57).

one should not enter upon an examination of the worth of brāhmanas at holy places and this view is endorsed by several digests such as the Kalpataru on tirtha (p. 10), the Tir. C. (p. 10) and the Tir. Pr. (p. 73). The last work remarks that brāhmanas who are known for certain to possess defects deserving condemnation should be avoided. The Varāhapurāṇa goes<sup>1312</sup> so far as to say that at Mathurā a pilgrim should prefer to honour a brāhmana born and bred up in Mathurā rather than a brāhmana who has studied the four Vedas (but is a stranger to Mathurā). Similar passages from the Vāyu and Skandapurāṇa have been quoted above in note 910 and there is another similar passage in Skanda. It is provided by the Vāyupurāṇa<sup>1313</sup> that when a son goes to Gayā, he should invite only those brāhmanas that have been settled in Gayā by Brahmā and that such brāhmanas are above ordinary mortals, that when they are gratified the gods together with one's *pitrs* become pleased, that one should not enter upon a consideration of their family, their character, their learning or their austerities and that when the Gayā brāhmanas are honoured the man doing so secures release (from samsāra). In Vāyu 106 73-84 and Agni 114. 33-39 and Garuda it is narrated that, after Gayasura fell down and asked for boons which were granted by Viṣṇu, Brahmā bestowed upon the Gayā brāhmanas 55 villages and Gayātirtha extending over five *krośas*, gave them well-appointed houses, desire-yielding cows and trees, but he enjoined on them not to beg or accept a gift from others. The brāhmanas, however, greedy as they were, officiated at a sacrifice performed by Dharma (Yama) and begged him for fees and accepted them. Then Brahmā cursed them that they would always be in debt and took away the Kāmadhenu and Kalpavṛkṣa and other gifts. The Agnipurāṇa<sup>1314</sup> (114. 37) adds that Brahmā cursed them to be bereft of all learning and to be full of greed. The brāhmanas then begged Brahmā to favour them with some means of livelihood (as they had been deprived by the curse of Brahmā of all that had been bestowed on them). Brahmā pitied them and told them that they would maintain themselves at Gayā-tirtha

1312. चतुर्वेदे परित्यज्य माथुरं पूजयेत्सदा। मथुराया ये वसन्ति विष्णुरूपा हि ते नरा। ज्ञानिनस्तान् हि पश्यन्ति अज्ञाः पश्यन्ति ताकं हि। बराह 165. 57-58.

1313. यदि पुत्रो गयां गच्छेत्कदाचित्कालपर्ययात्। तानेव भोजयेद्विमानं ब्रह्मणा ये प्रकल्पिताः। अमात्यवतया विभ्रा ब्राह्मणा (बह्मणा) ये प्रकल्पिताः। वायु 82 25-27.

1314. स्थिता यदि गयायां ते ज्ञातास्ते ब्रह्मणा तदा। विद्याविवर्जिता यूयं वृष्णाद्युक्ता भविष्यथ॥ अग्नि 114. 36-37.

till the end of the world and that those who would perform śrāddha at Gayā and worship them (by engaging them as officiating priests and pay them) would secure the merit of having worshipped Brahmā. From this it is clear that the Gayā brāhmanas at the time of the composition of the section on Gayā at the end of the Vāyupurāṇa possessed the same characteristics as the modern Gayā brāhmanas (Gayāls or Gayāwāls as they are called) and made the Gayā pilgrimage their business even then (as now). One of the early historic references to Gayā brāhmanas occurs in the Śaktipur copper-plate of king Lakṣmanasena of Bengal in his 6th year (i. e. about 1183 A. D.)<sup>1315</sup>.

The result of this teaching of the Purāṇas was that the brāhmanas at Gayā became a guild or a close corporation and the Gayāwāls resent the intrusion of an outsider. Disputes between Gayāwāls and outside priests and cases of Gayāwāls have come before the courts and have gone up even to the Privy Council in England. It has been a usage for orthodox Hindu pilgrims going to Gayā to shave themselves at the river called Punpun,<sup>1315a</sup> then on arrival at Gayā to worship the feet of one of the Gayāwāl brāhmanas. The Gayāwāl himself or his agent takes the pilgrim to the sacred spots (Vedis) in and around Gayā. The priest is paid a fat fee near the Aksaya-vata and the Gayāwāl puts a garland of flowers on the folded hands of the pilgrim and pronounces the word 'suphala' and utters a blessing that the pilgrim's ancestors would go to heaven on account of the pilgrim's visit to Gayā. In order to keep this business in their own families the Gayāwāls have adopted loose and peculiar customs. If a Gayāwāl is sonless he makes a gift of his office (called *gūḍi* or *gaddi*) to another Gayāwāl, who describes himself as the adopted son of the Gayāwāl making the gift. There is no real adoption in the strict sense. Therefore, the so called adopted son retains his rights in the family of birth, he is not severed from his natural family and it is not rare to find that one Gayāwāl claims to have succeeded to four *gūḍis* (i. e. claims to be the son adopted by several persons simultaneously). The Gayāwāls have got books in which they enter the names and addresses of

1315. Vide E. I. vol. XXI, p. 211 at p. 219 'श्रीबल्लालसेनदेवमन्त्र गणाल-  
ब्राह्मणहरिदासेन भक्तिसूक्तपञ्चशतौत्तिकसेवपाटकाभिधानशासनविनिमयेन ;

1315 a. The महापुराण says : काराणस्या कृतव्याहृतीर्षे शोणनदे तथा । पुन युवा  
महानद्या आर्द्धं स्वर्गं विदुष्येत् ॥ प. 12 पृष्ठोच्च. folio 141 a,



their clients, who sign such entries and enjoin upon their descendants to make members of that particular Gayāwal family their *gurus* whenever they might visit Gayā. Thus large incomes and properties come to the hands of the Gayāwals. They send their agents throughout India, who bring as many pilgrims as possible. In *Lachman Lal v. Kanhaya Lal* the Privy <sup>1316</sup> Council had to deal with the case of a Gayāwal who claimed to be an adopted son without loss of his interest in the property of the natural family on the ground of these peculiar practices of the Gayāwals and that claim was upheld. In *Lachman Lal v. Baldeo Lal* <sup>1317</sup> the Patna High Court gives a brief summary of the origin, history and customs of the Gayāwals, remarks that though in former times there were several hundred families of Gayāwals their number is now reduced to about 150, that the Gayāwals so-called *gaddi* is not a hereditary office, but only a business to which a goodwill is attached. The Calcutta High Court decided in *Dwarkanath Misser* <sup>1318</sup> v. *Rampertab Misser* that persons who require religious ceremonies to be performed for their benefit are at liberty to choose the priest by whom they shall be performed, that plaintiffs are not entitled to a declaration that they along with defendants are exclusively entitled to officiate as priests when pilgrims, on their way to the holy city of Gayā, perform the *śrāddha* ceremony of their ancestors on the bank of the sacred river Punpun, and that the plaintiffs could be given a declaration that they are entitled to officiate as priests for such pilgrims as may choose to employ them for the purpose of religious ceremonies and that the defendants are not entitled to prevent the plaintiffs from the exercise of their calling. In *Narayan Lal* <sup>1319</sup> v. *Chulhan Lal* the Calcutta High Court decided how the books containing the names and addresses of pilgrims kept by a joint family of Gayāwals were to be divided at the time of the partition of all the properties of the family.

The literature on tirthas is probably far more extensive than on any other single topic of Dharmaśāstra. Not to mention the Vedic Literature, the Mahābhārata and the Purānas

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1316. 22 Cal 609 at pp. 615-618 (P. C.) = 22 I. A. 51.

1317. 2 Patna Law Journal 705.

1318. 13 C. L. J. p. 449.

1319. 15 C. L. J. p. 376.

contain on a very modest calculation at least 40000 verses on tirthas, sub-tirthas and legends connected with them. In the Vanaparva (chap. 82-156) and Śalyaparva (chap. 35-54) alone there are about 3900 verses on *tirthayātrā*. To mention only a few of the Purāṇas, the Brahmapurāṇa devotes about 6700 verses (i. e. nearly half of its total extent of 13783 verses) to tirthas, the Padma about 4000 verses out of the 31000 verses of the first five khandas, the Varāhapurāṇa devotes about 3182 verses to tirthas (out of which about 1400 refer to Mathurā) out of about 9614 verses, the Matsya about 1200 verses out of 14002. Besides these, the following well-known digests and works on tirthas deserve mention. The Tirthavivecana-kāṇḍa of the Kalpataru of Lakṣmīdhara (G. O. S. series); the Caturvarga-<sup>1320</sup> cintāmaṇi of Hemādri (1260-1270 A. D.) contained a section on tirthas (no Ms. has yet been discovered), the Tirthacintāmaṇi of Vācaspati (1450-1480 A. D.) published in B. I. series, the Tirthasāra, part of Nṛsimhaprasāda about 1500 A. D. (published in the Sarasvatī-bhavana series); the Tristhalīsetu of Nārāyanabhaṭṭa (about 1550-1580 A. D.) printed by the Ānandāśrama Press, Poona; Tirthasaukhyā, a part of Todarānanda (1565-1589 A. D.), Tirthatattva or Tirthayātravidhitattva of Raghunandana whose literary activity lies between 1520-1570 A. D. (printed in Bengali characters and over and above the 28 *tattvas* of his Smṛtitattva), Tirthaprakāśa by Mitrāmīśra about 1610-1640 (published in the Chowkhamba Sanskrit series), the Tristhalīsetusāra-saṅgraha of Bhaṭṭoji (about 1625); Tristhalīsetusāra-saṅgraha of Nāgeśa, the Tirthendusekhara of Nāgeśa or Nāgoji (published in the Sarasvatībhavana series, Benares, 1936). There are several works on tirthas (not yet printed) mentioned in H. of Dh. vol 1. p. 554, of which the Tirtharatnākara of Anantabhaṭṭa composed at the order of Anūpasimha is probably the largest work on tirthas (ms. no. 1822 in the Anup Library at Bikaner). Besides these there are special works on indivi-

1320. Vide H. of Dh. vol 1 p. 354 n. 838 which shows that Hemādri had completed his section on tirtha when he commenced the Parīśesa-khanda. It may be noted that the त्रिस्थलीसेतु and the तीर्थप्रकाश had the work of Hemādri on tirtha before them. For examples, the त्रिस्थलीसेतु p. 53 'तथा च हेमाद्र्यादिस्त्रिपुरारणवाक्यानि भाष्येणस्यापि मरणविधायकानि, p. 55 'विशेषस्तु हेमाद्रौ यशरीरोत्सर्गविधेर्वगन्तव्यः'; the तीर्थप्रकाश pp. 122, 123, 136, 377 refer to हेमाद्रि's quotations from the स्कन्दपुराण, भविष्यपुराण, जाबालीयनिषद् and कूर्मपुराण respectively, which unmistakably refer to tirthas and p. 478 speaks of तीर्थहेमाद्रि.

dual tirthas such as the Gāṅgā-vākya-āvalī<sup>1321</sup> (on the Ganges) of Vidyāpati (1400-1450 A. D.) published by Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri; Kāśimīrtimoksa-vicāra of Suresvarācārya (published in the Sarasvatibhavana Texts series, Benares 1936); the Gayāśrāddha-paddhati of Raghunandana, the Puruṣottama-kṣetratattva of Raghunandana (published by Jivananda). Only printed works have been drawn upon in this work (except where expressly stated otherwise).

The preliminaries before starting on a pilgrimage to any tirtha prescribed by the purāṇas and digests may be brought together. On a certain day (when a person has decided on tirtha-yātrā) he should take only one meal, then the next day he should shave himself (according to most digests) and observe a fast; then on the day after the fast he should perform his daily duties, should make a *sankalpa* (declaration of intention) in the form 'I shall perform a pilgrimage to such and such a place and I shall worship Ganeśa and my favourite deities for the accomplishment of the pilgrimage without obstacles'; offer worship to Ganeśa, to the planets (nine) and his favourite deities with five or sixteen upacāras,<sup>1322</sup> then perform a pārvana-śrāddha with plenty of ghee according to his own grhyasūtra, honour three brāhmanas at least and donate some money to them. Then he should put on a pilgrim's dress as described above (p. 573), go round the village in which his house is located (or at least round his own house), reach another village not more distant than one *krosa* (two or two and half miles) and break his fast by eating the remainder of the food cooked and ghee used for the śrāddha (this applies to pilgrimage to Gayā). He may break his fast

1321. The last verse of the Gāṅgā-vākya-āvalī is कियबिबन्धमालोक्य श्री-विद्यापतिसूरिणा । गङ्गावाक्यावली देव्याः प्रमाणविमलीकृता ॥. This verse shows that the famous Maithila scholar Vidyāpati at least provides the authorities on which the work is based. Some scholars hold that it is really Vidyāpati who wrote the work for commemorating the queen who had honoured and patronized him. The 2nd Introductory verse claims the work as Viśvāsa-devī's own. In the dānāvakya-āvalī of Śrīrām the last verse is निबन्धान् सत्यमालोक्य...सूरिणा । दानवाक्यावली देव्या...कृता ॥ (D. C. ms. No. 216 of 1881-82).

1322. For the sixteen and five upacāras, vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 729-730. The ब्रह्मवैवर्तपुराण (Ānandāśrama ed.), ब्रह्मखण्ड, chap. 26 90-92 mention 16, 12 or five upacāras as follows: आसनं वसनं पाद्यमर्घ्यमाचमनीयकम् । पुष्पं चन्दनधूपं च दीपं नैवेद्यमुत्तमम् ॥ गन्धं माल्यं च शय्यां च ललितां सुविलसन्नाम् । जलमक्षतं च ताम्बूलं साधारं देयमेव च । गन्धान्नतल्पताम्युलं विना दद्यान्नि द्वादिश । पाद्यार्घ्यजल-नैवेद्यपुष्पाप्येतानि पञ्च च ॥.

in his own house (in the case of other tirthas) and then start. Then the next day he should bathe with pure clothes on and then put on his pilgrim dress and start on his pilgrimage in the forenoon with his face to the east, preferably bare-footed. There are two views here. Some say that on the day on which a man reaches a tirtha he should observe a fast, while the other view is that the pilgrim should fast on the day previous to his reaching the *tirtha*. In the first case he will have to perform a śrāddha on the day of the fast and in that case he cannot actually taste the remnants of śrāddha food but should only smell the cooked food. The Kalpataru (on tirtha p 11) and the Tirtha-cintāmani (p 14) quote Dēvala for the proposition that a fast on reaching a tirtha is not obligatory, but if observed yields special merit.

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## CHAPTER XII

### THE GANGES

Since the Ganges is the holiest of rivers and since such highly esteemed tirthas as Kanakhala, Haridvāra, Prayāga and Kāśī are situated on it, it would be most proper to begin the treatment of individual tirthas with the Ganges.

It has been already seen (p. 556) how the Ganges is the first among the many rivers invoked in the famous *Nadistuti* hymn (Rg X. 75 5-6). In Rg <sup>1323</sup> VI 45 31 we have the word 'Gāngyah' which most probably means 'growing on the Ganges'. In the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa XIII. 5 4 11 and 13 and Ait Br. 39. 9 the victories and sacrifices of Bharata Daussanti on the Gangā and Yamunā are mentioned. In Śat. Br XIII. 5 4 11 and 13 an ancient *gāthā* is quoted 'At Nādapit the Apsaras Śakuntalā conceived Bharata who after conquering the whole earth brought to Indra more than 1000 horses meet for sacrifice.' The Mahābhārata (Anuśāsana 26. 26-103) and the Purāṇas (such as Nāradiya, Uttarārdha, chap 38-45 and 51. 1-48, Padma V. 60. 1-127, Agni chap 110, Matsya chap. 180-185, Padma, Ādikhaṇḍa, chap 33-37) contain hundreds of verses eulogising the greatness and the sanctifying activity of the Ganges. The Skandapurāṇa, Kāśikhaṇḍa, chap 29 (verses 17-168) contains one thousand names of the Ganges. It is not possible to reproduce here even a small fraction of what is said in these works about the Ganges. To most men in India great rivers like the Ganges, great mountains like the Himālaya present a double aspect, viz the physical aspect and the spiritual aspect. A great river apart from its volume of water is deemed to have a spiritual or divine life which animates it. Tylor (in 'Primitive Culture', 2nd ed. p 477) observes 'What we call inanimate objects—rivers, stones, trees, weapons and so forth—are treated as living intelligent beings, talked to, propitiated, punished for the harm they do.' There are separate treatises devoted to the glorification of the Ganges and the pilgrimage to it such as the

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1323 अधि वृद्ध. पणीना वपिष्ठे सूर्यस्तथात्। उर. कक्षो न गाङ्गय. ॥ ऋ. VI. 45 31  
The last pāda means 'like a broad patch of grass or bush growing on the banks of the Ganges'.

Gaṅgāpattalaka of Gaṇeśvara (1350 A. D.), Gaṅgāvākyaṇī of Viśvāśadevi, queen of king Padmasimha of Mithilā, the Gaṅgābhakti-taraṅgīnī of Gaṇapati, the Gaṅgākṛtyaviveka of Vardhamāna. Vide H. of Dh. vol. I. p. 538 for the dates of some of these works.

The Vanaparva, chap 85, has a grand eulogy of Gaṅgā in verses 88-97, some of which may be translated here <sup>1324</sup>. "The Ganges is equal to Kurukṣetra wherever one may take a bath in it, but there is a speciality about Kanakhala and in Prayāga there is the greatest and highest (holiness). If a person, after committing a hundred bad deeds, sprinkles himself with Ganges (water), the waters of the Ganges burn all of them as fire burns fuel. In the Kṛta age all (places) were holy, in Tretā age Puṣkara was (the holiest place), in Dvāpara Kurukṣetra and in the Kali age the Ganges. The Ganges, when its name is uttered, purifies a sinner, when seen it yields good fortune, when a bath is taken in it or its water is drunk, it sanctifies the family up to the seventh ancestor. As long as (a particle of) the bones of a man touches Ganges water (i. e. lies inside it), so long does the man remain happy (or honoured) in heaven. There is no holy place equal to the Ganges, there is no god higher than Keśava. That country and that penance-grove where the Ganges flows should be known as the sacred spot of success (or perfection) since it attaches itself to the Ganges." The Anuśāsana (26.26, 30-31) asserts "those districts and countries, those hermitages and mountains, in the midst of which the Ganges flows are pre-eminent in *punya* (religious merit). Even those men who, after committing sinful acts in the first part of their lives, resort afterwards to the Ganges reach the highest world (or goal). That increase (in merit) which comes to men that bathe in the holy waters of the Ganges and that then become pure in spirit, cannot be secured

1324. कुक्षेत्रसना गङ्गा यत्र तत्रावगाहिता। विशिषो वै कसत्रले प्रयागे परतं नदत् ॥  
यद्यकार्यगतं कृत्वा कृते गङ्गावसेचनम्। सर्वं तत्तत्प गङ्गापौ ददत्यग्निरिवेचनम् ॥ 88, सर्वं  
कृत्युग्रे हुपयं वेतायां पुष्करं स्तुतम्। ह्यपरेपि कुक्षेत्रं गङ्गा कलिउग्रे स्तुता ॥. पुनात्पासमनं कुलम् ॥ यावदतिथि ननुत्परय  
पापं दृष्टा भद्रं प्रचच्छति। अवगाहो च पीता च पुनात्पासमनं कुलम् ॥ यावदतिथि ननुत्परय  
गङ्गायाः स्मृते जलम्। तावत्पुष्पौ राजन् स्वर्गलोके नहीयते ॥ 94. . न गङ्गासदृशं तीर्थं न  
देवः केजालयः।... यत्र गङ्गा महाराज स देशस्तत्तपोवनम्। तिष्ठिसेत्रं च तज्ज्ञेयं गङ्गातीर-  
सनाभितम् ॥ सनपर्व 85 88-97=पद्म I 39.81-90. नारदीय. (उत्तर) 39. 46 is कुक्षेत्र ..  
गाहिता। इतिहारे प्रयागे च तिष्ठुसङ्गे फलायिका ॥ The नारदीय (उत्तर) 38. 20 is कृते  
तु सर्वतीर्थीनि वेतायां. कलौ गङ्गा विशिष्यते ॥ The कूर्म I 27 37 has कृते तु नैनिर्गं तीर्थं,  
The same verse is quoted from मत्स्य by तीर्थचि. p. 191.

even by the performance of hundreds of solemn Vedic sacrifices.<sup>1325</sup>

In the Bhagavadgītā (X. 31) Lord Kṛṣṇa says that among streams he is the Ganges (srotasāmasmi Jāhnavi). The Manusmṛti setting out an exordium to a witness to tell the truth indicates that the Ganges and Kurukṣetra were the most sacred spots in the age of the Manusmṛti.<sup>1326</sup> Some of the Purāṇas describe the Ganges as flowing in Heaven (as Mandakīnī), on the earth (as Gangā) and in the nether regions or Pātālā (as Bhogavati). Vide Padma VI. 267. 47. The Viṣṇupurāṇa<sup>1327</sup> and other Purāṇas state that the Ganges springs from the toe-nail of the left foot of Viṣṇu. In some Purāṇas it is said that Śiva let off from his matted hair the Ganges in seven streams, three flowing towards the east (Nalini, Hṛādini, Pāvani), three to the west (Sita, Caksus and Sindhu) and Bhāgirathi (vide Matsya 121. 38-41, Brahmandā II 18 39-41, Padma I 3. 65-66). The Kūrmapurāṇa (I 46.30-31) and Varāha (chap. 82 in prose) state that the Ganges flows first in four different streams, Sita, Alakanandā, Sucaksu and Bhadrā and that the Alakanandā flows towards the south, comes to Bhāratavarsa and falls into the sea with seven mouths.<sup>1328</sup> In the Brahmapurāṇa (73. 68-69) the Ganges is described as sprung from the foot of Viṣṇu and as established in the matted hair of Mahēśvara (Śiva).

The Viṣṇupurāṇa eulogises<sup>1329</sup> the Ganges as follows : The Ganges purifies all beings from day to day when its name is

1325 स्नातानां शुचिभिस्तैः गाङ्गैः प्रयत्नानाम् । स्याद्विभवति या इमां न सा कदा-  
शतैरपि ॥ अष्टाशतन 26 31, नारद (उत्तर) 39 30-31 and also 40, 64.

1326. यमो वैवस्वतो देवो यस्तवैष हृदि स्थितः । तेन चेदविवादस्ते मा गङ्गां मा कुरु-  
न्मान् ॥ मनु 8. 92.

1327. वानपादाम्बुजाङ्गुष्ठनखस्रोतोविनिर्गताम् । विष्णोर्विभर्ति या भक्त्या शिरसाहर्नि-  
शं ध्रुव ॥ विष्णुसु II. 8 109, q. by कल्पतरु (तीर्थ) p 161 (reads शिव.), नदी सा  
वैष्णवी प्रोक्ता विष्णुपादसमुद्भवा । पद्म V. 25. 188.

1328. तथैवालकनन्दा च दक्षिणादेव भारतम् । प्रयाति सागरं भित्वा सप्तभेदा  
हिजोत्तमा ॥ कूर्म I 46.31.

1329. श्रुताभिलाषिता दृष्टा स्पृष्टा पीतावगाहिता । या पावयति धृतानि कीर्तिता च  
दिने दिने ॥ गङ्गा गङ्गैति यैनाम योजनानां शतैश्चपि । स्थितैश्च्यारित हन्ति पापं जन्मत्रया-  
जितम् ॥ विष्णुसु II. 8 120-121 q by गङ्गावा p. 110, तीर्थन्धि p. 202, गङ्गाभक्तिः  
p 9. The 2nd verse is variously read in पद्म VI 21.8 and 22 12, ब्रह्म 175. 82  
as गङ्गा ..यो व्याघोजनानां शतैरपि । शुच्यते सर्वपापेभ्यो विष्णुलोकं स गच्छति; while पद्म  
I. 31.77 reads =शतैरपि । नरो न नरकं याति किं तथा सदृश भवेत्.

heard, when one desires to see (it), when it is seen or touched or when its waters are drunk or when one plunges into it or when one takes (or sings) its name; when people utter the name 'Ganges' even though living at a distance of hundreds of *yojanas*, their sins accumulated in three births are destroyed' The *Bhaviṣyapurāṇa*<sup>1330</sup> has a similar verse 'one becomes free from sins at once by seeing the Ganges or touching it or drinking its water and by uttering the name *Gangā* and also by remembering it.'<sup>1331</sup> The *Matsya*, *Kūrma*, *Garuda* and *Padma* remark that the Ganges is easy of access everywhere but is difficult to reach at three places viz at *Gangādvāra* (*Haridvāra*), at *Prayāga* and where it joins the sea and that those who bathe therein reach heaven and that those who die there are not born again The *Nāradyapurāṇa*, on the other hand, says that the Ganges is difficult of access everywhere, but much more so at three places The man, whether desiring it or not, who draws near the Ganges and dies (near it) secures heaven and does not see hell (*Matsya* 107.4).<sup>1332</sup> The *Kūrmapurāṇa* represents that the Ganges<sup>1333</sup> is equal to all the 35 millions of holy places declared by *Vāyu* in the heaven, in mid region and on the earth and that all of them are represented by the Ganges The *Padmapurāṇa* asks 'what is the use of sacrifices rich in large wealth, what is the use of very difficult austerities when there is the Ganges honoured easily and gracefully that yields Heaven and *mokṣa*'? A similar verse occurs in the *Nāradya-purāṇa* 'what is the use of Yoga with its eight *angas*, of austerities, of solemn (Vedic) sacrifices? Residence

1330. दर्शनात्स्पर्शनात्पाणात् तथा गङ्गेति कीर्तनात्। स्मरणादेव गङ्गाया सद्यः पापं प्रमुच्यते॥ भविष्यपु. q by तीर्थचि. p. 198, गङ्गाया p. 12, गङ्गाभा. p. 9. The first half is अनुशासन 26.64, अग्निपु. 110 6, गच्छस्तिष्ठन् जपन्ध्यायन् सुश्रान् जायन् स्वपन् वदन्। य स्मरेत् सततं गङ्गां सोऽपि मुच्येत बन्धनात्॥ रत्नद. (काशीचण्ड) पुराणं 27 37, नारद (उत्तर) 39. 16-17.

1331. सर्वत्र स्नानं गङ्गां त्रिषु स्थानेषु दुर्लभा। गङ्गाहारे प्रयागे च गङ्गासागरसङ्गमे॥ तत्र स्नात्वा दिवः याप्ति ये स्नातास्तेऽपुनर्भवा॥ मत्स्य 106 54, कूर्म I 37 34, गरुड (पुराण) 81. 1-2, पद्म V 60 120. The नारदीय (उत्तर 40, 26-27) reads सर्वत्र दुर्लभा गङ्गा त्रिषु स्थानेषु चाधिका। गङ्गाहारे सङ्गमे॥ एषु स्नाता दिवः...र्भवाः॥.

1332. अकामो वा सकामो वा गङ्गाया योऽभिपद्यते। मृतस्तु लभते रारं नरकं च न पश्यति॥ मत्स्य 107 4, q. by कल्पतरु (on तीर्थ) p 145 (reads यो विपद्यते). कूर्म I. 37.39 has the same verse with slight variations, compare पद्म I. 44.4.

1333 तिष्ठ कोट्योर्ध्वकोटी च तीर्थानां गङ्गुरमणीत्। दिशि भूतपुनरिक्षे च तत्पर्यं जाह्नवि स्मृता॥ कूर्म I. 39 8, पद्म I. 47.7, V. 60 59, मत्स्य. 102. 5 (reads नानि ते मां नि जाह्नवि).



on the Ganges alone is superior to all these' <sup>1334</sup>. Two verses of the Matsya-purāṇa <sup>1335</sup> deserve mention here 'even a man of sinful deeds, on remembering the Ganges even, at a distance of thousands of yojanas, attains the highest goal. A person is delivered from sin by uttering the name (of the Ganges), on seeing it a person sees happiness; by bathing in the Ganges and drinking its water he purifies his family up to the seventh ancestor'. It is stated in the Kāśikhanda that on the banks of the glorious Ganges all times are auspicious as well as all countries, and all men are fit for receiving gifts.

In the Varāhapurāṇa (chap. 82) the name 'Gangā' is derived as 'gām gatā' (that has gone to the earth). The Padma-purāṇa (Śrīstikhanda 60, 64-65) specifies the *mūlamantṛa* about the Ganges as follows. 'Om namo Gangāyai, viśvarūpinyai nārāyaṇyai namo namaḥ'.

The Padmapurāṇa (śrīsti 60 35) holds that Viṣṇu represents all the gods and the Ganges represents Viṣṇu. It eulogises the Ganges as follows: Sons abandon their fathers, wives their husbands, friends and relatives abandon a friend or a relative if any one of these is adulterous, or *patita*, or wicked or becomes a cāṇḍāla or kills his *guru*, or is full of all kinds of sins and hatreds, but the Ganges does not forsake such persons <sup>1336</sup>.

The extent of the holy region of the Ganges is laid down in some purāṇas. The Nāradiya <sup>1337</sup> states the region

1334. किं यज्ञैर्बहुविधादयै किं तपोभिः सुदुष्करैः । स्वर्गमोक्षमदा गङ्गा सुखसौभाग्य-  
प्रजिता॥ पद्म V 60 39; किमष्टाङ्गेन योगेन किं तपोभिः किमध्वरैः । वास एव हि गङ्गाया  
सर्वतोपि विशिष्यते॥ नारदीय (उत्तर) 38 38, q in तीर्थचि p 194 (reads गङ्गायां  
ब्रह्मज्ञानस्य कारणम्) and प्रायः तत्त्व p 498. The first verse किं यज्ञैः is quoted as  
from ब्रह्माण्ड by तीर्थचि p 195 (last pāda is सुखसेव्या यतः स्थिता)

1335. योजनाना सहस्रेषु गङ्गाया. स्मरणाक्षर । अपि दुष्कृतकर्मा तु लभते परमां  
गतम् । कीर्तनान्मुच्यते पापाद् दृष्ट्वा भद्राणि पश्यति । अवगाह्य च पीत्वा तु पुनात्यासमं  
कुलम्॥ मत्स्य 104 14-15 q. by कल्पतरु (तीर्थे) p 160, vide also मत्स्य. 108 25-26  
Compare वनपर्व 87 93 (युनाति कीर्तिताः) quoted in n 1324, सर्व एव शुभ कालः  
सर्वो देशस्तथा शुभ । सर्वो जनो दानपात्रं श्रीमतीजाह्नवीतटे॥ काशीखण्ड 27. 69.

1336. जारजं पतितं दुष्टमन्यजं गुरुवातिनम् । सर्वद्रोहेण संयुक्तं सर्वपातकसंयुतम् ॥  
त्यजन्ति पितरं पुत्राः पितरं पुत्र्यः सुहृद्वृणा । अन्ये च बान्धवा सर्वे गङ्गां तात्र परित्यजेत्॥ पद्म  
(सुष्टिखण्ड 60 25-26).

1337. तीराद्रन्यूतिमात्रं तु परितः क्षेत्रमुच्यते । तीरं त्यक्त्वा वसेत्क्षेत्रे तीरे वासो न  
चेष्ट्यते ॥ एकयोजनविस्तीर्णा क्षेत्रसीमा तद्वह्यात् । नारदीय (उत्तर) 43. 119-120 The  
first is quoted from स्कन्द by तीर्थचि p. 266, which remarks 'उभयतटे प्रत्येकं  
क्रोशद्वयं क्षेत्रम्' The half verse 'एकः' is quoted from भविष्य by तीर्थचि. p. 267,

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within one *gavyūti* from the banks of the Ganges is called *ksetra*; one should reside within the *ksetra* limits, but not on the bank itself; residence on the bank (of the Ganges) is not desired. The limits of the *ksetra* are of the extent of one *yojana* between both the banks' i. e. the *ksetra* extends for two *kośas* from each bank. The general rule is stated by Yama that forests, mountains, holy rivers and *tirthas* are without an owner, these cannot be possessed (by a person as owner). The *Brahmapurāṇa*<sup>1338</sup> says that measuring from the flowing waters for a distance of four *hastas*, God *Nārāyaṇa* is the Lord (or owner) and no one should accept a gift in that strip even if he be on the point of death. A difference is made between the *garbha* (the inner circle) of the *Gangāksetra*, the *tīra* and the *ksetra*. '*Garbha*' extends up to that portion of the river stream which is reached on the 14th of the dark half of *Bhādrapada*; beyond that is the *tīra* (bank), which extends upto 150 *hastas* from *garbha* and *ksetra* extends up to two *kośas* from each bank.

Let us suppose that the pilgrim has come to the Ganges. Then the question is, how is he to proceed about a bath in the Ganges. Many of the digests contain several alternate forms of the *sankalpa* to be made at the time of *Gangā-snāna*. For example, the *Prāyaścittatattva* (pp. 497-498) contains a very elaborate *sankalpa*. A simple one is quoted below from the *Gangāvakyāvali*.<sup>1339</sup> The mode of bathing prescribed in the

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गङ्गाया. p. 136. गव्यूति is a measure of length or distance generally taken as equal to two *kośas*. There was some difference about the measures of length. According to the *Amarakośa* a *gavyūti* is equal to two *kośas* 'गव्यूति. स्त्री क्रोशयुगम्'. According to the वाचु 8 105-107 and 101. 122-126 and ब्रह्माण्ड II 7 96-101 the measures are 24 अङ्गुल = one हस्त, 96 अङ्गुल = धनुः (which is same as दण्ड, युग and नाली), 2000 धनुः = गव्यूति and 8000 धनुः = योजन, acc. to the मार्कण्डेय 46. 37-40, 4 हस्त = धनुः or दण्ड, or युग or नालिका), 2000 धनुः = क्रोश, 4 क्रोश = गव्यूति which is the same as योजन. Vide H. of Dh. vol. III. p. 145 n. 185.

1338 प्रवाहमवधिं कृत्वा यावद्वस्तुचतुष्टयम् । अत्र नारायण स्वामी नान्यः स्वामी कदाचन ॥ न तत्र भविष्यद्द्वितीयात्मने कण्ठगतैरपि ॥ भाद्रकृष्णचतुर्दश्यां यावदाक्रमते जलम् । तावदूर्ध्वं विजालीयात्तद्दूरं तीरमुच्यते । नारद (उत्तर) 43 116-118 q. by तीर्थचि. p. 266 and प्राय. तत्र p. 499 (from ब्रह्मपुराण and the verse भाद्र from द्वापद्वर्ग) and by गंगाया p. 136 (the first verse from ब्रह्माण्ड). नारद (उत्तर) 43. 118 (last half) is सार्धहस्तशतं यावदूर्ध्वं स्तीरं ततः परम् ॥. The digests read भाद्रकृष्ण for भाद्रशुक्ल.

1339. अद्याहुकं मासि अमुकपक्षे अमुकतिथौ सद्यः पापमणासपूर्वकं सर्वदुष्कृतमातिक्रान्ते गङ्गाया स्नानमहं करिष्ये । गङ्गाया. p. 141. Vide तीर्थचि. pp. 206-207 for several alternative सङ्कल्प before गङ्गास्नान.

Matsyapurāṇa 102 is common to people of all varṇas and students of all the different recensions of the Veda. The Matsyapurāṇa, chap. 102, which contains one of the earliest procedure of a religious bath, and which has been taken over by several digests such as the Gangāvyākhyāvali (pp. 148-152) is summarised here. Cleanliness (of the body) and clean thoughts do not exist without a bath; therefore bathing is first prescribed for making the mind pure. One may bathe with water drawn (in a vessel from a well or stream) or with water not so drawn. A wise man should fix upon a holy spot after repeating the fundamental mantra 'namo Nārāyaṇāya' (reverent bow to Nārāyaṇa). A man holding darbha grass in his hand and being clean and pure should perform *ācamana* (ceremonial sipping of water). He should select a spot four *hastas* square on all sides and invoke the Ganges (to come or be present there) with the following mantras 'you are sprung from the foot of Viṣṇu, you are a devotee of Viṣṇu, you worship Viṣṇu; therefore save us from sins committed from birth to death. Vāyu declared that there are three and a half crores (35 millions) of holy places in heaven, on the earth and in mid air; all these, O Ganges (daughter of Jahnu), belong to you. Your name among the gods is Nandini (the joy-giving) and also Nalinī and there are other names of yours viz. Dakṣā, Prthivī, Vihagā, Viśvakāyā, Amṛtā, Śivā, Vidyādhārī, Suprasāntā, Viśva-prasādinī, Kṣemā, Jāhnavī, Śāntā, Śāntipradāyinī.<sup>1339a</sup> One should utter these holy names at the time of bathing; then the Ganges flowing in the three worlds would be near (even if a man bathed at home). He should, after folding his hands, cast on his head thrice, four times, five times or seven times water on which he has muttered the mantras seven times. After having invoked the clay (in the river bed) with the mantras 'O earth! Oh clay! you are crossed over by horses and chariots, by Viṣṇu, remove my sin which I may have committed by my evil deeds; you were brought up (from the depths of the sea) by the Boar incarnation of Kṛṣṇa with his hundred hands. O clay! you are given (to the world) by Brahmā and you had mantras repeated over you by Kāśyapa. Occupying my limbs may you drive away all my sin! Oh clay! Give us

<sup>1339 a.</sup> Verses 1-8 of मत्स्य० chap. 102 are q. by the स्मृतिच. I. p. 182. The स्मृतिच. I p. 183 also gives the twelve names of गङ्गा differently. पद्म (IV. 89. 17-19) has the same holy names of the Ganges that the Matsya (102. 6-8) mentions. For the thousand names of the Ganges, vide above p. 585.

prosperity; everything is centered in you; a bow to you, that are virtuous and the source of all worlds'. Having thus bathed and having sipped water (*ūcamana*) according to the procedure prescribed, he should get out of the Ganges and should put on two white and pure garments. Then he should perform *tarpana*<sup>1340</sup> for the satisfaction of the three worlds. (He should say) 'This water is being offered by me for satiating gods, yaksas, nāgas, gandharvas, apsaras, asuras, cruel snakes, eagles, trees, jackals, birds, creatures that sustain themselves on air and water or that move in the sky, all beings that are without support and those that are devoted to the dictates of *dharma*'. The person (performing *tarpana*) should wear the sacred thread in the *upavīta* form (when satiating gods) and then wear it in the

1340 *Tarpana* (satiating with the offering of water) is of two kinds viz principal (*pradhāna*) and subsidiary (*anga*). The first has to be performed every day by a twice-born person (who has finished his studies) for the gods, sages and pītr in that order. The 2nd is performed as an *anga* of *sūnāna*. नित्य वैभित्तिके काम्य त्रिविध स्नानमुच्यते। तर्पण तु भवेत्तस्याङ्गत्वेन प्रकीर्तितम् ॥ ब्रह्मसूत्राणि q. by गंगाभक्तिः p 162 तर्पण is an anga of bath as well as of *brahma yajña*. *Tarpana* has been described at great length in H. of Dh. vol II, pp. 668-669 and pp 689-695. Therefore it is not necessary to make any lengthy remarks on *tarpana* here. A few matters that deserve attention are mentioned. One rule is that one has to perform *tarpana* according to the provisions of his own recension of the Veda. The persons to whom water is to be offered and the manner in which it is to be offered are set out on p 692 of vol II of H. of Dh. Another rule is that *tarpana* has to be done (even if the day is not auspicious) at a tirtha, in Gayā, in pītrpāśa (i.e. the dark half of Bhādrapada) with water mixed with sesame 'तीर्थे तिथिर्वक्षे (तिथिविक्षेदे?) च गणाया मेतपक्षे। नित्येदेपि दिने कुर्यात्तर्पणं तिलमिश्रितम् ॥'. A widow also has to perform *tarpana* for her husband and his relatives at a sacred place. An ascetic (*sannyāsin*) has not to do it. A person whose father is living has not to perform *tarpana*, but acc. to *Viṣṇupurāṇa* he offers three handfuls to gods, three to the sages and one to *Prajāpati* (in the form 'devās-trpyantām') Another rule is the one makes an offering in *śrāddha* or into fire with one hand only (the right hand) but in *tarpana* water is poured into the stream in which one is bathing or on land with both hands. 'आद्धे हवनशाले च पाणिनेकेन दीयते। तर्पणे शुभं कुर्यादेव एव विधिः स्मृतः ॥' नारदीयसूत्राणि (उत्तर) 57.62-63. If a man is not able to perform the elaborate *tarpana* described in vol II, he should repeat the mantras from नारदीयसूत्राणि 110 21-22 set out here and offer three *aṅgulas* of water mixed with sesame and *Luśas*, अन्नहस्तम्भपर्यन्तं देवर्षिपितृमानवा, नृप्यन्तु पितरं, सर्वे मातृमातामहादयः ॥ अतीतकुलकोटीनां सप्तहोपनिवासिनाम् ॥ आ ब्रह्म-शुबनाहोकादिदमस्तु तिलोदकम् ॥.

*nivāta* <sup>1341</sup> form (when satiating men). He should devotedly satiate men, the sages who were sons of Brahṁā; he should say "May Sanaka, Sananda and Sanātana, Kapila, Āsuri, Vodhu, Pañḍāsikha—may all these reach satiety by the water offered by me." Then he should satiate with water and *akṣata* grains (the sages) Marici, Atri, Angiras, Pulastya, Pulaha, Kratu, Pracetas, Vasistha, Bhṛgu, Nārada; he should satiate all these *devarṣis*, and *brahmarsis*, <sup>1342</sup> and *ṛṣis* with water and *akṣatas*. Then wearing the sacred thread in the *apasavya* mode, bending his left knee on the ground, he satiates with water mixed with sesame and sandal-wood paste *pitrs* called Agniṣvāta <sup>1343</sup>, Saumya, Havismat, Ūsmapa, Sukālin, Barhisad and others called Ājyapa. He should make a bow to Yama, Dharmarāja, Mṛtyu, Antaka, Varvasvata, Kāla, destroyer of all beings, Audumbara, Dadhna, Nīla, Paramesthin, Vrkodara, Citra and Citragupta. With darbhas in his hand a wise man should satiate his *pitrs*. He should satiate with devotion his father and the rest by uttering their names and gotra and his maternal grandfather and others in the same way and should recite the following *mantra* 'May those who are my bandhus or not my bandhus or were my bandhus in some previous life reach satisfaction and also whoever desires satisfaction from me.' Then he should sip water (perform *ūcamana*) in the prescribed way and draw the figure of a lotus in front of himself and offer thereon to the Sun *arghya* (respectful offering of water) with water mixed with red sandal-wood paste, flowers and *akṣatas* (grains of rice) and repeat the names of Sūrya (the Sun) 'Bow to thee! that are Visnu in another form, that art the face of Visnu, that hast thousand rays and that art all refulgence. Bow to thee that art beneficent, the lord of the world. Bow to thee that art adorned with divine sandalwood, that art seated on a lotus, adorned with ear-rings and armlets, the lord of people; that awakenest (or enlightenest) the whole world, that goest everywhere and markest the good and evil

1341 निवीत मङ्गल्याणां माचीनावीतं पितृणाञ्जपवीतं देवानाम् । तै सं. II. 5. 11. 1. For explanation of these three modes of wearing the sacred thread, vide H. of Dh. vol II pp 287-288 and *apasavya* has been explained in this volume in note 1095.

1342. Vide Vāyu 61 88-90 for definitions and enumeration of ऋषयः, देवर्षि, राजर्षि and also Band. Gr I. 7 and Devala q by अपराकं pp. 442-443 for कृषि and other terms

1343. For Agniṣvāta and other names of classes of *pitrs*, vide above pp. 343-344 and Brahṁānda III. 10. 53, 75, 93, 96.

deeds; a bow to thee who art a god to all. O Bhāskara (Sun), be well disposed to me. A bow to thee, Divākara (maker of day). A bow to thee, Prabhākara (source of refulgence). Having thus bowed to the Sun and having circumambulated thrice (the lotus drawn for representing the sun) and touching a brāhmaṇa, gold and a cow, the person (bather) should go to a temple of Viṣṇu (or to his own house, according to another reading).<sup>1344</sup>

It may be noted that the verses of the Matsyapurāṇa (102. 2-31) summarised above occur (with slight variations of a word here and there) in Padma (Pātāla-khaṇḍa 89. 12-42) and Śrīti-khaṇḍa, chap. 20. 145-176.

The Sm. C. and Raghunandana in his *Prāyaścittatattva* (p. 502) lay down two mantras to be recited at the time of taking a bath in the Ganges<sup>1345</sup> 'O Ganges, daughter of Jahnu! That flowest in three worlds, that art sprung from the lotus-like feet of Viṣṇu, that art far-famed as devoted to (the spread of) dharma, remove my sin; O divine mother, O Bhāgirathi! purify with your immortal waters me who am full of faith and devotion'. The mantra to be repeated at the time of the bath at the place where the Ganges falls into the ocean according to the same two works is "O god that art the lord of rivers! O goddess that art the best among rivers! Having bathed at the confluence of both I shall cast off my sins"

On pp. 243-244 above it has been stated that the Viṣṇu Dh. S. and other works recommend the casting of the ashes or charred bones of a cremated body in the Ganges at Prayāga, Kāśī or other holy place and the rites accompanying the casting of ashes have been there set out. A few words are added here. The same verse<sup>1346</sup> (with slight variations) about casting

1344. धर्मराजो ज्ञेयः चित्रः are the names of यम and for चित्रस्तु विदे p 160 above and बराहपुराण chap. 203-205.

1345. विष्णुपादाब्जसम्प्लवे गङ्गे त्रिपथगामिनि। धर्मवतीति विख्याते पापं मे हर जाह्नवि॥ भद्रया भक्तिसम्पन्ने (क!) श्रीमातर्देवि जाह्नवि। अमृतानाम्भुजा देवि भागीपथे पुनीति माय॥ स्तुतिः. I. 131, पाथ तत्त्व p. 502, त्व देव सरिता नाथ त्वं देवि सरिता वरे। उभयो सङ्गे स्नात्वा सुखानि दुरितानि वै॥ *ibid.* पञ्च, सुखिषण्ड 60, 60 is the same as the first verse and 60. 62 offers some variant readings for the second.

1346. यावदस्थि मलव्यस्य गङ्गायाः स्पृशते जलम्। तावत्स पुरुषो राजन् स्वर्गलोके महीयते॥ वनपर्व. 85.94 = पञ्च J. 39 87, अलुशासन 26 32 is यावदस्थिनि गङ्गाया तिष्ठन्ति हि शरीरेणः। तावद्वर्षसहस्राणि.. महीयते॥ = मत्स्य 106.52, कूर्म I 37.32 (reads पुरुषस्य तु।), नारद (उत्तर) 43.109 यावन्त्यस्थिनि गङ्गायां तिष्ठन्ति पुरुषस्य वै। तावद्वर्ष महीयते। and मातृ 62.51 is यावन्ति नखलोमानि गङ्गातोये पतन्ति वै॥ तावद्वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गलोके महीयते॥ नारदीय (पूर्वार्ध) 15 163 'केशास्थिनपद्वत्ताश्च भस्मापि क्षुपसत्तम। नयन्ति विष्णुसदृशं स्पृष्टा गाङ्गेन चरिणा॥'.

ashes in the Ganges occurs in several works. The Agnipurāṇa observes 'the deceased man benefits if his bones are thrown into the Ganges; a man stays in heaven as long as (even a particle of) his bone remains in the waters of the Ganges. No rites for the dead are performed for those who commit suicide or who are *patita*; but even in their case the fall of their bones in Ganges water is beneficial to them.' The Tir. C and Tir. Pr. quote two verses and a half from the Brahmapurāṇa<sup>1347</sup> which set out a briefer rite of throwing ashes than the one in the Nirṇayasindhu. The verses mean: "The man carrying the ashes should take a bath, sprinkle *pañcagavya* over the ashes, should place on them a piece of gold, honey, ghee and sesame; then he should deposit them in an earthen vessel; he should then look in the southern direction, say 'salutation to Dharma,' enter the waters (of the Ganges), utter, 'may he (Dharma or Visnu?) be pleased with me' and then cast the ashes in the water; then he should bathe in the river, come out of it, cast a look at the Sun and then give a present (*dakṣiṇā*) to a brāhmana; if he does so, then the state of the deceased person will be like Indra.' Vide Skanda, Kāśi-khaṇḍa 30. 42-46 where a little more elaborate procedure is prescribed. The importance of casting ashes in the Ganges probably owes its origin to the story of king Sagara's sons who were reduced to ashes by the wrath of the sage Kapila and who were saved by the ashes being washed in the waters of the Ganges brought down from heaven by Bhagiratha. Vide Vanaparva chap. 107-109, Viṣṇupurāṇa II, 8-10 for the story. The Nārādīya makes not only the throwing of calcined bones a source of benefit to the departed but even his nails and hair when cast in the Ganges confer the same benefit. It is stated in the Kāśikhaṇḍa that those who, while standing on the banks of the Ganges, praise another tīrtha or do not think very highly of the Ganges go to hell.<sup>1347a</sup> The Kāśikhaṇḍa further provides that there is special and

1347. स्नात्वा ततः पञ्चगवेन सिक्त्वा हिरण्यमध्वाज्यतिलेन योज्यम् । ततस्तु सुविण्ण्डशुद्धे निधाय पश्यन् दिशं प्रेतगणोपगृह्णाम् ॥ नमोऽस्तु धर्माय वदन् प्रविश्य जलं स मे प्रीत इति क्षिपेच्च । स्नात्वा तथोत्तीर्य च भास्करं च दृष्ट्वा प्रदद्यादथ दक्षिणां तु ॥ एवं कृते प्रेतपुरिष्यतस्य स्वर्गे गतिः स्यात्तु महेन्द्रकुल्या । ब्रह्मपुराण q. by तीर्थचि. pp. 265-266 and तीर्थ-म. p. 374. The गङ्गावा p. 272 quotes these as from ब्रह्माण्ड (with slight variations, one of which is यस्तु सर्वहिता विण्णु स मे प्रीत इति क्षिपेत् ।). These verses are नारद (उत्तर chap. 43. 113-115) with slight variations.

1347 a. तीर्थमन्यत्पशंसन्ति गङ्गातीरे स्थिताश्च ये । गङ्गां न बहू-मन्यन्ते ते इदुर्निरयामिनः ॥ स्कन्द, काशी 27. 80.

excessive merit in Gaṅgāsnāna on special days e. g. the merit of bath on New Moon has one hundred times as much merit as on an ordinary day, a thousand times on a saṅkrānti, one hundred thousand on the eclipse of the sun or moon and unlimited times when a bath is taken on moon eclipse on a Monday and on sun eclipse on Sunday.<sup>1348</sup>

## TRISTHALĪ

The three great tirthas of Prayāga, Kāśī and Gayā are referred to as Tristhali and the great scholar, Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa (born in 1513 A. D.), wrote (about 1580 A. D.) in Benares a famous work called Tristhalisetu (a bridge to the Tristhali) wherein he gives a thorough and exhaustive treatment of the pilgrimage to these three holy places<sup>1348a</sup> alone. Prayāga is assigned pp. 1-72, Kāśī pp. 72-316 and Gayā pp. 316-379 (of the Ānandāśrama edition). Following with all humility the footsteps of such an illustrious and venerable scholar I shall deal with the three tirthas in the same order.

## PRAYĀGA

One of the most ancient reference to the greatness of the confluence of the Ganges and the Yamunā occurs in a khila<sup>1349</sup> verse which is usually placed in Rg. X. 75 and may be rendered as follows: "Those who take a bath at the place where the

1348 दहौ हतगुणं पुण्यं संक्रान्ती च सहस्रकम् । चन्द्रदर्पणैर्लक्षं स्थलीपाते  
स्नानन्दकम् । .. सोमग्रहः सोमदिने रविचारे रवेर्ग्रहः । तच्छृङ्गानिपयोर्लभं तत्र स्नानम्-  
संख्यकम् ॥ स्कन्द, काशी 27. 129-131.

1348 a. त्रयाणां स्थलानां समाहारः त्रिस्थलीः ।

1349. सितासिधे सरिते यत्र सङ्गते तत्राप्नुवती दिव्यमुत्पन्नति । ये वै तन्त्रं विदुजन्ति  
धीरास्ते जनासो अमृतत्वं भजन्ते ॥ The त्रिस्थली° p 3 says it is a supplementary śruti  
text of the Āśvalāyana school, while the Tir. C p 47 quotes it as a verse of  
the Rgveda. It is quite possible to hold that the verse does not encourage  
religious suicide but only makes this distinction that by a bath only once  
a man goes to heaven and that if he dies at Prayāga he attains mokṣa even  
without correct metaphysical knowledge Vide रघुवंश 13 58 'तत्त्वाद्ययोरेन विनापि  
भूपस्तद्वत्पूजां नास्ति शरीरवन्धः' q. by तीर्थम् p 313. The स्कन्द says शुक्तिभिः परि-  
पूयते सितासिधे सन्दिहरे । तत्राप्नुवती ह्यमृतं भवन्तीति विनिश्चितम् । काशी. 7. 54 q by  
त्रिस्थली° p 11. Vide also काशीखण्ड 7.46 for a similar verse The verse no  
doubt has a vedic ring about it The त्रिस्थली° p 4 notices another reading  
The waters of the Ganges are whitish while those of the Jumunā are dark  
Classical Sanskrit poets very often harp on these colours of the waters of the  
two rivers. Vide रघुवंश 13 54-57.



two rivers, white and dark, meet together, rise up (fly up) to heaven; those determined men who abandon their body there (i. e. commit suicide by drowning themselves) secure immortality (or *mokṣa*)". This must have been a comparatively early verse. The Skandapurāṇa refers to it as śruti. The greatness of Prayāga is dwelt upon in the Mahābhārata (Vana-parva 85. 69-97, 87. 18-20, Anuśāsana 25. 36-38)<sup>1350</sup> and in many purāṇas such as the Matsya (chapters 103-112, in all 260 verses), Kūrma I. 36-39 (verses 121), Padma (I. chap. 40-49), Skanda, Kāśi-Khaṇḍa, chap. 7. 45-65). Only a few out of the hundreds of verses on Prayāga can be cited here by way of sample. One remarkable fact is that the Rāmāyana does not say much about Prayāga. The confluence of the two rivers is no doubt referred to (Rām. II. 54.6) but from the description it appears that there was a forest at what is now Prayāga. Prayāga is called Tirtharāja (the prince among tirthas) in the Matsya 109. 15, Skanda (Kāśi 7. 45), Padma VI. 23. 27-35 (where the refrain at the end of each verse is 'sa tirtharājo jayati prayāgah) and elsewhere. The legend runs that Prajāpati or Pitāmaha (Brahmā) performed a sacrifice here and Prayāga is the middle one of the vedis of Brahmā, the others being Kuruksetra in the north (uttaravedi) and Gāyā in the east. It is believed that three rivers meet at Prayāga viz. Gaṅgā, Yamunā and Sarasvatī (underground between the two). It is said in the Matsya<sup>1351</sup>, Kūrma and other Purāṇas that at the very sight of Prayāga, even by taking its name or by applying its clay to one's body a man becomes free from sin. The Kūrmapurāṇa<sup>1352</sup> proclaims "it is the sacred spot of Prajāpati; those who bathe here go to heaven and those who die here are not born again." That sacred spot is known as tirtharāja; it is dear to Keśava. The same is known as Trivenī.

1350. दशतीर्थसहस्राणि तिस्रः कोट्यस्तथापराः । समागच्छन्ति माध्यां तु प्रयागे भरतर्षभ ॥ मायमासं प्रयागे तु नियतं संशितव्रतः । स्नात्वा तु भरतश्रेष्ठ निर्मलः स्वर्गमाप्नुयात् । अनुशासन 25. 36-38.

1351. दर्शनात्तस्य तीर्थस्य नामसंकीर्तिनादपि । सृष्टिकालम्भनाद्वापि नरः पापात् प्रमुच्यते ॥ मत्स्य. 104. 12, कूर्म I. 36. 27. The अग्नि (111. 6-7) reads स्तवनादस्य तीर्थस्य; वनपर्व 85.80 reads 'गमनात्तस्य...दपि । सृष्टिकालभयाच्चापि नरः ..च्यते'.

1352 एतत् प्रजापतेः क्षेत्रं त्रिषु लोकेषु विश्रुतम् । अत्र स्नात्वा दिवं याति ये सृतास्तेऽपुनर्भवाः ॥ कूर्म I. 36 20 मत्स्य (104 5 and 111. 14) and नारद (उत्तर 63.127-128) also calls it प्रजापतिक्षेत्रम्.

The word Prayāga is employed in the neuter when connected with such words as tīrtha or ksetra, as in Matsya (111-14 prajāpater-idam ksetram prayāgam-iti viśrutam), but when employed along with words (in the masculine gender) such as tīrtharāja, it takes the masculine gender.

The word Prayāga is derived in various ways. The Vana-parva<sup>1353</sup> appears to suggest that the word Prayāga is derived from the root 'ya' when it says 'Brahmā who is the soul of all beings performed formerly a sacrifice here; therefore it became known as Prayāga'. In the Skanda<sup>1354</sup> purāṇa also it appears to be explained by taking the two parts *pra* and *yāga* separately. "It is mentioned as Prayāga because it is superior to all sacrifices; Prayāga was the name given to it by the gods Hari, Hara and others seeing that it is superior to all sacrifices though the latter be enriched with fees and the like." The Matsyapurāṇa<sup>1355</sup> appears to lay emphasis on the part 'pra' when it says 'on account of its efficacy (or power) as compared with all other tīrthas it prevails (or is useful) far more'. The Brahmapurāṇa<sup>1356</sup> affirms "It is called prayāga on account of its eminence and it has the word 'rāja' (in Tīrtharāja) applied to it on account of its being the chief".

We must distinguish between Prayāga-maṇḍala, Prayāga and Venī or Trivenī, each subsequent one being smaller and holier than each preceding one. The Matsya<sup>1357</sup> states that the sphere of Prayāga is five *yojanas* in circumference and that the moment a man enters inside this strip of land, there is an *Asva-medha* at every step. This has been explained by the Tristhali-setu (p. 15) as follows. Regarding Brahmayūpa (the sacrificial post of Brahmā) as the spike or peg, if one measures with a rope one and one half *yojana* long all round, that would be the

1353. गङ्गायमुनयोर्वीर सङ्गमं लोकविश्रुतम् ॥ यज्ञायजत भूतात्मा पूर्वमेव पितामहः प्रयागमिति विख्यात तस्माद्भरतसत्तम ॥ वनपर्व 87. 18-19, तथा सर्वेषु लोकेषु प्रयागं पूजयेद् बुधः । पूज्यते तथैराजस्तु सत्यमेव शुचिष्ठिर ॥ मत्स्य 109 15

1354. प्रकृतं सर्वयामेभ्य प्रयागमिति गीयते । दृष्ट्वा प्रकृतयामेभ्य एतेभ्यो दक्षिणादिभिः । प्रयागमिति तज्ज्ञानं कृतं हरिहरादिभिः ॥ १ ॥ त्रिस्थली ० p. 13. The first half : स्कन्द, काशी ० 7 49, so प्रयाग means प्रकृतो यागो यज्ञ

1355. प्रभावात्सर्वतीर्थेभ्य प्रभवत्यधिकं विभो । मत्स्य 110 11

1356. प्रकृतत्वाद्ययागोसौ प्राधान्याद्वाजशब्दान् । ब्रह्मपुराण १ ॥ त्रिस्थली ० p. 1.

1357. यज्ञयोजनविस्तीर्णं प्रयागत्य तु मण्डलम् । अविष्टमात्रे तच्छ्रमावशमेव पदे पदे मत्स्य. 108 9-10, 111. 8, पञ्च I 45 8 The कृमेपुराण has यज्ञयोजनविस्तीर्णं ब्राह्मणं परमेष्ठिनः । प्रयागं प्रथितं तीर्थं यत्तु साहाय्यमस्ति ॥ II 35.4.

Prayāgamandala of five *yojanas* in circumference. The boundaries of Prayāga itself are defined by Vanaparva,<sup>1358</sup> the Matsya-purāṇa (104. 5 and 106. 30) and others. 'Prayāga extends from Pratisthāna up to the pool of Vāsuki and upto the two *nāgas* Kambala and Āsvatara and the *nāga* Bahumūlaka; this is known in the three worlds as the sacred spot of Prajāpati' (Matsya 104. 5), while Matsya 106. 30 provides that to the east of the Ganges is the Sāmudrakūpa, which is the same as Pratisthāna. This is explained by the Tristhalisetu as follows. the eastern boundary is the kūpa called Pratisthāna<sup>1359</sup>; the northern one is the Vāsuki pool, the western limit is formed by Kambala and Āsvatara, the southern boundary is Bahumūlaka. This would be a four-cornered space which is included within Prayāga-mandala. According to the Matsyapurāṇa as quoted by the Kalpataru on tirtha p. 143 the two Nāgas are on the south bank of Yamunā while the printed text has 'vipule Yamunātate' (106. 27)<sup>1360</sup> The printed text of Padma I. 43. 27 supports the Kalpataru reading ('Yamunā-daksine tate') Veni-ksetra is within the limits of Prayāga itself and is twenty bow lengths in extent, as stated in the Padma. There are three *kūpas* viz. Prayāga, Pratisthāna and Alarkapura. The Matsya and Agni say 'there are three fire kundas and the Ganges flows in their midst' It should be noted that except where special reference is made in the Purāṇas to the sub-tirthas, the reference to a bath at Prayāga in general means bath in the Veni i. e. the confluence of the two rivers, as e. g. in Vanaparva 85. 81 and 85 and Matsya 104. 16-17.<sup>1361</sup>

1358 आ प्रयागं सतिष्ठानाद्यखुरा वासुकेर्हृदात्। कम्बलाश्वतरौ नागौ नागश्च बहु-  
मूलकः ॥ एतत् प्रजापतेः क्षेत्रं त्रिषु लोकेषु विश्रुतम्। मत्स्य 104. 5, पद्म I. 39. 69-70, 41  
4-5 are similar वनपर्व 85. 76-77 are. प्रयागं सतिष्ठानं कम्बलाश्वतरादुभौ। तीर्थं भोग-  
वती चैव वेदिरेषा प्रजापतेः। तत्र वेदाश्च यज्ञाश्च मूर्तिमन्तो सुषिष्टिर। अग्नि 111. 5 has the  
verse प्रयागं...प्रजापते. (reads वेदी मोक्षा)

1359 पूर्वपार्श्वे तु गङ्गायास्त्रिषु लोकेषु भारत। कूर्प चैव तु साहस्रं प्रतिष्ठानं च विश्रुतम्॥  
मत्स्य. 106. 3.

1360. माघ सितसिते विप्र राजसूयै समो भवेत्। धनुर्विंशतिविस्तीर्णं सितनीलाम्बु-  
सङ्गमे ॥ इति पाद्ममोक्तं। त्रिस्थलीः p. 75. सितसित (white and dark) means Veni.  
Vide n. 1337 above for चतु being equal to four hastas and 96 angulas

1361. तत्र त्रीण्यग्निकुण्डानि येषां मध्येन जाह्नवी। वनपर्व 85. 73, त्रीणि चाप्यग्नि-  
कुण्डानि येषां मध्ये तु जाह्नवी। मत्स्य 110. 4 and अग्नि 111.12, पद्म I. 39. 67, I. 49. 4;  
while मत्स्य, 104. 13, कूर्मे (I. 36. 28-29) read पद्म कुण्डानि

The Vanaparva<sup>1362</sup> and some of the Purāṇas represent that the country between the Ganges and the Yamunā is (like) the hips and loins of the earth (i e. it is the most prosperous and plentiful part of the earth) and that Prayāga is like the inmost part of the hips.

The Narasimha-purāṇa says that Viṣṇu is in the form of Yogamūrti in Prayāga (65 17). It is said in the Matsya-purāṇa<sup>1363</sup> (111. 4-10) that when Rudra dissolves the world at the end of the Kalpa, the holy place of Prayāga is not destroyed, that Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Mahēśvara (Śiva) stay in Prayāga, that to the north of Pratiṣṭhāna Brahmā stays in it under guise, that Viṣṇu stays there as Veni-Mādhava, that Śiva stays there as the Vata (banyan tree) and that therefore the gods with the Gandharvas, the Siddhas and great sages always protect the sphere (maṇḍala) of Prayāga by guarding it against evil actions. The Matsyapurāṇa, therefore, recommends that a pilgrim should go to Prayāga which is protected by all the gods, stay there for a month, avoid sexual intercourse, worship gods and pitrs and thereby secure his desired objects (104. 18). The same Purāṇa highly eulogises the gift at Prayāga of a *kapilā* cow properly decked (105. 16-22) with clothes, ornaments and jewels. The Padmapurāṇa (Ādi 42 17-24) has the same verses as the Matsya on this subject. Similarly, the marriage of a daughter in the *ārṣa* form at Prayāga is highly spoken of in Matsya (106. 8-9). The Matsya (105. 13-14 and 106. 10) says generally that if a man makes a gift of a cow, of gold, of precious stones, of pearls and of other things that he owns his pilgrimage becomes fruitful (*saphala*) and he collects religious merit (*puṇya*) and that when a man makes gifts according to his ability and wealth, the fruit of his pilgrimage increases and he remains in heaven till the end of the world. The Brahmānda<sup>1364</sup> assures pilgrims that whatever gifts are made according to one's ability at

1362. गङ्गावसुनयोर्मध्यं पृथिव्या जघनं स्मृतम् । प्रयागं जघनस्थानमुपरधनुषयो विदुः ॥ वनपर्व 85. 75 = पञ्च I 39. 69 and I. 43 19, अग्नि 111 4, कूर्म I. 37. 12, मत्स्य 106. 19 The idea appears to be that holy places are like the children of the earth.

1363. प्रयागे निवसन्त्येते ब्रह्मविष्णुमहेश्वराः ।...उत्तरेण प्रतिष्ठानाच्छमना ब्रह्म तिष्ठति । वेणीमाधवरूपी तु भगवास्तत्र तिष्ठति ॥ महेश्वरो वटो धूम्रः तिष्ठति परमेश्वरः । ततो देवाः सगन्धर्वाः सिद्धाश्च परमर्षयः । रक्षन्ति मण्डलं नित्यं पापकर्मनिवारणाय ॥ मत्स्य. 111. 4-10, Vide कूर्म I. 36 23-26, पञ्च, आदिरण्ड 41. 6-10 for similar verses.

1364. कुरुक्षेत्रे प्रयागे च गङ्गासागरसङ्गमे । गङ्गायां पुत्रो सेतो गङ्गादरे च नमिरे । यद्दानं दीयते शक्या तदानन्त्याय कल्पते ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड ५. in विरचली. p 24.

Kuruksetra, Prayāga, at the mouth of the Ganges where it falls into the sea, on the Ganges, at Puskara, at Setubandha, at Gangādvāra and in Naimisa tends to confer inexhaustible rewards. In the Vanaparva<sup>1365</sup> it is stated that this sacrificial ground (of Brahmā) is honoured even by the gods, that even a small thing donated here assumes greatness (i. e. produces the rewards of large gifts).

The confluence of the three rivers came to be associated with *omkāra*,<sup>1366</sup> the mystic syllable that stands for *Brahma*. It is said in a purāṇa passage (probably Brahmapurāṇa) that the three parts of *om* (a u m) respectively are Sarasvatī, Yamunā and Gangā and that the waters of three rivers represent Pradyumna, Aniruddha and Saṅkarsana Hari.

It may be noted that, in spite of the fact that the Matsya, Kūrma (I. 36-39), Padma (Ādi chapters 41-49), Agni 111 and other Purāṇas contain several hundred verses on Prayāga, the Kalpataru (on tirtha), the earliest extant digest on tirthas, quotes only the Matsya (104. 1-13 and 16-20, 105. 1-22, 106. 1-48, 107. 2-21, 108. 3-5, 8-17 and 23-34, 109. 10-12, 110. 1-11, 111. 8-11, in all about 151 verses) and Vanaparva chap. 85. 79-87 and 97 and does not add a single word of explanation or discussion. But the other digests profusely quoting mostly from Purāṇas discuss at some length several topics and a few words must be devoted to some of those topics.

One such topic is tonsure at Prayāga. It is stated by the Gangāvākyaṇī (p. 298) and the Tir Pr. (p. 335) that, though the author of the Kalpataru says nothing about tonsure at Prayāga, yet as śīstas (respectable and learned people) and the writers of digests accept it as necessary, certain authorities would be set out. The two verses quoted by most<sup>1366a</sup> writers are 'one should tonsure the head at Prayāga, offer pindas at Gayā, make gifts in Kuruksetra and should commit

1365. एषा यजनभूमिर्हि देवानामपि सत्कृता । तत्र दत्तं सत्पुण्यमपि महद्भवति भारत ॥ वनपर्व 85 82 = 83 77 of the cr. ed which reads तत्र दत्तं सुष्ठमपि

1366 ओमित्येकाक्षरं ब्रह्म परब्रह्माभिधायकम् । तदेव वेणी विज्ञेया सर्वसौख्यप्रदायिनी ॥ अकार शारदा शोक्ता प्रद्युम्नस्तत्र जायते । उकारो यमुना शोक्तामिरुद्धस्तज्जलात्मकः । मकारो जाह्नवी गङ्गा तत्र सङ्कर्षणो हरिः । एवं त्रिवेणी विख्याता वेदवीजप्रकीर्तिता ॥ q. by त्रिस्थली p. 8.

1366a. प्रयागे वपनं कुर्याद्वयायां पिण्डपातनम् । दानं दद्यात् कुरुक्षेत्रे वाराणस्यां तद्धृष्यजेत् ॥ किं गयापिण्डदानेन काश्यपां वा मरणेन किम् । किं कुरुक्षेत्रदानेन प्रयागे वपनं यदि ॥ q. by गङ्गावा p. 298, तीर्थचि. p. 32, त्रिस्थली p. 17, तीर्थम p. 335. These two verses occur in नारदीय (उत्तर) 63. 103-104

(religious) suicide at Benares. What is the use (or necessity) of pinda offerings at Gaya or death in Kāśī, or gifts at Kuruksetra, if one has tonsured one's head at Prayāga? ". Elaborate discussions are held by all these works about the exact intention of the verses, about the application of the maxim of *rātrisattra* <sup>1367</sup> to them and about the results derived from tonsure. They have to be passed over here from considerations of space. The Tristhali-setu (p. 17) holds that the verse only praises the rite of tonsure at Prayāga and the fruit thereof is simply the removal of sin. The Tri. S. refutes (p. 17) the application of *rātrisattra-nyāya* to these verses, while Tr. C (p. 32) applies it. Some of the conclusions drawn by the Tri. S. are that in one and the same yātrā at Prayāga (even if a man stays there for some days) ceremonial tonsure takes place only once, that widows have to tonsure their heads, that in the case of women whose husbands are living only two or three finger-breadths of tresses are to be cut and offered at the *Triveni*, that even <sup>1367a</sup> boys whose *upanayana* has not been performed have to undergo tonsure provided the *cūḍā* rite has already been performed. The Tristhalisetu (p. 22) notes that certain traditionalists, <sup>1368</sup>

1367. रात्रिसत्रन्याय occurs in जै. IV. 3 17-19. There is a passage in the पञ्चविंशानुसूत्र 23. 2. 4 'प्रतिष्ठन्ति य एता रात्रिरुपयन्ति' Here in the पञ्चविंश रात्रिसत्र is enjoined but no fruit thereof is expressly promised. The question arises whether in the absence of an express reward, heaven should be understood as the reward (because as explained in Jai IV 3. 15-16 *svarga* is the reward of all sacrifices for which no express reward is mentioned) or whether प्रतिष्ठा (stable position) which occurs in the above arthavāda passage should be held to be the reward of रात्रिसत्र. The reply is that here the reward is प्रतिष्ठा and not स्वर्ग i. e. though there is no express mention of the reward in the passage about *rātrisattra*, the *arthavāda* passage should be construed as laying down the reward. In the two verses, there is a vidhi in the words प्रयागे वपनं कुर्यात् and the second verse is an अर्थवाद. The question is what reward is promised in it. If रात्रिसत्रन्याय applies, then मुण्डन secures all the fruits of गयापिण्डदान, कुरुक्षेत्रदान and काशीतडुल्याग. If it does not apply then the only fruit is पापभाव.

1367a. अमुपनीतानामपि प्रयागे वपनं कार्यम् । यस्तु पुत्रास्तथा बालान्नापयेत्याय-  
पेक्षया । यथात्मना तथा सर्वं दानं विभेदु दापयेत् ॥ इति मत्स्यपुराणवचने वृत्तीपादहस्य .  
मुण्डनादिविधायकत्वात् । त्रिस्थली० pp 23-24. यस्तु पुत्रास्तथा० is मत्स्य 106.6.

1368. साम्प्रदायिकारु...तस्मात्समूलमेव केशवपनमिह स्वीयानिति । अत्रापि नोन्मुक्त-  
केशवपनं किंतु वेणी कृत्वा कुङ्कुमादिमङ्गलद्रव्यालङ्कृता भर्तारं नमस्कृत्य तदङ्गजाता वापयेत् ।  
ता च वेणीमञ्जली निधाय यथाशक्तिकृतां स्वर्णमयीं रूप्यमयीं वा वेणीं मुक्तामालादि च  
निधाय-वेण्यां वेणीमदानेन सर्वं याप्य प्रणश्येत् । जन्मान्तरेष्वपि सदा सौभाग्यं नम वर्धताम् ।  
इति पठित्वा वेण्यां क्षिपेत् ॥ त्रिस्थली० p 22 , प्रयागे स्वीयानमपि मुण्डनं न तु वक्ष्यमाण-  
वचनायां केशानां द्रव्यमुल्लेख्यमात्रम् ॥ भायश्चित्ततत्त्व p. 493.

relying on passages that aver that all sins cling to the roots of a person's hair, say that cutting two or three tresses would be merely *kartana* and not *vapana* (tonsure), that even women whose husbands are alive must shave themselves at Prayāga, that such women should make a braid of all their hair, should deck the braid with saffron and other auspicious materials, bow to their husbands and with the husband's permission have the head tonsured, that then they should place the cut hair in their joined hands, place thereon a golden or silver *veni* and pearls and coral and should cast all these into the confluence (*Veni*) of the Ganges and Jumnā after repeating the mantra 'May all my sins be destroyed by this offering of my braided hair into the *Veni*' may my blessedness (the auspicious state of wifehood) always increase in the lives to come' The Tri. S. states that women do not tonsure their head at any tirtha except at Prayāga and the only reason for this is that it is the practice of *śīstas*. Vide above pp 122-124 for tonsure as expiation for sins. The Nāradya (Uttara) 63. 106 provides the same rule as Parāśara (in note 278 above) for women. The Prāyascittatattva of Raghunandana prescribes the complete tonsure of the head for women at Prayāga.

It appears probable that the provision for the casting of *veni* (braided hair) on the part of women whose husbands were alive was suggested by the word *Veni* applied to the confluence of the two rivers, where the river Ganges appears to make a bend or curve for some distance.<sup>1369</sup>

One important question that very much exercised the minds of ancient and mediæval Indian writers was whether and when suicide, particularly at sacred spots like the confluence of the Ganges and Jumnā or at the foot of the Aksaya Vata at Prayāga, would involve no sin.<sup>1370</sup> This matter has already been

1369. ओमित्येकादशं ब्रह्म परब्रह्माभिधायकम् । तदेव वेणी विज्ञेया सर्वसौख्य-  
प्रदायिनी ॥ स एव तीर्थराजोऽयं त्रिवेण्या यत्र सङ्गमः । त्रिवेणी ० p. 8.

1370. प्रयाग .. त्रिवेणी ॥ अथवा तस्य .. प्रसूच्यते ॥ तत्राभिषेकं यं कुर्यात्सङ्गमे संज्ञित-  
व्रतं । पुण्यं सकलमाप्नोति राजत्वाश्वमेधयो ॥ एषा यजन .. महद्भवति भारत ॥ न वेद...  
प्रयागनगरं प्रति ॥ दशतीर्थसहस्राणि पट्टिकोदयस्तथापराः । येषां सांनिध्यमत्रैव कीर्तितं कुरु-  
नन्दन । चाहुर्वेदे च यस्तु पुण्यं सत्यवादिषु जैव यत् । स्नात एव तदामोति गङ्गायस्त्रयसङ्गमे ॥ वनपर्व  
85 79-85. After quoting the last verse and several other verses the त्रिवेणी-  
सेतु observes (p 30) 'एतेषु सर्वेषु वचनेषु यद्यपि प्रयागशब्दस्याविशेषतः उपादानं तथापि  
तदन्तर्गततत्तत्तीर्थस्नानफलस्य वाक्यान्तरैरुक्तत्वात् स्थलमात्रे च जलाभावेन स्नानानामम्बाह्वे-  
षुपलक्षकः प्रयागशब्दः ।' The same verses occur in पद्म (आदि 39 72-78) स्कन्द  
(काशी ० chap 7, 63 and 65) says 'तद्विष्णोः परमं पदं सदा पश्यन्ति सूरयः । एतद्यत्पश्यते  
वेदे तत्प्रयागं पुनः पुनः ॥ इयं वेणी हि नि श्रेणी ब्रह्मणो वर्त्म यावतः ।' तद्विष्णोः.....  
सूरयः ।—15 क I 22.20.

dealt with at length in H. of Dh. vol. II, pp 924-928 and vol. III, pp. 939, 948-949. Only a brief treatment by way of a summary of the pages and a few notes will be added here. The general sentiment of Dharmaśāstra works is to condemn suicide or an attempt to commit suicide as a great sin (vide H of Dh vol II, page 924 for texts). The Āp. Dh. S. (I 10 28 15-17) mentions the view of Hārīta which condemns suicide even as *prāyaścitta* for committing a *mahāpātaka* (like incest) and puts killing another or killing oneself on the same footing Manu V. 89 and Yāj. III. 154 condemn suicide by denying after-death rites to those who commit it, but Manu allowed suicide in various ways as *prāyaścitta* for *mahāpātakas* (vide Manu XI. 73, 90-91, 103-104). But exceptions to the condemnation of suicide are found in the *smṛtis*, *epics* and *purāṇas*. They may be grouped under several heads. (1) Suicide as an exception in various ways by those guilty of *mahāpātakas* (viz. *brāhmana* murder, drinking of *surā*, theft of *brāhmana*'s gold and incest), vide H. of Dh. vol. II, pp. 924-925 for *smṛti* and other texts. (2) Starting on the Great Journey (*mahāprasthāna-gamana* or *mahāpathayātrā*) by a forest hermit (Manu VI. 31, Yāj. III. 55) suffering from incurable diseases and unable to perform the duties of his order (3) An old man or one who cannot observe the rules of bodily purification or who is so ill as to be beyond medical skill may kill himself by throwing himself from a precipice or by fire or by drowning or fasting or start on the Great Journey into the *Himālaya* or by jumping from the branches of the *Vata* tree at *Prayāga* (*Aparārka* p 877 quoting *Ādi-purāṇa* and *Atri-smṛti* verses 218-219 q. by *Medhātithi* on Manu V. 88 and *Mit.* on Yāj III. 6) (4) Even a householder, otherwise all right, may resort to suicide by the means stated (in No. 3) if his life's work is done, if he has no desire for the pleasures of the world and does not desire to live, or if he is a *Vedāntin*<sup>1371</sup> and convinced of the ephemeral nature of life and may kill himself by fast in *Himālaya*. (5) Religious suicide was allowed at the confluence of the two great rivers *Gangā* and *Yamunā*, at the *Vata* there and at some other *tīrthas* (6) A wife dying by *sahagamana* or *anumarana*. As to *Satī*, the *Nārāyaṇa* (*pūrvārtha* 7. 52-53) provides that a woman should not burn herself on the funeral pyre of her husband if she has a

1371. शरीरसुखजेतव्यं विविधैर्मनाशोकैः। अमुं जीवितं ज्ञात्वा यो वै देवान्तगो द्विजः ॥  
अन्यत्त्वं देवतास्तत्र नमस्कृत्य सुनीस्तथा। ततः सिद्धो दिवं गच्छेद् ब्रह्मलोकं सनातनम् ॥ अठ-  
शास्त्र 25. 63-64, तत्र refers to *Himālaya* as the context shows



young child or young children, if she is pregnant or if she has not attained puberty, or if she is in her monthly illness, at the time. Not only did common men believe in the promise of the Purāṇas that those who killed themselves at Prayāga (at the *saṅgama* or near Vata) secured mokṣa (freedom from the everlasting cycle of births and deaths) which was the highest of the four *puruṣārthas* (goals of human existence), but even great poets like Kalidāsa held the view that, though mokṣa or *kaivalya* or *apavarga* requires correct knowledge and realisation of the Supreme Spirit according to the Vedānta, Sāṅkhya and Nyāya systems, death at the sacred sangama led to mokṣa even without 'tattvajñāna.' In H. of Dh. vol. II pp. 925-927, historical examples of kings such as Yaśah-karnadeva, Candella Dhangadev and Čalukya Someśvara committing suicide at Prayāga or the Tuṅgabhadra have been given. The king Kumāragupta of Magadha is said to have entered the fire of dry cow-dung cakes. This is in accordance with the prescriptions in the Matsya-purāṇa 107. 9-10 (=Padma, Ādi-khaṇḍa 44 3) which states<sup>1372</sup> 'the man who, suffering from no diseases, having no deficiency as to his limbs and being in full possession of his five senses, encompasses (his death) in cowdung fire remains honoured in heaven for as many years as there are pores on the whole of his body.'<sup>1373</sup> The Rājataranginī VI. 14 refers to officers entrusted with the duty of supervising suicide by fast (*prāyopaveśa*).

1372 गङ्गायमुनयोर्मध्ये कर्पाणि यस्तु साधयेत्। अहीनाङ्गो ह्यसौगन्धश्च पञ्चैन्द्रिय-समन्वितः। यावन्ति रोमकृपाणि तस्य गात्रेषु देहिन् ॥ तावद्वर्षसहस्राणि स्वर्गलोकं मेहीयते॥ मत्स्य 107 9, कूर्म I 38. 3-4, नारदीय, उत्तर, 63.154 (reads करीपाणिं तु धारयेत्), पद्म I 44. 9 (reads एखाणि यस्तु) कर्पाणि is short for करीपाणि for metrical reasons कूर्म I, 38.3 reads 'करीपाणि च साधयेत्' Vide Gupta Inscriptions No. 42 p. 200, the Ahsaid Stone Inscription of आदित्यसेन of मगध, which states that his fifth ancestor Kumāragupta plunged himself in the slow-burning fire of dried cowdung cakes as if in water at Prayāga. शौर्यसत्यव्रतधरो यः प्रयागगतो धने। अम्भसीव करीपागौ मग्नः स सुखप्रजितः॥ p 203 (of the text). धने means धने सत्यधि. The learned editor was probably unaware of the provisions about suicide at Prayāga by being burnt with dry cowdung cakes in the Matsya and other purāṇas.

1373. The Ain-i-Albari (tr. by Gladwin and published in 1800) speaks of the following as the meritorious kinds of suicide (vol I. p. 531 and p. 802 of the Popular edition, edited by J. Mukhopadhyaya). These are five in number viz. (1) starving; (2) covering himself with cowdung and setting it on fire and consuming himself therein, (3) burying himself in snow; (4) to plunge into water at the *Gangā-sāgara-saṅgama*, enumerate one's sins and pray till alligators come and devour the man, (5) cut his throat at Allahabad at the confluence of the Ganges and the Jumna.

The important verse on which reliance is placed for sanctioning religious suicide at Prayāga may be translated<sup>1374</sup> as follows. 'You should not set aside (pass over) your wish about dying at Prayāga on account of the words of the Veda or the words of the people.' The words of the Veda<sup>1375</sup> are Vaj. S. 40 3 (= Īśāvāsyopaniṣad 3) which literally translated means 'there are worlds of Asuras enveloped in blinding darkness, those who have killed themselves repair after death to those worlds'. This verse does not in the context appear to refer to a person committing suicide, but rather to a person who kills his soul by remaining in ignorance of the true Self. But even learned writers and poets took it to refer to suicide (vide Uṭtarā-rāmacarita, Act IV after verse 3). Another passage of the Veda on which reliance may be placed is the one in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa X. 2. 6. 7 'one ought not to yield to his own desire and pass away before the full extent of life, for it (such shortening of full life) does not make for the (heavenly) world'. By 'the words of the people' are meant smṛti passages condemning suicide such as Gaut. 14, 12, Vas<sup>1375a</sup> 23, 14-15, Manu V. 88 (which says that no water is to be offered to those who kill themselves), Viṣṇu Dh S 22, 56 (ātmatyāgināḥ patitāś-ca naśaucodakabhāḥjaḥ).

1374. न वेदवचनात्तात न लोकवचनादपि । मतिरुत्क्रमणीया ते प्रयागमरणं प्रति ॥  
वनपर्व 85.83, नारदीय (उत्तर) 63 129, पद्म (आदि 39.76 reads न देवः), अग्नि 111 8  
(reads मतिरुत्क्रमणीयान्ते प्रयागे मरणं प्रति) मत्स्य. 106.22 reads न देववचना ..  
प्रयागमरणं प्रति) and पद्म, आदि 43.22 reads प्रयागमरणं प्रति. The कूर्मपुराण I. 37.14  
is न मातृवचनात्तात न...दपि । मतिः प्रयागमरणं प्रति ॥, पद्म, आदिखण्ड 33.64 reads न  
लोकवचनात् पित्रोर्न चैव श्रुत्वाद्यत । मतिर्न क्रमणीया स्यादविश्रुतयाति प्रति ॥. This  
entirely changes the meaning and avers that if one has a desire to go to  
Kāśī, one should not heed the words of one's parents or elders or of the  
people (dissuading him from going).

1375. अद्वयं नाम ते लोका अन्येन तमसादृताः । तास्ते प्रेत्याभिगच्छन्ति ये के चाल्महो  
जनाः ॥ वाज सं 40.3, The ईशावास्योप reads अद्वयं (sunless). Vide for  
आत्महृत् the sūtra of वसिष्ठ quoted below. यो वा ज्ञात वर्णाणि जीवति स हैतद-  
भूतमाप्नोति...तस्माद् ह न दुराशुष स्वकामी मेयादलोच्य हैत उ वा लोकाः । इतरथा,  
X 2 6. 7 व by मेवातिथि on मनु V 88 (आत्मनस्त्यागिना चैव निवर्ततोदकाक्रिया)  
and VI. 32. The printed text of मेवातिथि and कुल्लूक reads स्वकामी (desiring  
heaven).

1375 a. य आत्मत्याग्यभिज्ञस्तो भवति सपिण्डानां प्रेतकर्मच्छेदः । काष्ठजललोह-  
प्रापाणशस्त्रविवरणञ्चैर्य आत्मानमवसादयति स आत्मदा भवति ॥ वसिष्ठ 23, 14-15

There is no doubt that some of the *śūrtis*, the *Mahābhārata*<sup>1376</sup> itself and some *purāṇas* do recommend (or at least do not condemn) suicide in certain circumstances. A few *purāṇa* passages may be quoted here. Two verses of the *Kūrma* state 'That goal (or state), which a wise man that is devoted to Yoga and that has become an ascetic (or has forsaken all actions) reaches, is secured by him who gives up life at the confluence of the *Gangā* and *Yamunā*. Whoever dies in the *Gangā* whether wilfully or unintentionally is born after death in heaven and does not see hell'.<sup>1377</sup> The *Kūrma* is quite clear 'Moksa may be secured or not after a thousand births elsewhere but in Benares moksa can be secured in a single birth' (I. 32, 22). The *Padma*<sup>1378</sup> is quite emphatic 'a man who, knowingly or unknowingly, wilfully or unintentionally, dies in the Ganges secures on death heaven and 'moksa'. A verse of the *Skanda* asserts 'He who abandons his life in this sacred place in some way or other does not incur the sin of suicide but secures his desired objects.' The *Kūrma* (I. 38 3-12) refers to four modes of suicide and promises residence in heaven and various other rewards for thousands of years, viz. by (1) burning oneself in the slow fire of dry cowdung cakes, (2) by entering the water at the confluence of *Gangā* and *Yamunā*, (3) by hanging with head down in the stream and feet up and drinking

1376. Vide the references given under No. 2 and 3 of the five classes of excusable or permitted suicides on p. 604 above. The *Mahābhārata* has a *parva* called *Mahāprasthānika* in which it is narrated (chap 1, 24) that *Yudhiṣṭhira* with his four brothers, queen *Draupadī* and a faithful dog started on the Great Journey towards the *Himālaya* and that they fell down dead one after another, *Draupadī* being the first and *Bhīma* the last.

1377. या गतिर्योग्यकुत्तर्य संन्यस्तस्य मनीषिणः । सा गतिस्त्यजतः प्राणान् गङ्गायमुनसङ्गमे ॥ अकामो वा सकामो वा गङ्गायां यो विपद्यते । स मृतो जायते स्वर्गे नरके च न पश्यति ॥ कुर्म. I. 37 16, 39. The first verse is read in पद्म, सुष्टिखण्ड 60, 56 as या गतिः सत्वरथस्य मनीषिणः । सा गङ्गायां तु शरीरेण ॥ नारद (उत्तर) 43 97 is the same as पद्म.

1378. ज्ञानतोऽज्ञानतो वापि कामतोऽकामतोऽपि वा । गङ्गाया च मृतो मर्त्यः स्वर्गे मोक्षं च विन्दति ॥ पद्म, सुष्टि 60 65 q by त्रिस्थली० p. 47. यथा कथञ्चितीर्थोऽस्मिन् प्राणत्यागं करोति यः । तस्यैवमथातदोपो न प्रामुयादोऽपि तानपि ॥ स्कन्द, काशी० 22, 76. The कल्पतरु on तीर्थ p. 258 quotes from वायुपुराण 'यो वाहिताग्निप्रवरो वीराध्वानं (०ध्वानं?) गतोपि वा । समाधाय मनः पूर्वं मन्त्रमुच्चारयेच्छनैः ॥ त्वमग्ने रुद्रस्त्वं सुधामहोदधिस्त्वं सर्वे मारुताः क्षिप्रमीर्यरे । त्व वातैवासिसगरी यस्त्वं प्रस्थिमावीर्य पातयन् मास ॥' The mantra as printed makes no sense. The editor should have separated the words properly even if the mss were unsatisfactory. It appears to be Rg. II, 1, 6 (= Tai. S. I 3. 14, 1) त्वमग्ने रुद्रो अहरो महो दिवस्त्वं शार्धो मारुतं पृक्ष ईक्षिषि । त्वं वातरुणेयोसि शंगयस्त्वं पूषा विधतः पांसि तु त्वना ॥

the waters of the Ganges, (4) by cutting off his own flesh and giving it as food to birds. The famous Chinese traveller Hiouen Tsiang (about 629-645 A. D.) clearly refers to this practice of religious suicide (vide Beal's 'Buddhist Records of the Western world,' vol. I. pp. 232-234). The Kalpataru on Tirtha (composed about 1110-1120 A. D.) devotes a special section to Mahāpathayātrā (pp. 258-265). Gradually, the idea of securing heaven and *mokṣa* by committing suicide at Prayāga or Benares appears to have spread to other tirthas. Vanaparva<sup>1379</sup> speaks of suicide at Prthūdaka (Pehova in the Karnal district of Punjab, 14 miles from Thanesar). The Brahmapurāṇa<sup>1380</sup> calls upon *dvijas* who are intent on securing *mokṣa* to commit suicide at Puruṣottama-kāśetra. The Lingapurāṇa<sup>1381</sup> says 'if a brāhmaṇa kills himself on Śrīśaila he destroys his sins and attains *mokṣa* as at Avimukta (Benares); there is no doubt about this'. The Padma promises<sup>1382</sup> a similar reward for suicide by fire or by fast at the confluence of Narmadā and Kāveri (a small river, not the great South Indian river).

Gradually there was a revulsion of feeling against suicide at Prayāga or Kāśī or starting on the Great Journey. Among the actions forbidden in the Kali age are included 'starting on the Great Journey' and 'suicide of old people jumping from a precipice or by fire' (vide H. of Dh. vol. III pp. 939, 958-59). Some of the later medieval writers try very hard to combat the view that religious suicide is permitted<sup>1383</sup>. Nīlakantha, the commentator of the Mahābhārata, holds that Vanaparva 85. 83 (na vedavacanāt &c) refers to natural death at Prayāga and not to wilful death and that the Khila verse ('Sītāsītā' quoted above on p. 596) has the same meaning. Then he propounds two alternative interpretations of Vanaparva 85.

1379. उत्तमं सर्वतीर्थानां यत्पूजेदात्मनस्तद्वत् । वृषुद्धके जल्पयते नैव श्वो मरणं तपेत् ॥ गीते सनत्कुमारिणं व्यासेन च महात्मना ॥ वनपर्व 83 146, 147 q. by तर्पिकर्त्तव्य p. 180 (reads श्रुते मे सर्वं).

1380. तस्मात्सर्वयत्नेन तस्मिन् क्षेत्रे द्विजोत्तमा । देहत्यागो नरैः कार्यः सम्ब्रवीत्सामिकादिभिः ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 177. 25, vide also ब्रह्मपुराण 68. 75 and 177 16-17.

1381. श्रीशैले सन्यजेद् देहं ब्रह्मणो दुग्धकिल्विध- । सुच्यते नात्र सन्देशो ह्यविशुक्ते यथा क्षुभम् ॥ लिङ्ग (पूर्वार्ध 92 168-169).

1382. आग्नेयवेशं यः कुर्याद्यश्च कुर्यादनाज्ञानम् । अनिवर्तिका गतिस्तस्य यथा मे शङ्करोऽब्रवीत् ॥ पद्म., आवि. 16 14-15

1383. Vide a learned paper on 'suicide at Prayāga' by Prof K. C. Chattopadhyaya in Journal of the U. P. Historical Society, vol. X, pp. 65 ff.

83, viz. that this passage allows those who are suffering from an incurable disease to commit suicide at Prayāga instead of dying by falling from a precipice and the like or that this verse does not apply to brāhmanas but only to the other three varnas.<sup>1384</sup>

Both the Gangāvyākyaṇī (pp. 304-310) and the Tir. C (pp. 47-52) hold that all varnas have the authority to resort to suicide at Prayāga. The Tir. Pr holds a long, learned and highly polemic discussion on the subject of religious suicide at Prayāga (pp. 346-355). Its own view appears to be that a brāhmana should not commit this suicide at Prayāga on account of the prohibition contained in Kalivarjya verses and that members of the other varnas may do so. The Tristhalīsetu also enters upon a long discussion (pp. 47-55) and its conclusions are that in suicide at Prayāga for the attainment of *mokṣa* or other rewards (such as heaven) there is no sin, that thus suicide at Prayāga is not forbidden<sup>1384a</sup> to brāhmanas as some think (since Agni 111. 8 reads 'na vedavacanād *vipra*'), that persons whether seriously ill or in good health<sup>1385</sup> may resort to suicide at Prayāga, that no one has authority to commit suicide at Prayāga after abandoning to their fate one's old parents, young wife and children that require support, nor should a woman who is pregnant or who has young children or who has no permission from her husband, commit suicide at Prayāga.<sup>1386</sup> It is refreshing to find Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa, perhaps

1384. शुद्धाश्च क्षत्रिया वैद्या अन्यजाश्च तथाधमाः । एते त्यजेयुः प्राणान् वैर्जयित्वा द्विर्जं स्युः । पतित्वा ब्राह्मणस्तत्र ब्रह्महा वात्महा भवेत् । q. by त्रिस्थलीः p. 52, which remarks that these verses are not found in any authoritative source and they involve a contradiction, in as much as क्षत्रियः and वैद्यः are allowed to kill themselves though they are *divyas*. This is q. also by भट्टोजि in त्रि. से. सा. स p. 33

1384 a. तथा च हेमाद्रिवादिष्वादिपुराणवाक्यानि ब्राह्मणस्यापि मरणविधायकानि । ब्रह्मः शौचरघुतेल्लुत.—इत्याद्युपक्रम्य गच्छेन्महापथं वापि तुषारगिरिमादरात् । प्रयागवदशाखायां देहत्यागं करोति वा ॥ स्वयं देहविनाशस्य काले प्राप्ते महामतिः । उक्तमाम्नामुयाहोकास्मात्मघाती भवेत्कचित् ॥ एतेषामधिकारस्तु सर्वेषां सर्वजन्तुषु । नराणामथ नारीणां सर्ववर्णेषु सर्वदा ॥ त्रिस्थलीः p. 53

1385 तस्मादाहुरादेरनाहुरादेश्च सर्वस्याधिकारः । किं तु ब्रह्मै पितरौ तरुणी भार्या पोष्यमपत्य च विहाय नाधिकारः । एव स्त्रिया अपि गर्भिण्या बालापत्याया भवाननुज्ञाताया वा नाधिकार इत्यादि ज्ञेयम् । त्रिस्थलीः p. 55

1386 काश्यादिमरणास्तु किरित्यत्र प्रयोजकत्वे पञ्चमी । तज्जन्मादात्मज्ञानादेव मोक्षोत्पत्तेः । ज्ञानेन विना मिथ्याज्ञाननिवृत्तेरसम्भवात् । 'अत्र हि जन्तो. ... रुद्रस्तार्कं ब्रह्म व्याचष्टे' इति श्रुतेश्च । यत्तु काश्यां देहावसाने रुद्रोपदेशश्चुत्तेरस्तु ज्ञानापेक्षा न तु सर्वत्र । प्रयागमरणादीनि वैवात्मसाक्षात्कारमप्यगोदयात् । .. तदस्तु विना ज्ञानं मिथ्याज्ञाननिवृत्तेरसम्भवात् । तीर्थप.

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the most learned and renowned Pandit of his age steeped in all the lore of ancient India, make, in spite of the overwhelming weight of śāstric authority in favour of suicide at Prayāga, exceptions that surely appeal to reason, sentiment and common sense.<sup>1387</sup> Nārāyanabhatta probably followed traditions several hundred years older than his times. Alberuni in his work on India composed about 1030 A. D. says about religious suicide that 'it was resorted to by those who are tired of life, who are distressed over some incurable disease, some irremovable bodily defect or old age or infirmity. This however no man of distinction does, but only vaiśyas and śūdras. Burning oneself is forbidden to brāhmanas and ksatriyas by a special law. Therefore these if they want to kill themselves do so at the time of an eclipse in some other manner or they hire somebody to drown them in the Ganges.' (tr. by Sachau, vol. II, p. 170). The Tri. S. S. provides that a man desirous of committing religious suicide at Prayāga should first perform a prāyaścitta,

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p. 313; the passage of the जाबालोपनिषद् is: अविशुक्तं वै कुरुक्षेत्रं देवानां देवयजनं सर्वेषां भूतानां ब्रह्मसदनम्। तस्माद्यत्र कच्चन गच्छति तदेव मन्यते तदविशुक्तमेव। इदं वै कुरुक्षेत्रं देवानां...सदनम्। अत्र हि जन्तोः प्राणेष्वेकममाणेषु रुद्रस्तारकं ब्रह्म व्याचष्टे येना सावधुतीभूत्वा मोक्षीभवति।। In the Bhanu Daji collection of mss at the Bombay Asiatic Society there is a ms. called अविशुक्तनिरुक्तिसार (cat. No. 1047) which contains 15 verses and comments thereon intended to explain the purport of the Jābālopaniṣad passage quoted and also some other passages from the same. In this work कुरुक्षेत्र occurring in जाबालोपनिषद् is explained as 'कुत्सितं रावयतीति कुरु पार्थ तस्य क्षेत्रणात् इति कुरुक्षेत्रं पापनाशनमित्यर्थः' and देवयजनं as ब्रह्मोपास्तिस्थानम्.

1387. काव्यमय्यत्र मरणम्। अत्र तु सर्ववर्णानामधिकारः। गङ्गावा. p. 305 and तीर्थचि. p. 47. It is a most remarkable thing that the treatment of प्रयागमरण in both these works is word for word the same, except that the तीर्थचि. quotes the verses न वेदवचनाः from the पद्मपुराण while the गङ्गावा. quotes them from the मत्स्य. It appears probable that the तीर्थचि. borrows from the गङ्गावा. since वाचस्पति appears to have been a younger contemporary of Vidyāpati who helped विश्वासदेवी in composing गङ्गावा. Both were closely connected with the several kings and queens of the कामेश्वर dynasty of Mithilā and it is difficult to assert with confidence who borrows from whom. In New I. A. vol. VII. at p. 53 Prof. G. C. Basu while describing a newly found ms. of a work called व्याधिभक्तितरङ्गिणी ascribed in the colophon to विद्यापति states that that work mentions the द्वैतनिर्णय of वाचस्पति. So it is not unlikely that विद्यापति helped विश्वासदेवी by taking a part from the तीर्थचिन्तामणि of वाचस्पति. Vide H. of Dh. vol. I pp. 739-740, Journal of Dept. of Letters, Calcutta University, vol. XVI, New I. A. vol. VII pp. 49 ff., I. H. Q. vol. XX (1944) pp. 211 ff. for the date and works of विद्यापति and H. of Dh. vol. I. pp. 404-405 for the date of वाचस्पति.

should perform his own śrāddha upto the offering of pinḍa if he has no relative entitled to perform it, should fast that day, should make a sankalpa next day preceded by a writing (to inform people of his desire to die in that way) and enter the holy waters contemplating on Viṣṇu. On his death, his relatives have to observe āsauca only for three days (and not for ten) and on the 4th day the śrāddhas of the 11th day are to be performed for him.<sup>1388</sup>

The psychological background behind the religious suicide at Prayāga and other places is not difficult to realise. Centuries of philosophical thought had made a very deep impression on the minds of all people that the soul has to submit to a never-ending cycle of births and deaths. Ancient scriptures had offered a release in two ways viz. by *tattvayānā* and by suicide at a tīrtha. Death had no great terror for the pilgrim who submitted to various inconveniences and privations ungrudgingly. If one is determined to put an end to *samsāra* by taking one's life, what nobler environment could have been imagined or indicated than at Prayāga, where two mighty rivers flowing from the sacred Himalaya unite and carry on unceasingly their work of fertilizing the land and bringing prosperity and solace to millions of needy and anxious people?

While on this topic of religious suicide, it would not be out of place to briefly refer to the discussion in the digests about the meaning of the statement in the purāṇas that those who die at Prayāga are not born again (e.g. Matsya 180. 71 and 74). The answer is foreshadowed in the Matsyapurāṇa itself (182. 22-25) which <sup>1389</sup> says: At the time of death, when the vital

1388 दृष्ट्वा शौचस्थितेर्लुप्तं प्रत्याख्यातमिषकृत्क्रियः। आत्मानं घातयेद्यस्तु भुवःस्वर्ग्यन-  
ज्ञानादिभिः। तस्य निरावमशौचं द्वितीये त्वस्थितश्चरयन्। तृतीये रुदकं कृत्वा चतुर्थे आह्वा-  
चरेत् ॥ अत्र 218-219 q by मेधा on मनु V. 89 कल्प (on आशौच p. 87) quotes  
these slightly differently and remarks वेदे तु देहत्यागे दृष्टः.. माशौचं कर्तव्या चोदक-  
क्रिया इति वचनाद्भवत्येवोदकादिक्रिया.

1389 The स्कन्दपुराण, काशी has the following verses which repeat what  
the Matsya (182 22-25) says viz Śiva whispers into the right ear of a man  
dying at Kāśī the knowledge of *brahma* that will save his soul ब्रह्मज्ञानेन  
मुच्यन्ते नान्यथा जन्तवः कश्चित्। ब्रह्मज्ञानमये क्षेत्रे प्रयागे वा तदुत्पजः॥ ब्रह्मज्ञानं तदेवाहं  
काशीसंस्थितिभागिनाम्। दिशामि तारकं शान्ते मुच्यन्ते ते तु तत्क्षणात् ॥ chap. 32, verses  
115-116. साक्षान्मोक्षो न चतस्रं क्षीपु भियभाषिणि। स्कन्द, काशी 83 (अमृत्य tells  
लोपासुदा). The verses are अन्तकाले मनुष्याणां छिद्यमानेषु नर्तनु। बायुना  
प्रेर्यमाणानां स्मृतिर्निवोपजायते। अविमुक्तं ह्यन्तकाले भक्तानामीश्वरः स्वयम्। कर्मभिः प्रेर्य-  
माणानां कर्णजायं प्रयच्छति। नणिकर्ण्यं त्यजन्देहं गतिमिष्टां ब्रजेन्नरः। ईश्वरप्रेरितो याति  
दृष्ट्वापामकृतात्मनि. ॥ 182 22-25 The words अन्तकाले .. जायते refer to the  
general rule The verses अविमुक्ते state the special case of death in Avimukta  
The विश्वेश्वर p. 297 quotes these verses and reads अविमुक्तं तन्तकाले

parts of the human body are being shattered, memory must fail a human being that is about to be pushed on (to another body) by the vital breath (when it leaves the mortal coil). But at the time of death in Avimukta (Vārānasi) Lord (Śiva) himself whispers (higher knowledge) in the ears of his devotees that are about to be pushed (into new bodies) by (accumulations of their actions). A man dying near Mauikarnikā pool reaches the desired goal; he being guided by the Lord reaches the goal which is difficult of attainment by those whose minds are not pure.' In the Kāśikhanda it is expressly stated that mokṣa does not directly result in these cities (viz. Kāśī &c.). But in spite of these warnings the popular belief fostered by the literal meaning of hundreds of Purāṇa passages is that mokṣa results from dying at Prayāga or in Kāśiksetra.

The practice of religious suicide has a very respectable antiquity. In the 4th century B. C. Kalanos, the Indian Gymnosophist from Taxila who had accompanied Alexander from India, burnt himself alive on a funeral pyre at Sousa, when being over 70 years old, he was afflicted with a malady that made life more and more burdensome. Vide J W McCrindle's 'Invasion of India by Alexander the Great' (New Edition 1896) pp. 46, 301, 386-392. Strabo informs us of a gymnosophist from India named Zarmanochegas of Broach who accompanied an embassy to Augustus Caesar at Athens and consigned himself to flames (vide 'Invasion of India by Alexander' p. 389). Hiouen T'sang (Beal's 'Buddhist Records of the Western World' vol. I. pp. 232-234) refers to suicide at Prayāga. The Jains, while on the one hand they laid the greatest emphasis on 'ahimsā' (non-injury), encouraged religious suicide (called 'Sallekhanā') in certain cases<sup>1390</sup>.

Some of the works, viz. the Kāśimṛti-mokṣa-vicāra of Sureśvara (pp. 2-9), the Tristhalisetu (pp. 50-55) and the Tirthaprakāśa (pp. 313-318) discuss at some length how mere death (either involuntary or voluntary) in Vārānasi or Prayāga would lead to mokṣa. Considerations of space prevent a complete statement of their views. Their arguments are briefly as follows:—Karma is of three kinds, viz. *sañcita* (collected in former births), *prārabdhā* (that has begun to

<sup>1390</sup>. Vide I A. vol II. p 322 'Jain Inscriptions at Sravaca Belgola', where some verses are quoted from the Ratnakaranda of which the following one may be noted. उपसर्गे दुर्मिते ज्ञाने रुजाया च निवर्तकीकरे । धर्माय तन्निमित्तो चनसाह सहेतुनामार्गः ॥



operate by giving the soul the present body) and *kṛiyamāna* (to be done in this body and in future). The Upaniṣads and the Gītā<sup>1391</sup> declare that, just as waters do not stick to a lotus leaf, so evil deeds do not cling to a man who knows this (knowledge of *brahma*), that the fire of knowledge reduces to ashes all *karma* and that *moksa* results from the realization of the Supreme Spirit (Vedānta-sūtra IV. 1. 13). From this it follows that a man who has realized the Highest Reality will not be affected by the acts done by him after realization and his accumulated actions (*sañcita*) will be destroyed by that realization. The present body in which the soul realizes *brahma* was due to that part of his *karma* which had begun to operate. When the present body perishes in the case of a man who has realized *brahma* he attains final release, since no actions remain for producing effects. To the man who dies a natural death in Benares is given at the time of death the Tāraka (saving) mantra. The Matsyapurāṇa says:<sup>1392</sup> those who enter fire according to the rules in Avimukta (i. e. Benares) enter the mouth of Śiva and so also those determined devotees of Śiva who die by fast in Benares do not return (to this world) even after millions of *kalpas*. Therefore all those who die in any way at<sup>1393</sup> Benares receive Grace from Śiva after their death. That leads to *tattvajñāna* (correct spiritual knowledge) which leads to *moksa*. In rare passages it is expressly stated that *moksa* cannot<sup>1394</sup> be immediately secured

1391 यथा शुष्करपलाश आपो न श्लिष्यन्त एवमेवविदि पापं कर्म न श्लिष्यत इति । छा उप IV, 14 3, भिक्षते हृदयग्रन्थिश्छिद्यन्ते सर्वसंशया । क्षीयन्ते चास्य कर्माणि तस्मिन् दृष्टे परावरे ॥ शुण्डकोपनिषद् II 2 8, यथैधासि समिद्धोऽग्निर्भस्मसात्कुरुतेऽर्जुन । ज्ञानाग्निः सर्वकर्माणि भस्मसात्कुरुते तथा ॥ भगवद्गीता ॥ IV 37

1392 अग्निमेषं ये कुर्तुमिच्छन्ति विद्यान्तः । यविशन्ति सुखं ते मे नि सन्दिग्ध वरानने । कुर्वन्त्यनशनं ये तु मद्भक्ता कृतनिश्चया । न तेषां पुनरावृत्तिः कल्पकोटिशतैरपि ॥ मत्स्य 183 77-78 q by कल्पतरु on तीर्थ p 21

1393. 'ज्ञानादेव तु कैवल्यम्' इत्यादि श्रुतिस्मृतिभ्यो ज्ञानाभावे मोक्षाभावाद्विश्वेश्वरस्यशुक्लविष्टतारकादेवात्रात्मज्ञानोत्पत्ति । तदुक्तं काशीखण्डे । ब्रह्मज्ञानेन सुच्यन्ते नान्यथा जन्तवः कश्चित् । ब्रह्मज्ञानं तदेवाहं काशीसंस्थितिभागिनाम् । दिशामि तारकं याग्रे सुच्यन्ते ते तु तत्सम्पात् । विस्थली- p 292 which quotes काशीखण्ड 32 115-116 Similar statements occur in काशीखण्ड 21. 98 विपक्षानां च जन्तूनां यत्र विश्वेश्वरः स्वयम् । कर्णे जापं मकुरुते कर्मेनिर्मुक्तनक्षत्रम् ॥ and काशीखण्ड 61 117-118, 64 98. The गरुडपुराण (मेखण्ड, 6 60-61) says 'तीर्थराजस्ततः काशीं महादेवो दद्यान्निधिः । सूतानां यत्र जन्तुता कर्णे जपति तारकम् ॥'.

1394. साक्षान्मोक्षो न चेताहं पुरीषु मियभाषिणि । स्कन्द, काशी 8 2 (अगस्त्य to नोपासुदा) तारकं प्रणव तारयतीति तारं स्वार्थं कथययः । संसारमागरादुत्तारकं तारकं च तद् ब्रह्म उति तारकं ब्रह्म उच्यते । काशीमृतिमोक्षविचार p 3

(by dying) in these cities. The Tāraka-mantra is variously explained. According to Suresvara, Tāraka-mantra is the mystic syllable *om* which is a symbol of *brahma* as stated in the Tai. Up. (I. 1.8 *Om-iti brahma*) and the Gīṭā (8. 13 *Om-ityekāksaram brahma*). The Tri. S. gives another explanation besides this. According to Rāmatāpanīya Upanisad and<sup>1395</sup> the Padmapurāṇa the mantra is 'śri-Rāma-Rāma-Rāmeti.'

There are several sub-tīrthas that fall under Prayāga. The most important of them is the famous Vata (banyan tree) called Aksaya-Vata (the imperishable Vata). The Agni (111. 13) states 'if a man dies at the foot of the Vata and in the Sangama he goes to the city of Viṣṇu'. Special reference is made to abandoning one's life at the foot of the Vata. The Kūrma<sup>1396</sup> says 'He, who abandons life at the foot of the Vata, passes beyond heavenly worlds and goes to the world of Rudra'. The following are the sub-tīrthas of Prayāga and only references are given to the works in which they are described: (1) the two Nāgas called Kambala and Aśvatara which according to some are on the spacious (vipula) bank of the Jumnā and according to others on the southern bank of the Jumnā (Vanaparva 85. 77, Matsya 106. 27, Padma, Ādi 39. 69, Agni 111. 5, Kūrma I. 37. 19), (2) Pratisthāna on the eastern side of the Ganges, being the same as the Sāmudra-kūpa (Vanaparva 85. 77, Matsya 106. 30, Kūrma I. 37. 22, Padma, Ādi. 43. 30; Vanaparva 85. 114 appears to suggest that Pratisthāna is another name of Prayāga; (3) Sandhyāvata (Matsya 106. 43, Kūrma I. 37. 28, Agni 111. 13); (4) Hamsaprapatana to the north of Pratisthāna and to the east of the Ganges (Matsya 106. 32, Kūrma I. 37. 24, Agni 111. 10, Padma, Ādi 39. 80 and 43. 32, (5) Kotitīrtha (Matsya 106. 44, Kūrma I. 37. 29, Agni 111. 14, Padma, Ādi 43. 44; (6) Bhogavati, the Vēdi of Prajāpati to the north of Vāsuki (Vanaparva 85. 77, Matsya 106. 46, Agni 111. 5, Padma, Ādi 39. 79 and 43. 46; (7) Daśāśvamedhaka (Matsya 106. 46, Padma, Ādi 39. 80); (8) Urvaśīpulina, suicide at which

1395. रामतापनीये तु श्रीराममन्त्र एव तारकशब्दार्थ उक्तः । सुमूर्खोर्दक्षिणे कर्णे यस्य कस्यापि वा स्वयम् । उपदेशयति मन्मन्त्रं स सुको भविता शिवः ॥ एते तु श्रीशब्दपूर्वकस्तिराष्टौ रामशब्द एव तारकतयोक्तः । सुमूर्खोर्दक्षिणकर्णोन्तरधौदकनिवासिनः । अहं दिशति ते मन्त्रं तारकं ब्रह्मवाचकम् । श्रीरामरामरामेति एतत्तारकमुच्यते ॥ त्रिस्थली p. 291.

1396. वटमूलं समाश्रित्य यस्तु माणात् परित्यजेत् । स्वर्गलोकानतिक्रम्य रुद्रलोकं स गच्छति ॥ कूर्म. I. 37.8-9 v. by तीर्थचिं p. 48. The same is पद्म, आदिखण्ड 43.11 (reads सर्वलोकान्).

led to <sup>1397</sup> various rewards quoted below (Matsya 106. 34-42, <sup>1398</sup> Padma, Ādi 43. 34-43, Agni 111. 13, Kūrma I. 37. 26-27); (9) Rnapramocana, on the northern bank of Yamunā and to the south of Prayāga (Kūrma I. 38. 14, Padma, Ādi 44. 20); (10) Mānasa on the north bank of the Ganges (Matsya 107. 9, Padma, Ādi 44. 2, Agni 111. 14); (11) Agnitirtha on the southern bank of the Jumnā (Matsya 108. 27, Kūrma I. 39. 4, Padma, Ādi 45. 27); (12) Virāja on the north bank of Yamunā (Padma, Ādi 45. 29); (13) Anaraka <sup>1399</sup> to the west of Dharmarāja (Kūrma I. 39. 5).

The Purāṇas lay down that if a man starts on a pilgrimage, but dies on the way to Prayāga he reaps great benefits even without reaching it, provided he dies remembering Prayāga. The Matsyapurāṇa (105. 8-12) asserts: <sup>1400</sup> A man whether in his own country or house or after leaving his country dies in a forest, while remembering Prayāga, he still secures the world of Brahma; he reaches a world where the

1397 उर्वशीपुलिने पुण्ये विपुले हंसपाण्डुरे। परित्यजति यः प्राणाञ्छृणु तस्यापि यत्कलम्॥ यदिवर्षसहस्राणि पटिवर्षशतानि च। सेव्यते पितृभिः सार्धं स्वर्गलोके नराधिप॥ उर्वशी तु सदा पश्येत्स्वर्गलोके नरोत्तम। पूज्यते सततं पुत्र कपिगन्धर्वकिनरे॥ ततः स्वर्गात् परिभ्रष्टः क्षीणकर्मा दिवश्च्युतः। उर्वशीसदृशानां तु कन्यानां लभते शतम्॥ मध्ये नारीसहस्राणां बहूनां च पतिर्भवेत्॥ दशग्रामसहस्राणां भोक्ता भवति भूमिपः। काञ्चिद्विपुलशब्देन सुसोत्तै प्रतिबुध्यते। शुक्त्वा तु विपुलान्भोगास्तर्त्तयि लभते पुनः॥ कुक्कुत्स्वरधरो नित्यं नियतः संयतेन्द्रिय। एके कालं तु भुञ्जानो मांसं भूमिपतिर्भवेत्॥ सुवर्णालङ्घनानां तु नारीणां लभते शतम्।

पुथिग्यामासमुद्रायाम् महाभूमिपतिर्भवेत्॥ धनधान्यसमायुक्तो द्राता भवति नित्यशः। शुक्त्वा तु विपुलान्भोगास्तर्त्तयि लभते पुनः॥ मत्स्य. 105. 34-42 = पद्म, आदिखण्ड 43. 34-42 with some variations The first two verses are कूर्म I. 37. 26-27 and all occur नारदीय (उ.) 63. 140-149.

1398. It may be noted that the rewards promised for suicide at Urvāṣipulina are sex pleasures and secular benefits like becoming a king or governor. Even suicide at the Sāṅgama is promised similar pleasures of the flesh and of lingly power and riches in Matsya 105. 1-12.

1399 In मत्स्य. 108. 29 we read तीर्थं निरञ्जनं नाम यत्र देवाः सवासवाः which appears to be a misreading पश्चिमे धर्मराजस्य तीर्थं त्वनरकं स्मृतम्। कूर्म I. 395.; the अग्नि 111. 14 mentions a तीर्थं called वानरक (or वासरक acc. to some mss.) but that seems to be a misreading of त्वनरकं (तु + अनरकं). मत्स्य. 108. 27 तीर्थं तु नरकं स्मृतम् seems to be a misreading for त्वनरकं. Several tirthas called अनरक are known. Vide पद्म, आदि 27.56 and list.

1400. देशस्थो यदि वारण्ये विदेशस्थोऽथवा गृहे। प्रयागं स्मरमाणोऽपि यस्तु प्राणाञ्छृणु परित्यजेत्॥ ब्रह्मलोकमवाप्नोति वदन्ति कपिपुङ्गवाः। सर्वकामफला वृक्षा मही यत्र हिरण्यमी। भक्षयो मुनयः सिद्धास्तत्र लोते स गच्छति। स्त्रीसहस्राह्वते रम्ये मन्दाकिण्यास्तदे क्षुभे। मोदते कथिभिः सार्धं सुहृतेनैव कर्मणा। ततः स्वर्गात्परिभ्रष्टो जम्बूद्वीपपतिर्भवेत्॥ मत्स्य. 105. 8-11 p. by गङ्गावा p. 310; verses from स्त्रीसहस्रा are quoted from कूर्म by त्रिस्थली p. 25.

trees yield all desires, where the earth is full of gold and where there are sages and *munis* and *siddhas*; he dwells on the bank of the Ganges full of thousands of women and enjoys the company of sages, when he comes down from heaven he becomes the lord of Jambūdvīpa.

At most famous tirthas the pilgrim has to perform śrāddha. The Visnu Dh. S. (chap 85) mentions about fifty-five sacred places which are fittest for śrāddha. The Kalpataru (on tirtha), the Gangāvyāvahāni, Tir. C. and other digests quote several verses from the Devipurāṇa, the gist of which is as follows. Śrāddha should be performed at tirthas, but there is no offering of *aṅghya* and no *āvāhana* (since pīṭras are deemed to be always present at tirthas, as the Kāśikhaṇḍa says) nor is the entering of the thumb of the invited brāhmana into the food served done, nor is there the question about the brāhmanas being satiated, nor *vikṛa*.<sup>1401</sup> If one is unable to follow the complete procedure of śrāddha one should merely offer pindas made from barley meal or may offer *saṃyāta* (cake of wheat flour fried with ghee and milk), rice boiled in milk, the cake of sesame (after the oil is extracted) or jaggery.<sup>1402</sup> It should not be allowed to be seen by dogs, crows and vultures, it may be offered at any time after the pilgrim reaches the holy place. A śrāddha performed at a holy place gives great satisfaction to pīṭras. Some of the works such as the Tristhaṇḍīśeṭṣasārasaṅgraha of Bhaṭṭoji provide that after performing a pārvanaśrāddha at a tirtha and after making offerings of pindas to one's ancestors one should offer a single pinda to one's other relatives with the following mantra 'Here I offer pinda to deceased persons of my father's family, and of my mother's family and to the deceased relatives of my guru and of my father-in-law, to those men of my family

1401 अर्घ्यमावाहनं चैव द्विजाङ्गुलनिवेशनम्। वृत्तिप्रश्न च विकिरं तीर्थआज्ञे विवर्जयेत्॥ q by त्रि से सा स p 18, देवाश्च पितरो यस्मादङ्गुलां सर्वदा स्थिताः। आवाहनं विसर्गं (ऋषिश्च?) तेषां तत्र ततो न हि॥ काशीखण्ड 28.9, तीर्थे आज्ञं प्रकुर्वीत पकाजिन विशेषतः। आमाज्जेन हिरण्येन कन्दमूलफलैरपि॥ सुमन्तु q in त्रि से सा स p. 20

1402 सकृन्मि पिण्डदानं तु सयात्रे. पापसेनं तु। कर्तव्यमपिभिर्द्वै विष्णवाकेन गृहेन च। आज्ञं तत्र तु कर्तव्यमर्घ्यमावाहनवर्जितम्। श्वधास्यशुभकाकानां नैव ददितं च यत्। आज्ञं तत्तैरिक्तं प्रोक्तं पितृणां भित्तिकारकम्। कालेवाप्यथवाऽकाले तीर्थे आज्ञं तथा नै। मातैरेव सदा कार्यं कर्तव्यं पितृवर्षणम्। पिण्डदानं च तच्छ्रुतं पितृणामतिवद्भयम्। विलम्बो नैव कर्तव्यो न च विलम्बं समाचरेत्। पञ्चपुराण V 29 212-218, q by पृथ्वीचन्द्रोदय folio 135b and 136a. The same verses are quoted from देवीपुराण by कल्पः on तीर्थ p. 10, तीर्थचिन्त्र. pp 10-11, गङ्गावा. p 129. Vide स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड 6 58-60 for some of the verses and नारदीय (उत्तर) 62. 41-42 for last two verses

who were devoid of sons or wives and so who would lose the benefit of the pinḍa (to be offered by the son or wife) and in the case of whom all rites after death have ceased, those who were blind from birth or were cripples, those who were malformed or died in the womb; to all these, whether known or unknown to me, may this (pinḍa) reach inexhaustively' (Vāyu 110. 51-52). After this he should offer another pinḍa for his servants, slaves, friends, dependents, pupils, persons who conferred obligations on him, cattle, trees and those with whom he came in contact in other lives (Vāyu 110. 54-55). If a person is ill or has not the time to go through this elaborate procedure, then he should make a sankalpa that he would perform śrāddha and should offer a single pinḍa with the mantra (in Vāyu 110 23-24) 'I offer this pinḍa to my father, grand-father, great-grand-father, to my mother, father's mother, grandfather's mother, to my maternal grandfather and to the latter's father and grandfather. May it reach them inexhaustively'!

The Anuśāsana-parva, the Kūrmapurāṇa, Nāradya (uttara) 63. 19-20 and 36-38 and others highly praise bathing at the *sangama* in the month of Māgha<sup>1403</sup>. Men of all castes, women and those born of mixed unions can take this bath; śūdras, women and men of mixed castes should not repeat any mantra but should bathe silently or with the word 'namah' (Tri. S. p 39). Similarly, the Padma, Kūrma, Agni and other Purāṇas wax eloquent over a bath for three days in Māgha saying that it is equal to the gift of three crores of cows.<sup>1404</sup> There is great divergence as to exactly what three days are meant, as pointed out by the Tri. S. p 33. The various views are the three days are the passage of the sun into Capricornus, Rathasaptamī and the full moon day of Māgha; the three consecutive days including the 10th of the bright half of Māgha, the first three days of Māgha, the three consecutive days from the 13th day of the bright half of Māgha; any three days in Māgha.

1403. दशतीर्थसहस्राणि पटिकोदयस्तथापरा । समागच्छन्ति माघ्या तु प्रयागे भरतर्षभा॥  
अनुशासन 25 36-37, पटिस्तीर्थसहस्राणि पटिस्तीर्थशतानि च । माघमासे गमिष्यन्ति गङ्गा-  
यमुनसङ्गमे ॥ कूर्म I 38 1; मत्स्य 107.7 is very nearly the same

1404 गवा कोटिमदानाद्यत् त्र्यहं स्नानस्य तत्फलम् । प्रयागे माघमासे तु एवमाहुर्मनी-  
विनः ॥ अग्नि 111 10-11, गवा शतसहस्रस्य सप्त्यहं तत्फलम् । प्रयागे माघमासे तु त्र्यहं  
स्नानस्य तत्फलम् ॥ पद्म, आदि 44. 8, कूर्म I. 38 2

## CHAPTER XIII

### KĀŚĪ

There is hardly any city in the world that can claim greater antiquity, greater continuity and greater popular veneration than Banaras. Banaras has been a holy city for at least thirty centuries. No city in India arouses the religious emotions of Hindus as much as Kāśī does. To the Hindu mind it represents great and unbroken traditions of religious sanctity and learning. It is a miniature of Hindu life through the ages in all its great complexities and contradictions. Not only Hinduism with its numerous sects has flourished here for numberless centuries, but the principles of Buddhism, one of the great religions of the world, were first proclaimed here by Śākyamuni after he received Enlightenment at Bodhi-Gayā under the Bodhi tree. Thousands of verses are found in the epics and purāṇas about Banaras. Several volumes have been written about Banaras during the last hundred years.<sup>1405</sup> It would be impossible to do justice here to this vast mass of literature on Banaras. I shall briefly deal with the important topics relating to Banaras. In olden times the name was spelt as Benares, but recently as Banaras, which will be retained here (except in quotations).

Before proceeding further, it is necessary to dwell, however briefly, on the ancient history of Banaras. The Śatapatha Br. quotes <sup>1406</sup> a Gāthā which states that Satānika, son of Satrajit, carried away the sacred sacrificial horse of the Kāśīs, as Bharata did in the case of the Satvats. In Śat. Br. XIV. 3. 1. 22 king Dhrtarastra Vicitravirya is called Kāśya. In the Gopatha Br. we have <sup>1407</sup> the combination Kāśī-Kośalāh. The

1405. Among modern works in English dealing with Banaras the following may be mentioned 'Benares, a handbook for the visitors' by J. Ewee (Calcutta, 1886), 'The sacred city of the Hindus' by M. A. Sbering with a learned Introduction by Dr. F. E. Hall (London, 1886) and 110 photographs, 'Benares, the sacred city' by E. B. Havell (1905) with many fine illustrations, 'History of Benares' by Prof. A. S. Altekar (1937) with a few diagrams and photographs

1406. तदेतद्वायव्यभिगीतम्। शतानीकं समस्तान् मेघ्यं सात्राजितो हयम्। अदत्तं यज्ञं काशीना भरतं सत्त्वानिवेति। शतपथब्रा XIII 5 4 21.

1407. विचारी ह वै काशान्वि. कचयस्याथर्वणस्य पुत्रो मेधावी मोमासकोऽपूजान् आस। स ह स्वेनातिमानेन सानुषं वित्तं नेयाय। तं मातोवाच। त एवैतद्वज्रमवोचत् इममेव कुरुपञ्चाले। षड्विंशत्यधु काशीकौशल्येषु ..उदीच्येवज्रमदन्ति। गोपथ, पूर्वभाग 2 9.

Cambridge History of India (vol. I p. 117) remarks that in the Brāhmana period Kāśī, the capital of the Kāśis, was situated on the Varanāvati. In the Br. Up. (II. 1. 1) and the Kausītaki<sup>1408</sup> Up. (IV. 1) there is the story of the proud Balāki Gārgya going to Ajātaśatru, king of Kāśī, with the assurance that the former would expound *brahma* to the latter. In Pānini IV. 2. 116 Kāśī heads a *gana* (Kāśyādibhyas-than-ithau). Under Pānini IV. 2. 113 we get the form 'Kāśiyah.' It is remarkable that in the Sarvānukrama the rsi of Rg. X. 179. 2 is stated to be Prataradana Kāśirāja. In *tarpana*, the Hir. Gr. (II 8. 19. 6) mentions Kāśīśvara along with Viṣṇu and Rudraskanda (S. B. E. vol 30 p. 244). Divodāsa figures frequently in the Rgveda. In Rg I. 130. 7 Indra is said to have conquered ninety cities for Divodāsa, while in Rg. IV. 30. 20 it is stated that Indra gave 100 cities of stone to Divodāsa. From these Vedic references it may be surmised that in later works like the Epics and the Purāṇas Divodāsa was naturally credited with the founding of the most sacred city in India. In the Mahābhāṣya on Vārtika 4 on Pān. IV. 1. 54 (vol II. p 223) we find the illustration 'Kāśī-Kosalīyāh.' The Mahābhāṣya (vol. II p 413) furnishes the interesting information that there is a difference in the price of cloth manufactured at Kāśī and that manufactured at Mathurā, though the length and breadth of the piece of cloth be the same. This shows that even so early as the 2nd century B. C. Kāśī was famous for the fine qualities of its cloth, as now.<sup>1409</sup> From the above passages it is clear that Kāśī was the name of a country long before the Śatapatha Br. was composed and it remained so till the 2nd century B. C. (the date of Patañjali). We have a parallel example. Avanti is the name of a country as shown by Pān IV. 1. 176 (striyam-avanti-kuntī-kurubhyas-ca) and by the Meghadūta (Prāpyāvantīn-udayana—), but Avanti or Avantikā is also the name of Ujjayinī (as in the well-known verse 'Ayodhyā...Avantikā'). Fa Hien (399 to 413 A. D.) is said to have arrived at the city of Vārāṇasī in the kingdom of Kāśī (Legge's tr. p 94). This shows that about 400 A. D. Kāśī was still the name of the district and Vārāṇasī was its capital. But from the reference in the Mahābhāṣya it appears that Kāśī had then become the name of the city (and was also

1408. इत्यत्रालाकिर्हान्त्वानो गान्धर्व आस सहोवाचाजातहाहुं काश्यं ब्रह्म ते ब्रवाणोति । धृ. उप. II 1.1.

1409. ईह समाने आयाने विस्तरे पटस्यान्यार्थो भवति काशीकस्वार्थो माधुरस्य । मङ्गल भाष्य, vol II. p. 413 (on Pān. V. 3.35).

the name of the country) In the Anusāsana-parva (chap 30) it is said that Haryaśva, the grand-father of Divodāsa, was king of the Kāśis <sup>1409a</sup> and was harassed and killed by the Vīṭahavyas in the *Doab* between the Ganges and Jumna. Haryaśva's son was Sudeva who was crowned king of Kāśi (verse 13, Kāśirājas bhyasicyata) and he also met the same fate as his father did. Then Divodāsa, son of Sudeva, became king of the Kāśis and founded Vārānasi thickly populated with men of all varnas on the northern bank of the Gomati. This legend shows that Kāśi was the ancient name of a kingdom and the ancient belief was that Vārānasi was founded as the capital of the Kāśis by Divodāsa. In the Udyogaparva also Divodāsa is said to be the ruler of Kāśis.<sup>1410</sup>

The Harivamśa (I. chap. 29) has a long but rather confused story about Divodāsa and Vārānasi<sup>1411</sup> It deals with the dynasty of Āyus, one of the sons of Aila. One of the descendants of Āyus was Śunahotra who had three sons, Kāśa, Śala and Grtsamada. From Kāśa arose a branch called Kāsayah. Dhanvantari, a descendant of Kāśa, was king of the Kāśis (verse 22). Divodāsa was great-grandson of Dhanvantari. He killed 100 sons of Bhadrāsrenya, who first was Lord of Vārānasi. Then Śiva sent his *gana* Nikumbha to destroy Vārānasi which had been occupied by Divodāsa. Nikumbha cursed it to be devastated for a thousand years. When it became devastated it came to be called Avimukta and Śiva resided there. It was again re-established (verse 68) by Durdama, a son of Bhadrāsrenya, whom, because he was a child, Divodāsa had not killed. Then Pratardana, son of Divodāsa, took it from Durdama. Alarka, grandson of Divodāsa and king of Kāśis, again established Vārānasi. This legend may contain some germs of truth, viz. that Vārānasi had become devastated several times and had often changed hands. The Vāyupurāṇa (chap. 92) and the Brahmapurāṇa (chap. 11) also contain the same legends of Dhanvantari, Divodāsa, and Alarka and the vicissitudes of Vārānasi.

1409 a. काशिष्वपि द्रुपो राजन् दिवोदासपितामहः । हर्षश्च इति निरुपातो भूषु जयता वरः ॥ अष्टाशतन 30 10.

1410. महावीर्यो महापालः काशीनाम्नीश्वरः प्रभुः । दिवोदास इति रुपातो भैमसेनिर्न- राधिपः ॥ उद्योग 117.1.

1411. सौदेवस्तथ काशीसो दिवोदासोऽप्यविन्यतः । वाराणसीं महातेजा निर्ममे शकः शासनात् ॥ त्रिपदात्रियसम्बाधा वैश्यशूद्रसमाकुलात् । नैकद्वयोद्वयवर्ती समृद्धविपयायणात् । मङ्गलाया उच्छरे कृते वपान्ते राजसत्तमः । गोमत्या दक्षिणे कृते शक्त्येवामरावतीम् । अष्टाशतन 30. 15-18.



In the Mahābhāṣya Patañjali states (vol. I. p. 380,) that Vārāṇasī is alongside of Gangā and on Pān. IV. 3. 84 (vol. II. p. 313) he informs us that traders call Vārāṇasī Jitvari.

Ancient Buddhist works show that Banaras was, in the times of Buddha (5th Century B. C. at the latest), a great and famous city like Campā, Rājagṛha, Śrāvastī, Sāketa and Kauśāmbī (vide Mahāparinibbānasutta, S. B. E. vol. XI p. 99 and Mahāsudassanasutta, *ibid.* p. 247). The very fact that Buddha attained Enlightenment at Gayā (which was an out of the way place and on the borders, if at all, of Āryāvarta), thought it necessary to travel hundreds of miles from Gayā and preach his doctrines at Banaras in the Deer-park and set rolling the wheel of the kingdom of Dharma at that place, clearly indicates that Banaras had then become a very holy place and was in the centre of all Aryan activities and culture (vide S. B. E. vol. XI. p. 153 and vol. XIII p. 90, Mahāvagga, S. B. E. vol. 17 p. 21). King Brahmadatta of Banaras figures in many *jātaka* stories. Hardly any part of the *jātaka* tales can be placed earlier than the 3rd century B. C. But it may be admitted that Banaras was well-known as the capital of Brahmadatta kings several centuries before Christ. The Matsyapurāṇa 273, while enumerating hundreds of kings bearing the same surnames, states that there were 100 Brahmadattas and 100 Kāśīs and Kuśās<sup>1412</sup>. But the very fact that Brahmadattas are separately mentioned from the Kāśīs largely reduces the value of this piece of information. The ancient Jain works also speak of Banaras and Kāśī. In the Kalpasūtra it is said that Arhat Pārśva was born in Banaras in the month of Caitra on the 4th day of the dark fortnight (S. B. E. vol. XXII p. 271) and that when Mahāvīra died the 18 confederate kings of Kāśī and Kosala along with other kings of the Licchavis and Mallakis instituted an illumination on the day of the New Moon (*ibid.* p. 266). Āśvaghoṣa appears to identify Vārāṇasī with Kāśī when he says in his Buddhacarita 'Having entered Vārāṇasī, the Jina (Buddha) illumining the city with his light filled the minds of all the inhabitants of Kāśī with excessive interest.'<sup>1413</sup> The Buddhacarita further speaks of Buddha as having gone under the shadow of a tree near Vanārā (S. B. E. vol. 49 part 1 p.

1412. शतमेक धार्तराष्ट्रं ह्यशीतिर्जनमेजयाः। शतं वै ब्रह्मदत्तानां वीराणां कुरवः शतम्। ततः शतं च पञ्चालाः शतं काशिकुशादयः॥ मत्स्य. 273. 72-73.

1413. वाराणसीं प्रविश्याथ भासा सम्भासयञ्जितः। चकार काशीदेशीयान् कीर्तुकां कीर्तयेततः॥ इज्जचरित 15 101.

169), which is probably the Varanā. It is thus clear that Varānasi and Kāśī had become synonyms at least sometime about the first century A. D. In the Vāyupurāṇa 45.110 *Kāśī-kośalāh* figure among the countries of Madhyadeśa.

In the Visnupurāṇa we have the story of Paundraka Vāsudeva who challenged Kṛṣṇa and asked the latter to surrender his *Cakra* and other symbols. He was helped by the king of Kāśī. The combined armies of Paundraka and Kāśīrāja attacked Kṛṣṇa who killed Paundraka and cut off Kāśīrāja's head (with his discus) which fell in the city of Kāśī. His son performed austerities, propitiated Śankara and secured from him a *Kṛtyā* (ogress) which entered Varānasi. Kṛṣṇa's discus in pursuit of her burnt the whole of Varānasi together with its king, his servants and citizens. In this account from the Visnupurāṇa (V 34) the names Kāśī, Varānasi and Avimukta are employed as synonyms (verses 14, 21, 25, 30, 39). The same legend occurs in the same words in Brahmapurāṇa, chap 207 and is briefly referred to in Sabhāparva, chap. 14 18-20 and chap. 34. 11.

From the above-mentioned accounts in the Epic and Purāṇas about Kāśī and Mahādeva, various conclusions<sup>1414</sup> have been drawn by writers, viz. that Mahādeva was a god of the non-Aryans, that Banaras was a centre of non-Aryan worship for a long time after the advent of the Aryans and that the people of Banaras, though they ultimately turned to the Aryan religion, were more interested in the philosophic speculations of the Upanisadic age. I dissent from most of these conclusions. We are on most unsafe ground as regards these conclusions. None of the extant Purāṇas can claim to be older than the 3rd or 4th century A. D. Most people in India lived and even now live a humdrum, placid and unattractive life in which there is nothing to satisfy the ordinary man's appetite for the mysterious, the unusual and the horrible. The purāṇas contain stories that may be divided into several classes and that satisfied the above-mentioned cravings of the common man. Many of the

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1414. Vide, for example, Prof. A S Altekar's 'History of Benares,' pp 2-7. The Nāradya (uttara, chap. 29)<sup>1</sup> states that Banaras was at first the city of Mādhava, but later on became a *Saiva-ksetra*, is there any real historical basis here? If any historical conclusion is to be drawn from this statement of the Nāradyapurāṇa it would be exactly the opposite of what Prof. Altekar has drawn, viz. that the non-Aryans scored a cultural victory over the Aryans at Banaras.

legends contained in the purāṇas were meant for the entertainment of common people, just as even in these days millions in Western countries read with relish detective stories and crime club fiction. Some *paurāṇic* legends had a serious purpose in view viz emphasizing religious or philosophical dogma or moral values and standards and were clothed in a supernatural garb to make them striking and effective. Only a few legends have some historical basis, but the latter is evidently smothered in a mass of exaggerations and prejudices for or against a hero, or a caste, class, tribe or family. It is hardly fair to draw far-reaching historical conclusions from heterogeneous materials in the purāṇas about the conditions of things that prevailed several hundreds or thousands of years before they were compiled. The purāṇas often speak of the quarrels and bickerings among high gods and sages. For example, the Visṇupurāṇa V. 30.65 speaks of a fight between Indra and Kṛṣṇa. Was Kṛṣṇa a non-Aryan god originally? Ganeśa's left tooth was shattered by the missile of Paraśurāma who comes to fight with Rāma, both being supposed to be *avatāras* of Viṣṇu. The sage Bhṛgu curses Viṣṇu, Gautama curses Indra, Māṇḍavya curses Dharma (vide for all these, Brahmāṇḍa II. 27. 21-25).

In several purāṇas Kāśī or Vārāṇasī has been lauded and described at great length. Vide Matsya 180-185 (411 verses), Kūrma 1.31-35 (verses 226), Lingapurāṇa (pūrvabhāga, chap. 92, verses 190), Padma (Ādikhaṇḍa 33-37, verses 170), Agni 112, Skanda, Kāśikhanda, chap 6 ff, Nāradya (uttara, chap. 48-51). The Kāśikhanda alone has about 15000 verses<sup>1415</sup> on Banaras and its sub-tīrthas. In the Padmapurāṇa the sages are said to have asked Bhṛgu five questions, viz what is the greatness of Kāśī, how it is to be understood, who should resort to it, what is its extent (or boundaries) and by what means it (Kāśī) can be secured. In the Skandapurāṇa,

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1415. Dr. Fitz-Edward Hall (Introduction to Sherring's work p. XXXII n. 3) criticizes Dr Wilson for holding that the greater part of the Kāśīkhanda is anterior to the first attack on Banaras by Mahmud of Ghazni and holds that it is later than the Ghaznvide invader. Dr. Hall advances hardly any convincing reasons. The work of Alberuni is definite that Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni had not spread his depredations as far as Banaras (vide Sachau, vol. 1 p. 22) 'This is the reason why Hindu Sciences ..have fled to places which our hand cannot yet reach, to Kashmir, Benares and other places' The Kaipātaru on Tīrtha quotes about one hundred verses on Vārāṇasī

Kāśikhanda <sup>1416</sup> (chap. 26, 2-5) the following questions are asked, viz. from what time this holy place Avimukta became highly famous, how it received the name Avimukta, how it became the way to *mokṣa*, how the pool of Manikarnika became an object of worship to the three worlds, what was there formerly (when) the Ganges was not there, how it came to be called Vārānasi, Kāśī, Rudrāvāsa, how it came to be Ānandakānana (the forest of bliss) and then Avimukta and Mahāśmaśāna (the great cemetery).

Banaras has been known for centuries under five different names viz. Vārānasi, Kāśī, Avimukta, Ānandakānana and Śmaśāna or Mahāśmaśāna. The Kāśikhanda states that Śāṅkara first called it Ānandakānana and then Avimukta, <sup>1417</sup>

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from the Skandapurāṇa and holds the latter work to be as authoritative as the Matsyapurāṇa, Lingapurāṇa and other Purāṇas. The Kalpataru of Lalshmi-dhara was composed about 1110 A. D. (vide Prof. Aiyangar's Introduction to Tīrthakāṇḍa pp. XVIII-XIX). Therefore a century or two at least before 1100 A. D. there existed a Skandapurāṇa, part of which contained a eulogium of Banaras. Unfortunately the present printed Kāśīkhanda of the Skanda does not agree with the quotations from the Skanda given by the Kalpataru. A curious state of things is divulged as regards the quotations from Skanda in the Kalpataru. For example, on pp. 36-37 of the Kalpataru on Tīrtha, about 19 verses are quoted from Skanda which occur verbatim in the Lingapurāṇa, chap. 92. 120-142 (with the addition of some half verses). Similarly, on p. 44 of the Kalpataru three verses are quoted from Skanda, which are the same as Līnga. 92. 87-89. On p. 42 Kalpataru quotes one verse about Goprekṣeśvara from Skanda which is quoted from the Lingapurāṇa by Tri. S. p. 171. Some of the Purāṇas say that the Skanda has 81101 verses (Matsya 53. 42-43). But the Skanda printed at the Venkatesvara press contains several thousand verses more. It appears that there were different recensions of the Skanda. The Tri. S. quotes verses from specific chapters of the Kāśīkhanda which are generally found in the printed work. Vide p. 193 (for chap. 30), 190 (for chap. 32), p. 144 (for chap. 34), p. 160 for chap. 45, p. 154 for chap. 49, pp. 157 and 200 for chap. 61 etc.

1416. किं माहात्म्यं कथं वेद्यं सेव्या कैश्च द्विजोत्तम। परिमाणं च तस्या. किं केनोपायेन लभ्यते॥ पद्म, पातालखण्ड q. by त्रिस्थली० p. 72, अविमुक्तमिदं क्षेत्रं कदास्म्यं भुवस्तले। परा प्रथितनायकं मोक्षार्थं चाभवत्कथम्॥ कथमेवा त्रिलोकीडया गीयते मणि-कणिका। तत्रासीत्किं शुरा स्वामिन् यदा नामरनिम्नगा॥ वारणसीति काशीति रुद्रागस्त इति प्रभो। अवाप नामधेयानि कथमेतानि सा शुरी। आनन्दकाननं रम्यमविमुक्तमनन्तरम्। महाश्मशानमिति च कथं ख्यातं शिखिध्वज॥ स्कन्द, काशी० 26 2-5.

1417. अस्यानन्दवनं नाम सुराकारि पिनाकिना। क्षेत्रस्यानन्ददेहेतुत्वादविमुक्तमनन्तरम् स्कन्द, काशी० 26 34 q. by त्रिस्थली० p. 89 (reads निरन्तर)

A few words must be said about the derivation and significance of these words as gathered from the Purāṇas and other works. And first comes Kāśī. It is derived from the root *kāś* 'to shine.' The Skandapurāṇa<sup>1418</sup> says that the city of Kāśī became famous by that name because it sheds light on (the way to) nirvāṇa (final release) or because that indescribable refulgence, viz. God Śiva shines forth there. The name Vārāṇasī is derived in several Purāṇas from the names of two streams Varanā<sup>1419</sup> (modern Bārṇā) and Asi, which are respectively the northern and southern boundaries of the modern city. From the passages quoted below from the Skandapurāṇa (Kāśī-khaṇḍa) it appears that Asi is the correct form of the name of the river. The names most frequently used in the Purāṇas are Vārāṇasī and Avimukta. In the Jābālopaniṣad<sup>1420</sup> the words Avimukta, Varanā and Nāsī are brought together in an esoteric sense. "Atri asked Yājñavalkya: how is one to know the unmanifested Self? Yājñavalkya explained that he was to be worshipped in Avimukta, since the self is centered in Avimukta. Then a question was asked: in what is Avimukta centered or established? The reply is that Avimukta is established in the midst of Varanā and Nāsī. Varanā is so called because it

1418. काशीतेऽत्र यतो ज्योतिस्तदनाख्येयमीश्वर । अतो नामापरं चास्तु काशीति प्रथितं विभो ॥ स्कन्द, काशी० 26 67 q by त्रिस्थली० p 88, प्रापयामास तां गङ्गां वैलीपिः पुरतश्चरन् । निर्वाणकाशनाद्यत्र काशीति प्रथिता इति । स्कन्द, काशी० 30 5, काशी ब्रह्मेति विख्यातं तद्विभवो जगद्धम । अविमुक्त तदेवाहुः काशीति ब्रह्मवादिनः ॥ q. by त्रिस्थली० p. 58.

1419 वरणायास्तथा चास्या मध्ये वाराणसी इति । पद्म, आदि 33 49, कूर्मे I 31 63 (reads हस्या), वरणासी नदी यावत्तावच्छृङ्गनदी (शृङ्गनदी?) तु वै । मत्स्य 183 62; अस्मिन् वरणा यत्र क्षेत्ररक्षाकृतौ कृते । वाराणसीति विख्याता तदारभ्य महामते । अस्मिन् वरणायाश्च सङ्गम प्राप्य काशिका । स्कन्द, काशी० 30 69-70, वरणा च नदी नासी मध्ये वाराणसी तयो । अग्नि. 112 6 नासी appears to be a misreading for चासी In काशीखण्ड 30 18 there is a pun on the word अस्ति (a sword, the river) 'अस्ति महासिख्वा च प्राप्य सम्मतिखण्डनीम् ।'; दक्षिणोत्तरदिग्भागे कृत्वासिं वरणा इरा । क्षेत्रस्य मोक्ष-निक्षेपक्षानिर्गृतिमायुः ॥ क्षेत्रस्य पश्चादिग्भागे तं देहलिङ्गिनायकम् । काशीखण्ड 30 20-21, वरणा (वरणा?) च असी चापि द्वे नद्यौ सुरबहुभे । अन्तरालं तयो. क्षेत्रं मध्ये (बध्या?) न विज्ञाते क्वचित् । पद्म V 14 191 बध्या means हत्या. The वामनपुराण, after stating that काशीक्षेत्र is between वरणा and आसी (3 28 ff) contains a poetic description of वाराणसी with श्लोक्स quite in the style of Bāna 'तारामणे कुलीनत्वं मेघे वृक्षच्छ्रुतिविभो' (v 38).

1420 अथ हैममित्रि, पत्रच्छ याज्ञवल्क्यम् । य एषोऽनन्तोऽन्यत्क आत्मा तं कथमहं विजानीयामिति । सहावाच याज्ञवल्क्यः । सोऽविमुक्त उपारय । य एषोऽनन्तोऽन्यत्क आत्मा सोऽविमुक्तं प्रतिष्ठित इति । सोऽविमुक्त कास्मिन् प्रतिष्ठित इति । वरणाया चास्या च मध्ये प्रतिष्ठित इति । का वै वरणा का च नासीति । सर्वानिन्द्रियकृतान्दोषान्धारयतीति वरणा भवति । सर्वानिन्द्रियकृतान्प्राप्ताकाशयतीति तेन नासी भवतीति । कतमच्चास्य स्थान भवतीति । भुवो-प्राणस्य च यः सन्धिः स एष बोलोकरय परस्य च सन्धिर्भवतीति । जाबालोप० 2nd para, H. D. 79

wards off all faults due to the senses and Nāsi destroys all sins due to the senses. Then a question is asked. what is its location (sthāna)? The reply is that it is the conjunction of the eyebrows and the nose i. e. the upāsana (contemplation) of Avimukta is to be made as located in the span between the eyebrows and the root of the nose." Here it will be seen that Varanā and Nāsi are the names (and not Varanā and Asi). The Vamanapurāṇa employs the form Asi (15.50-53). The same is the case with the Padma.

The name Avimukta has generally been explained as derived from the negative particle 'na' (for which 'a' is substituted) and vimukta (forsaken). Many Purāṇas say that the holy place is so called because it was never forsaken by Śiva (sometimes both Śiva and his consort) <sup>1421</sup> In the Lingapurāṇa another derivation is suggested <sup>1422</sup> "avi means 'sin'; that holy place is devoid of sin". The Kāśikhanda (39.74) states that originally the *kṣetra* was called Ānandakānana and then Avimukta because though Śiva went to stay on Mandara mountain he did not leave it entirely but left his *liṅga* there

Varānasi is very dear to Śiva, it gives him joy and therefore it is called Ānandavana or Ānandakānana. <sup>1423</sup> It is also styled Śmaśāna or Mahāśmaśāna for various reasons. As a belief was entertained by all people that death in Banaras freed a man from *samsāra*, and as the thoughts and aspirations of pious Hindus ran in the direction of dying on the sacred soil of Banaras, the old and decrepit crowded therein and persons seriously ill got themselves removed or were removed to the banks of the Ganges when about to die and were cremated there. Cremation of corpses is always seen on the Manikarnika *ghāt* near the Ganges. A śmaśāna (cemetery) is considered impure but Banaras with the sacred Ganges was purest in spite of being always the cremation ground for thousands in a year.

1421. मुने मलयकालेपि न तस्मै कदाचन । शिवो हि शिवस्या यद्विमुक्तं तवे विदुः ॥ स्कन्द, काशी 26.27 q by त्रिस्थली p. 89; लिङ्गपुराण (पूर्वार्ध) 92. 45-46 विमुक्तं न मया यस्मान्नोदयते वा कदाचन । मम क्षेत्रमिदं तस्मादपि मुक्तमिति रघुतम्. , also the same verse is नारदीय (उत्तर) 48 24 vide मत्स्य. 180 54 and 181.15, अष्टि. 112.2 and लिङ्ग I 92. 104

1422. अविशन्वेन वायस्तु वेदोक्तं ऋषयः द्विजैः । तेन मुक्तं मया श्रुतमपि मुक्तमंतर्यमनं लिङ्ग (पूर्वार्ध) 92 143

1423. यथा प्रियतमा देवि मम त्वं सर्वशुद्धिदः । तथा प्रियतरं स्वर्गं मदानन्दानन्दम् ॥ काशीखण्ड 32.111; अविमुक्तं परं क्षेत्रं जन्तूनां मुक्तिदं तदा । नैवेन मर्तं पीमा विदेया न्नरणास्तिके ॥ लिङ्ग I. 91 76.

The Skanda says. <sup>1424</sup> 'sma' means a corpse and 'śāna' means 'lying down'; when the end of the world comes, the great elements lie here as corpses and therefore this place is called Mahāśmaśāna." The Padmapurāna <sup>1425</sup> makes Śiva say - 'Avimukta is a famous cemetery becoming the Destroyer (or the Time Spirit) I being here destroy the world'. Matsya very frequently speaks of Vārānasi as Śmaśāna. The Kāśikhandā states: if a man after reaching the great cemetery dies there by fate he has never again to lie in the cemetery (i. e. he is not born again).

Although generally Kāśī, Vārānasi and Avimukta are used as synonyms in the Purānas, in some passages a distinction is made between these as to extent. The passages quoted above (in note 1419) show that Vārānasi is bounded by the Varanā and Asi on the north and south, <sup>1426</sup> the Ganges on the east and the shrine of Vināyaka in the west. Ain. A. (vol II p. 158) remarks that Benares is a large city situated between the rivers Barnā and Asi and that it is built in the form of a bow of which the Ganges forms the string. The Matsyapurāna <sup>1427</sup> states: 'that ksetra is two *yojanas* and a half east and west and half a *yojana* broad north and south; out of this Vārānasi extends up to the dry river (viz. Asi)'. The first part appears to deal with the entire Kāśiksetra which according to the Padmapurāna <sup>1428</sup> comprised the tract covered by a circle the radius of which was the line joining Madhyameśvara-linga

1424. इमंज्ञानं देव भोक्त. ज्ञानं ज्ञानलक्ष्यते। निर्वचन्ति इमंज्ञानार्थं मुने ज्ञानार्थं कोविदा। नहान्त्यपि च भूतानि मलये सङ्गपस्थिते। ईरतेच शवा भूत्वा इमंज्ञानं तु ततो महत्। स्कन्द, काशी 30 103-4; वाराणसीति काशीति रुद्रावाच इति द्विज। महाइमंज्ञानमित्येवं भोक्तमानन्दकाननम्। *ibid* 30 111.

1425. इमंज्ञाननेतद्विख्यातमविमुक्तमिति श्रुतम्। कालो भूत्वा जगदिदं संहराम्यत्र मुन्दति॥ पद्म. I. 33 14, परं ग्रह्य समाख्यातं इमंज्ञानमिति संज्ञितम्। मत्स्य. 184 5, इमंज्ञानमिति विख्यातमविमुक्तं शिवालयम्। मत्स्य. 184.19, क्षेत्राणामुत्तमं चैव इमंज्ञानानां तथैव च। मत्स्य 184.26, vide also मत्स्य 182 6, महाइमंज्ञानमासाद्य यदि देवादिपश्यते। पुनः इमंज्ञानज्ञानं न कापि लभते पुमान्। काशीखण्ड 31.130.

1426 दक्षिणोत्तरयोर्नद्यो वराणासिश्च पूर्वतः। जाह्नवी पश्चिमे चापि पाशापाणिर्गणेश्वरः॥ पद्म, पातालखण्ड p. 100, तीर्थम. p. 175.

1427. द्विपोजनमार्थं च तत्क्षेत्रं पूर्वपश्चिमम्। अर्धपोजनविस्तीर्णं दक्षिणोत्तरम्। स्तुतम्। वाराणसी तदीया च यावच्छुक्लनदी (शुक्लनदी?) तु वै। एष क्षेत्ररपि विस्तारः भोक्तो द्वेभ्यो धीमता॥ मत्स्य 184 50-52

1428. मध्यनेश्वरमारभ्य यावद्देहलिबिधनयम्। सूत्रं संस्थाप्य तद्विधुं आमयेष्मन्धलाकृति। तत्र या जायते रेखा तन्मध्ये क्षेत्रमुत्तमम्। काशीति पश्चिदुर्वेदास्तत्र मुक्तिः भविष्यति॥ काशीयां तु परम क्षेत्रं विशेषफलसाधनम्। वाराणसीति विख्यातं तन्मानं निर्गदोमि ध.॥ पद्म, पातालखण्ड p. by चिरपत्नी = p 100, तीर्थम. p 175

with the shrine of Dehali-Ganeśa. The Matsyapurāṇa (in chap. 183.61-62) makes it two *yojanas* in extent. Agni 112.6 also does the same. But that is only approximate. The actual distance covered by a *yojana* varied. Vide H. of Dh vol III pp. 145-146 n. 185. Rhys Davids in 'Numismata Orientalia' (London, 1877) after examining 30 passages from Pali texts comes to the conclusion that a *yojana* was equal to about 7 or 8 miles. Avimukta is said to be that part of the holy place which is represented by a radius of 200 *dhanus* (1 s. 800 *hastas* or about 1200 feet) in all four directions from the shrine of Viśveśvara.<sup>1429</sup> There was no unanimity on the extent of Avimukta. In Kāśikhaṇḍa Avimukta<sup>1429a</sup> is said to be five *kośas* in extent. But there Avimukta appears to stand for Kāśī. The innermost<sup>1430</sup> circle in the holy Kāśiksetra is defined as that between Gokarnesvara to the west, the mid stream of the Ganges to the east, Bhārabhūta to the north and Brahmesvara to the south. A few more passages on the extent of the sacred place of Banaras may be cited here in one place. The Lingapurāṇa<sup>1431</sup> says 'this ksetra is declared to be four *kośas* (in extent) in the four directions and also one *yojana*'. The Nāradiyapurāṇa<sup>1432</sup> puts the extent thus '(The ksetra) extends over two *yojanas* and a half from east to west and is half a *yojana* wide from north to south, god Sambhu declared the extent of the ksetra between the rivers Varuṇā and Asī (which latter is) a dried-up stream' In the Padmapurāṇa<sup>1433</sup>

1429. विश्वेश्वरान्नतुर्दिक्षु धनुःशतयुगोन्मितम् । अविसृक्ताभिर्धं क्षेत्रं मुक्तिस्तत्र न संशयः । पक्ष, पातालखण्ड q by त्रिस्थलीः p. 101, तीर्थप. p. 175. A धनुः is equal to four हस्तः. Vide note 1337 above.

1429 a. अविसृक्तं महाक्षेत्रं पञ्चकोशपरिमितम् । उद्योतिर्लिङ्गं तदेकं हि क्षेत्रं विश्वेश्वराभिधम् ॥ काशीखण्ड 26. 31

1430. गोकर्णेशः पश्चिमे पूर्वतश्च गङ्गामध्वसुत्तरे भारभूतः । ब्रह्मेशानो दक्षिणे संपदिदस्त-  
त्तु प्रोक्तं भवनं विश्वमर्तुः । पक्ष, पातालखण्ड q by त्रिस्थलीः p. 101, काशीखण्ड (74. 45-46) is similar 'पूर्वतो मणिकर्णेशो ब्रह्मेशो दक्षिणे स्थितः । पश्चिमे चैव गोकर्णं भारभूतस्तथोत्तरे' इत्येतदुत्तम क्षेत्रमविसृक्तं महाफलम् ।

1431. चतुःकोशं चतुर्दिक्षु क्षेत्रमेतत्प्रकीर्तितम् । योजनं लिङ्गं चार्धं हि सृष्ट्यकालेऽमुत-  
मवम् । लिङ्गपुराण, पूर्वार्ध, 92. 99-100 तीर्थप. p. 340 and त्रिस्थलीः p. 103 quote this verse as from स्कन्द

1432. द्वियोजनमथार्धं च पूर्वपश्चिमतः स्थितम् । अर्धयोजनविस्तीर्णं दक्षिणोत्तरतः स्थितम् ॥ वरुणासी नदी यावदस्तिः क्षुण्कनदी ह्युभे । एष क्षेत्रस्य विस्तारः प्रोक्तो देवेन शम्भुना ॥ गारदीय (उत्तर chap. 48. 18-19).

1433. पञ्चकोशममाणेन क्षेत्रं दत्तं मया तव । क्षेत्रमवधायदा गङ्गा गमिष्यति सतिदरा । तेन सा महती क्षुण्या पुरी रुद्र भविष्यति । क्षुण्या चोदकस्ती गङ्गा यच्च याची सरस्वती । उद-  
कस्ती योजने द्वे गच्छन्ती जान्वी नदी ॥ पक्ष (सुद्धिखण्ड 14. 194-196).



Brahmā is supposed to have said to Rudra 'I have given you a ksetra of the extent of five krośas; when the best of rivers, Gangā, will flow through this ksetra, the city will be great and holy, the Ganges, as it flows northwards (in Banaras) for two yojanas, will be holy'. If in any texts there be any differences between the extents of Avimukta, it must be supposed that there is an option, <sup>1434</sup> (or, as the Tir. C. suggests, the differences refer to different *kalpas* i. e. ages). It is clear that Vārānaśī was that strip of land, the four boundaries of which were the Ganges to the east, Asi to the south, the shrine of Dehali-Vināyaka to the west and the river Varanā to the north. In the 7th century Hiouen T'sang, the Chinese pilgrim, notes that Banaras was 18 *lis* (about 3½ miles) in length and about 5 or 6 *lis* (a little more than a mile) in breadth. This makes it clear that the city was then bounded as now by the Varanā and Asi. Vide Beal's B. R. W. W. (vol II p. 44).

Verses laudatory of the greatness and uniqueness of Vārānaśī literally run into thousands. All that can be done here is to set out a few characteristic verses. The Vanaparva observes. <sup>1435</sup> a person coming to Avimukta and resorting to the sacred place becomes free from the sin of brāhmana-murder by merely seeing the (image of the) Lord of gods (i. e. Viśveśvara) and if he dies there he secures *moksa*. The Matsyapurāṇa <sup>1436</sup> contains many striking passages about the unique greatness of Banaras "Vārānaśī is always my most secret place; it is always the cause of moksa for all beings. Moksa may be effected in Prayāga or in this city because I have taken it under my protection, this place is greater than even Prayāga, the foremost among tīrthas. All the sins <sup>1437</sup> that a man may have

1434. अत्र लैङ्गस्कान्दालोचनया कृत्तिवासमध्यमेऽवरयोश्चतुर्विधु योजनमितम-  
विमुक्तम् । पादे तु विश्वेश्वरात्सर्वतो घटुःशतद्वयमितम् । तथा चात्र परिमाणविकल्पः ।  
त्रिस्थली p. 103.

1435. अविमुक्त समासाद्य तीर्थसिखी क्रुद्धह । दर्शनाद्देवदेवस्य मुच्यते ब्रह्महत्याया ॥  
प्राणान्तरूप्य तत्रैव मोक्ष प्राप्नोति मानवः ॥ वनपर्व 84 79-80.

1436. इदं शुद्धतम क्षेत्रं सदा चाराणसी मम । सर्वेषामेव भूतानां हेतुर्नोक्षस्य सर्वदा ॥  
मत्स्य 180. 47 q. by तीर्थकल्पः p 12 (reads जन्तूनां for भूतानाम्) This is the  
same as लिङ्ग, पूर्वार्ध 92. 38, प्रयागे च भवेन्मोक्ष इह वा मत्परिग्रहात् । प्रयागादपि तीर्थ-  
न्यादिदमेव महत् स्मृतम् ॥ मत्स्य 180. 56-57 quoted by तीर्थकल्प p. 13 with some  
additions. It explains 'इदमेव महत्स्मृतमित्यलपायासेनैवात्र मोक्षप्राप्तेः'. This is also  
लिङ्गपुराण, पूर्वार्ध 92. 48.

1437. जन्मान्तरसहस्रेण यत्पार्ष पूर्वसाधितम् । अविमुक्तं भविष्यस्य तत्सर्वं व्रजति क्षयम् ।  
... ब्राह्मणाः क्षत्रिया वैद्या. शूद्रा वै वर्णसङ्कराः । कुमिल्लच्छात्र ये चान्ये सङ्कीर्णाः पापयोनयः ।  
फालेन निधन प्राप्ता अविमुक्ते कृष्ण धिये । चन्द्रार्धनौलिनः सर्वे ललाटाक्षा वृषध्वजाः । शिबे  
मम हुरे देवि मोदन्ते तेन मानवाः ॥ मत्स्य 181 17-21 = पद्म I 33 17-20, q. by तीर्थकल्पः  
p. 15. The verse ब्राह्मणाः occurs in नारदीय (उत्तर 48 51-52).

accumulated in thousands of past lives are destroyed the moment he enters Avimukta, brāhmanas, ksatriyas, vaiśyas, sūdras, persons born of mixed marriages, worms, *mlecchas* and others born of low mixed unions, insects, ants, birds and beasts, when they succumb to death in course of time all find happiness in my auspicious city, all being endowed with a crescent of the moon on their heads, with a (third) eye on their forehead and have a bull as their conveyance." A person,<sup>1438</sup> even though his mind may be addicted to pleasures of sense and though he may have given up devotion to *dharma*, if he dies in this place (Banaras) he does not again enter upon the path of *samsāra* (the cycle of births and deaths); a man concentrating his mind for thousands of past lives may secure Yoga; but by dying (in Banaras) he secures the highest moksa in this very life. Even if a man be a sinner<sup>1439</sup> or a rogue or irreligious he becomes free from all sins if he goes to Avimukta. Other women,<sup>1440</sup> that act as they like and are intently devoted to enjoyments, when they die here by lapse of time secure the highest worlds. In this world moksa<sup>1441</sup> cannot be secured by men without the (practice of) Yoga; but in the case of those who reside in Avimukta Yoga and moksa are both secured. For planets,<sup>1442</sup> lunar mansions and stars there is the danger of falling (from the sky) in course of time but there is no fall for those who die in Avimukta. Whatever<sup>1443</sup> evil actions may have been committed by an evil-minded man or woman, knowingly or unknow-

1438 विषयासक्तचित्तोऽपि त्यक्तधर्मरतिर्नरः। इह क्षेत्रे मृत सोऽपि सप्तारं न पुनर्विदेत् ॥ जन्मान्तरसहस्रेषु पुञ्जम् योगमवाप्नुयात्। तस्मिन्नेव परं मोक्षं मरणादधिगच्छति॥  
मत्स्य. 180, 71 and 74. इह क्षेत्रे—refer to Banaras and इह means अस्मिन् जन्मनि. These two verses occur in लिङ्गपुराण, पूर्वार्धे 92 63 and 66 and काशीखण्ड 86. 122 is similar to the first verse.

1439. यदि पापो यदि शठो यदि वाऽधार्मिको नरः। मृच्यते सर्वपापेभ्यो ऽविमुक्तं ब्रजेद्यदि॥ मत्स्य 183. 11, q. by तीर्थकल्प p 18 पक्ष (I. 33, 38) has the first half and reads the second half as वाराणसीं समासाद्य पुनाति सकलं कुलम्।

1440. अस्या याः कामचारिण्यः स्त्रियो भोगपरायणाः। कालेन निघनं प्राप्ता गच्छन्ति परमां गतिम्॥ मत्स्य 184, 36.

1441. न हि योगादते मोक्षः प्राप्यते ह्यविमानवैः। अविमुक्ते निवसता योगो मोक्षश्च सिध्यति॥ मत्स्य 185, 15-16 q by तीर्थकल्प p. 17.

1442. ब्रह्मक्षत्रवाराणां कालेन पतनाद्भयम्। अविमुक्ते मृतानां तु पतनं नैव विद्यते॥ मत्स्य 185, 61 = काशीखण्ड 64.96 (reads कालेन पतनं भुवम्).

1443. अज्ञानाज्ज्ञानतो वापि स्त्रिया वा धुच्येण वा। यस्मिन्निदृशं कर्म कृतं चैव कुड्मिना॥ अविमुक्तं प्रविष्टस्य तत्सर्वं भस्मसाद्भवेत्॥ नारदीय (उत्तर) 48. 33-34; वरं काशीपुरावासी म्लेच्छोऽपि हि ह्युमायतिः। नाम्यभ्रयो दीक्षितोपि स हि मुक्तिर्भाजनम्॥ काशी 85, 15.

ingly—all those are reduced to ashes when he enters Avimukta. Even a *mleccha* resident in Kāśī is better, since his future will be blissful, but not one residing elsewhere, though he may be a *dikṣita*, because he will not be a recipient of *mukti*."

In some passages a mystic flavour is imparted to Vārānasi and the rivers. For example, the Kāśīkhaṇḍa says that Asi is the Idā nādi, Varanā is the Pingalā nādi, Avimukta is susumnā and Vārānasi is all the three.<sup>1444</sup> The Lingapurāṇa, however, puts the matter somewhat differently. It holds that Asi (the dried-up river), Varanā and Matsyodarī (i. e. Ganges) are respectively the Pingalā, Idā and Susumnā.

It is time now to turn to the individual sacred spots in Banaras. It is stated in some of the Purāṇas<sup>1445</sup> that at every step in the Kāśīksetra there is a holy place and that there is not even as much space as a sesamum seed in Kāśī which has not a *līṅga* (emblem of Śiva). As a matter of fact the Kāśīkhaṇḍa names 64 *lingas* in chap. 10 alone. But one must look to the *tīrthas* that are specifically named. Hiouen Thsang says that there were one hundred temples at Banaras in his day and he speaks of a temple where the copper image of Deva Maheśvara was a little less than 100 feet high (vide Beal's B R. W. W. vol. II. pp. 44-45). Unfortunately, the fanatical zeal and ruthlessness of Moslem rulers demolished almost all Hindu temples at different times from 1194 to about 1670 A. D. Mosques and mausoleums were erected on their sites, and the materials of the temples thus razed were used in constructing mosques and for serving as breakwaters &c. Kutubdin Aibak destroyed about 1000 temples in 1194 A. D (vide Elliot and Dowson's 'History of India', vol. II p. 222) Alauddin Khilji boasted that he had destroyed one thousand temples in Banaras alone (vide Sherring p. 31, Havell p. 76). About 1585 A. D. Nārāyaṇa-bhaṭṭa re-established the temple of Viśvanātha with the help

1444 सद्योवाचेति जाबालिराकण्डसिरिडा नता। वरणा पिङ्गला नाडी तदन्तरव-  
विस्तृतकम्॥ सा सुषुम्णा परा नाडी त्रयं वाराणसी त्वसौ॥ स्कन्द, काशी- 5 25, compare  
नारदीय (उत्तर) 47 22-23; पिङ्गला नाम या नाडी आग्नेयी सा प्रकीर्तिता। शुक्ला सरिञ्च  
सा ज्ञेया लोलाकौ यत्र तिष्ठति॥ इडानान्नी च या नाडी सा सौम्या संप्रकीर्तिता। वरणा नाम  
सा ज्ञेया केशवो यत्र संस्थितः॥ आभ्यां नद्ये तु या नाडी सुषुम्णा सा प्रकीर्तिता॥ मत्स्योदरी  
च सा ज्ञेया विषुव तत्प्रकीर्तिता॥ लिङ्गपुराण p. by तीर्थचि p. 341, त्रिस्थली- pp.  
78-79.

1445. तीर्थानि सन्ति भूषांसि काश्यामत्र पदे पदे। न पञ्चनदीतीर्थस्य कोट्यंशेन समा-  
न्यपि॥ स्कन्द, काशी- 59 118, तिलान्तरापि नो काश्यां भूमिलिङ्गं विना कश्चित्। काशी-  
खण्ड 10. 103

of Rājā Todarmal<sup>1446</sup>. Even this temple was desecrated. The following passage from the Ma-A'sir-i-A'lamgiri quoted by Elliot and Dowson ('History of India,' vol. VII, p. 184) is instructive: "It reached the ears of his Majesty, the protector of the faith, that in the provinces of Thatta, Multan and Benares, but especially in the latter foolish brāhmanas were in the habit of expounding frivolous books in their schools and that students and learners, Musalmans as well as Hindus, went there even from long distances, led by a desire to become acquainted with the wicked sciences they taught. 'The Director of the Faith' consequently issued orders to all the governors of provinces to destroy with a willing hand the schools and temples of the infidels, and they were strictly enjoined to put an entire stop to the teaching and practising of idolatrous forms of worship. On the 15th Rabiul-lakhir (i. e. December 1669) it was reported to his religious Majesty, leader of the Unitarians, that in obedience to order, the Government officers had destroyed the temple of Bishnath at Benares."

A mosque, which still exists, was built on the site of the Viśveśvara temple by Aurangzeb, who even changed the name of Banaras to Muhammadabad. The result is that, as stated by Sherring (p. 32), it would be difficult to find twenty temples in the whole of Banaras of the age of Aurangzeb (1658-1707 A. D.). Many of the temples were built by the Maratha Chiefs and Sardars and during the British occupation many more were built. Prinsep calculated in about 1828 that there were in the Banaras city proper 1000 Hindu temples and 333 mosques; a more recent estimate puts the figures at 1454 temples and 272 mosques (Sherring<sup>1447</sup> pp. 41-42).

Viśveśvara or Viśvanātha is the tutelary deity of Banaras and the principal and most holy temple in it (vide n. 1429 a). It is prescribed that every resident of Kāśī must every day bathe in the Ganges and visit the temple of Viśveśvara (vide Tri S. p. 214). After Aurangzeb pulled down the temple of Viśvanātha, there was no shrine of Viśvanātha in Benares for over a hundred years. The *linga* was probably removed from place

1446. Vide Altakar pp. 47-48 and Introduction to my edition of the Vyavahāramayūkha p. VIII (Poona, 1926), where I cite a verse from the Dānabhāvalī-prakāśa of Divākarabhattacharya, a daughter's son of Nīlakantha, who was the grandson of Nārāyanabhattacharya.

1447. Havell (p. 76) remarks that there are 1500 temples and that smaller shrines or images in niches of walls or the like are countless.

to place as the vicissitudes of the times required and the pilgrims performed parts of the worship (such as *namaskāra* and circumambulation) at the site of the image, but they could not perform other portions of the worship such as bathing the image with Ganges water<sup>1448</sup>. The present temple of Viśvanātha was built in the last quarter of the 18th century by *Devī Akalyābāi* Holkar (Altekar, p. 57). The Tri. S. p. 183, while on the question of the appearance (*prādurbhāva*) of Viśveśvara, observes that there is no blemish in the case of the Viśveśvara-linga due to the touch of the untouchable, that every day Viśveśvara removes it by a bath in Manikarnikā at dawn and the worship offered by Himself and quotes a verse of the Sanat-kumāra-saṁhitā in support<sup>1449</sup>. What the Tri. S. means is: Generally great care is taken about *līṅgas*. All and sundry are not allowed to touch them but in the case of the Viśveśvara-linga any one, even a great sinner, may worship it and pour Ganges water over it. Whether Nārāyanabhatta meant that even the so-called untouchables might touch it is not clear.

It appears that Vācaspati<sup>1449a</sup> holds that Avimukteśvara linga is the same as Viśvanātha, but both the Tristhaṇi-setu (p. 296) and Tīr. Pr. (p. 187) reject this idea. The Skanda-purāṇa (Kāśī, 10, 93) mentions Viśveśvara and Avimukteśvara as separate *lingas*. Besides worshipping Viśvanātha, every pilgrim to Benares has to visit the five tīrthas<sup>1450</sup> (Pañcatīrthi). According to the Matsyapurāṇa the five essential tīrthas in the Ānandakānaṇa of Viśveśvara are Daśāśvamedha, Lolārka,<sup>1450a</sup>

1448. अत्र यद्यपि विश्वेश्वरलिङ्गं किञ्चिदपनीयतेऽन्यदानीयते च कालवशात्पुरुषै-  
रतथापि तत्स्थानस्थिते यस्मिन्कस्मिंश्चित्पूजादि कार्यम् । .. यद्यपि स्लेच्छादिदुष्टराजवशा-  
त्तस्मिन्स्थाने किञ्चिदपि लिङ्गं कदाचित् स्यात् तदापि प्रदक्षिणानमस्काराद्याः स्थानधर्म-  
भवन्येव । तावदेव च नित्ययात्रासिद्धिः । स्नापनादयस्तु साधिष्ठाना न भवन्तीति निर्णयः ।  
त्रिरथलीः p. 208, vide also तीर्थयक्षाङ्ग p. 219 (which states that there is no  
śāstric authority for this, but only usage of śāstas).

1449. विश्वेश्वरलिङ्गेऽप्युद्यत्स्पर्शनिवन्धनो दोषो नास्ति यत्तद्वत् तेनैव पूजया तत्तिरा-  
करणात् । तदुक्तं तत्रैव (सनत्कुमारसहितायां) । ब्रह्मे मुहूर्ते मणिकर्णिकार्या स्नाना समाराधयति  
स्वमेव । अस्युद्यत्स्पर्शविरोधानाय कलौ नराणां कृपया हिताय ॥.

1449 a. अविष्टकस्मशानोभयसंज्ञके क्षेत्रे शिवस्थापितमविरुक्तेश्वरे लिङ्गं विश्वनाथ-  
नाम्ना लोकप्रसिद्धम् । तीर्थचि. p. 360

1450 The Pañcatīrthi has received the highest judicial notice in  
*Maharani Hemanta Kumari v. Gauṇī Shankar* 68 I A 53 at p. 57.

1450 a. Lolārka is only one of the shrines of the Sun in Kāśī, vide  
Kāśīkhaṇḍa 10 83 (Lolārka-mukhya-sūryāṁśca pranamya ca punah punah)  
and 46 45-46, where the shrines of the twelve *Arkas* in Kāśī are enumerated  
as Lolārka, Jantārka, Sāmbāditya &c.

Kośava, Bindumādhava and Manikarnikā.<sup>1451</sup> In modern times the five essential tirthas called Pañcatirtha are the confluence of the Asi with the Ganges, the Daśāśvamedha ghāt, Manikarnikā, the Pañcagangā ghāt and the confluence of the river Varanā (called Bārṇā by the common people) with the Ganges. This is based on the Kāśikhanda.<sup>1452</sup> The shrine of Lolārka is situated at the confluence of the Asi (the southern boundary of Banaras) with the Ganges. The Kāśikhanda<sup>1453</sup> furnishes a popular etymology for the name Lolārka, viz. that the mind of the Sun on seeing Kāśī became agitated. The Asi is a tolerably wide stream (about 40 feet) in the rainy season, but is dry at other times. The several gigantic ghats with their flights of stone steps are a grand sight at Banaras. The Ganges while passing by Banaras takes a great sweep so that its mighty current flows in a northerly direction (that is towards the Himalaya) and is therefore held to be peculiarly holy here. The Daśāśvamedha-ghāt has been famed for centuries. Jayaswal's interpretation of the epithets applied to the Bhāraśivas in Vākātaka grants should be accepted viz. the Bhāraśivas were an imperial dynasty, were crowned with the holy waters of the Ganges and took their ceremonial baths on the Ganges at the end of ten Āśvamedha sacrifices, on account of which the Daśāśvamedha-ghāt<sup>1454</sup> at Banaras was so named (Jayaswal's 'History of India' 150 A. D.-350 A. D p. 5). In order to realize the grandeur of Banaras on the side of the river one must be at

1451. तीर्थानां पञ्चकं सारं विश्वेशानन्दकानने। दशाश्वमेध लोलार्कः केनापो पित्रु-  
माधवः। पञ्चमी तु महाश्रेष्ठा प्रोच्यते मणिकर्णिका। एभिस्तु तीर्थैर्वैश्व वर्यते हविषुककम् ॥  
मन्य० 185. 68-69.

1452. प्रथमं चासिसम्भेद तीर्थानां प्रवरं परम् । ततो दशाश्वमेधाख्य सर्वतीर्थनिदे-  
वितम् । ततः पादोदकं तीर्थमादिकेशवसन्निधौ । ततः पञ्चनदं गुण्य स्नानमात्रादप्युपदत् ।  
एतेषां पञ्चवीर्थानां चतुर्णामपि सत्तमः । पञ्चत मणिकर्णार्थं मनोवपवद्वाङ्मिदम् । पञ्चतीर्थ्या  
नरः स्नात्वा न देहं पाञ्चभौतिकम् । गृह्णाति जातुचित्साध्या पञ्चारयो नामिजायते । काशी-  
106 110 and 114 q. by विरहली० p 261, which explains 'यदि देवग्रहणं ददा  
पञ्चारयोः शिव एव भवति कर्मनिबन्धनो देहो नास्तीति भावः ।

1453 तत्पार्कदस्य मनो लोलं यदासीत्काशिकानने । अतो लोलार्क इत्यस्या काश्या  
जाता विवस्वतः ॥ लोलाकैस्त्वसिसम्भेदे दक्षिणस्या दिशि स्थित ॥ स्कन्द, काशी० 46. 48-49.  
The shrine of Lolārka is referred to in E. I. vol. V. p. 117 of Vikrama era  
1208 (1151 A. D.), a grant of गोविन्दचन्द्र of Kanauj.

1454. 'असंभारसंनिविशितशिवलिङ्गोद्भवशिवसुपरितुष्टसुखत्वादितराजंशानां पराक्रमा-  
धिगतभागीरथ्यमलजलसुधीनिदिकानां दशाश्वमेधावभूयस्नानानां भारसिगनां महाराजश्रीमय  
नागदीर्घविरय... । E. I. vol. III, p. 258 (Dudia plates of प्रवरसेन II) and Fleet's  
Gupta Inscriptions (Chammak plate of प्रवरसेन II) p. 236 and p. 245  
(Siwan plate of the same king).

the Daśāśvamedhaghāt at dawn. For the eulogy of Daśāśvamedha, vide Kāśikhanda 52. 83 ff and Tri. S. p. 159. The Kāśikhanda says that formerly the tīrtha was called Rudrasaras, but as Brahmā performed ten Āśvamedhas there it came to be called Daśāśvamedha (chap 52. 66-68). The Manikarnikā (also called Mukti-ksetra) pool is the very centre of the religious life of Banaras and <sup>1455</sup> is the most holy among all the Banaras tīrthas. The Kāśikhanda gives a phantastic story of its origin (in chapter 26 verses 51-63 quoted in Tri. S. pp. 145-146): Visnu dug with his discus a puskarini, filled it with the perspiration from his own body and performed severe austerities on its bank for 1050 (or 50000) years. Śiva came there and being pleased shook his head and an ear-ornament studded with jewels fell into the pool, which thenceforward came to be called Manikarnikā. The word is <sup>1456</sup> derived in two ways in the Kāśikhanda. Śiva who is like the wish-yielding jewel whispers in the ear (karnikā) of good men the Tāraka mantra at the time of death. The extent of Manikarnikā north to south is said to be 105 *hastas* i. e. about 160 feet (Kāśikhanda 99. 54). In modern times the waters of the Manikarnikā pool become foul and fetid because it is shallow (two or three feet deep), because hundreds of pilgrims cast into it flowers and money by way of worship and because the priests stir the waters with their hands and feet to find the coins dropped by pilgrims. Our methods of worship must be changed. The flowers and gifts should be placed on the banks of the pool and then taken away by the priests. The Tri. S. p. 147 mentions several mantras (two of which are set out below) to be recited when contemplating on Manikarnikā <sup>1457</sup>. Near the Manikarnikā pool is the temple of Tārakesvara so named from the belief that Śiva will whisper the mantra called *tāraka* in the ear of

1455. तत्र तावत्सकलतीर्थवरिष्ठाय श्रीमन्मणिकर्णिकाया महिमा। त्रिस्थली० p. 142; तत्रापि सर्वतीर्थानामुत्तमा मणिकर्णिका। नारदीय (उत्तर) 48. 66.

1456. सुक्ताकुण्डलपातेन तवाद्रितनयामिव। तीर्थानां परमे तीर्थं सुक्लिक्षेत्रमिहास्तु वै॥ काशी० 26. 66, q. in त्रिस्थली० p. 146; ससारिचिन्तामणिरत्र यस्मात् तारकं सर्वजनं कर्णिकायाम्। शिवोभिषेते सहस्रान्तकाले तद्दीयतेसौ मणिकर्णिकेति॥ सुक्लिक्षेत्रमिहापीठं मणिसत्त्वरणाञ्जयोः। कर्णिकेयं ततः प्रादुर्भा जना मणिकर्णिकाम्॥ काशीखण्ड 7. 79-80 q. by त्रिस्थली० p. 148. In the 2nd verse मणि means श्रेष्ठ and the compound is dissolved as मणिश्वात्सौ कर्णिका च, the meaning being that मणिकर्णिका is the jewel among सुक्लिक्षेत्रas and it is as it were the कर्णिका of the lotus-like feet of मोक्षलक्ष्मी

1457. तथा चैवं मन्त्रः। ओं ऐं ह्रीं श्रीं ह्रीं ओं मं मणिकर्णिके नमः। ओम्। इति; तथा चैवं मन्त्रः। ओं मं मणिकर्णिके प्रणवात्मिके नमः। इति। त्रिस्थली p. 147. The second मन्त्र is based on काशीखण्ड 61, 97

the dying man brought to the sacred pool<sup>1457a</sup> (vide Kāśīkhanda 7.78, 25, 72-73 and 32, 115-116). The Pañcagangā *ghāt* is so called because it is supposed that five rivers, viz the Kiranā,<sup>1458</sup> Dhūtāpāpā, Gangā, Yamunā and Sarasvatī, meet here (though four of them are invisible) This is very highly eulogised and it is said in the Nāradyapurāṇa and the Kāśīkhanda (59, 118-133) that when a man takes a bath in the Pañcanada he is not born again in a body made up of the five elements. It is said that this confluence of five rivers had different names viz, Dharmanada, Dhūtāpātaka, Bindutīrtha and Pañcanada in Kṛta and the following Yugas respectively The Kāśīkhanda in chap. 59 deals with the confluence of five rivers and gives phantastic legends as to why the rivers were called Kiranā (59, 108-113) and Dhūtāpāpā (59 101-106). The river Varanā is the northern boundary of Vārāṇasī and the end of the *ghāts* on the northern side is reached at the confluence of the Varanā with the Ganges. That the *ghāts* have been there for at least a thousand years can be proved from copperplates and inscriptions. The Gāhadvāla rulers of Kanoy (of whose times at least 55 copperplates and 3 inscriptions on stone were issued during the period 1097 to 1187 A. D.), being devotees of Viṣṇu, several times made grants at the Ādi-Keśava *ghāt*. Vide J. R. A. S. for 1896 p. 787 (king Madanapāla's grant on the occasion of a Sun-eclipse after Mahārājūi Prthivīśrikā took a bath), I. A. vol. 19 p. 249 (grant of Govindacandra in *samvat* 1188 i. e. 1131 A. D.), E I 14 p. 197 (Candrādityadeva, who having bathed at Ādikeśava-ghāta<sup>1459</sup> at the confluence of the rivers Gangā

1457 a. ब्रह्मज्ञानेन मुच्यन्ते नाप्यथा जन्तव. कश्चित्। ब्रह्मज्ञानमये क्षेत्रे प्रयागे वा तदुत्पन्नः ॥ ब्रह्मज्ञानं तदेवाह काशीसंस्थितिभागिनाम् । दिशामि तारक ग्रन्थे मुच्यन्ते ते तु तत्संज्ञात् ॥ काशीखण्ड 32 115-116, vide also काशीखण्ड 86 48 and नारदीय (उत्तर) 47. 56, 59-62

1458 किरणा धूतपापा च पुण्यतोया सरस्वती। गङ्गा च यमुना चैव पञ्च नद्यः प्रकीर्तिताः ॥ अतः पञ्चनदं नाम तीर्थं त्रैलोक्यविश्रुतम् । तत्राप्नुतो न पुनरीयाद्विधा पाञ्चभौतिकीम् ॥ अस्मिन्पञ्चनदीनां तु सङ्गमोऽपीवभेदेन। स्नानमात्राकरो याति भिन्ना ब्रह्माण्डमण्डपम् ॥ कुते धर्ममव गम त्रेतायां धूतपापकम् । ह्यपरे विन्दुतीर्थे च कलौ पञ्चनदं स्मृतम् ॥ नारदीय (उत्तर) 51, 15-18 and 35-36 and काशीखण्ड 59, 115-117 (reads देह ना पाञ्च-भौतिकम्) and 136.

1459 देवश्रीमदादिकेशवक्षिणमूर्ती ... अद्यास्तद्वृत्तीयायां युगाविषर्गणि ... आदि-केशवयष्टे स्नात्वा...वासुदेवस्य पूजां विधाय . पिष्टुविण्णयज्ञं निर्वप्य उपरि लिखितग्रामा... कोकणकुक्षीपूतकरतलोदकपूर्व-प्रदत्ताः । E I 14 p. 197 at p. 198 For अक्षयतुतीया as one of the four युगादिति च vide n. 841 above. That there were several images of Keśava is expressly stated by the काशीखण्ड 10 32 (आदिकेशवमुखपाञ्च केशव-श्वरिसौख्य च) Prof. Altekar observes (p. 28) that the Ādikesava-ghāt, once a royal favourite, is now in a dilapidated condition and is rarely visited by pilgrims.



and Varanā bestowed on 500 brāhmanas 30 villages on the Aksayya-tṛtiyā of *saṃvat* 1156). Those rulers made grants at other ghāts and sacred spots also. For example, E. I. vol. IV. pp. 97 ff (21 copperplates of Gāhadvālas, of which H in *saṃvat* 1178 speaks of the grant of a village after a bath at the Kapāla-mocana-ghatta at Banaras where the Ganges flows towards the north, grant L p 114 of *saṃvat* 1197 made on a queen taking a bath at the ghatta of god Vedeśvara in Avimuktaksetra; grant S. mentions god Kṛtīvāsa; grant U. is made to the temple of Lolārka by Jayacandra in *saṃvat* 1233), E. I. vol. VIII p. 149 (five copperplate grants of Govindacandra in *saṃvat* 1207 i. e. 1156 A. D. after a bath at Kotitīrtha on Uttarāyana-sankrānti). The Kāśī-khanda promises Varuna-loka to those charitable people that build stone ghāts on the sacred rivers <sup>1460</sup>.

One of the most meritorious of all pilgrimages is the Pañcakrośī by road. Lakṣmīdhara in his section on Tirthas in the Kṛtyakalpataru apparently takes no notice of it. The length of the Pañcakrośī road is about 50 miles and there are hundreds of shrines on the road. Taking Manikarnikā as the centre the whole road describes an irregular semicircle round the city of Banaras with a radius of five krośas (about ten miles) and hence it is called pañcakrośī. The word 'pañcakrośī' occurs very often in the Kāśīkhanda (as in chap 26, verses 80 and 114, chap 55 44). This pilgrimage may be very briefly described as follows.—The pilgrim starts from the Manikarnikā-ghat and going along the bank of the Ganges arrives at the confluence of the river Asi with the Ganges and halts for the day at a village called Khāndava about six miles from Manikarnikā. The 2nd day's march (for eight or ten miles) ends at the village called Dhūpacandī where he offers worship to the goddess of that name. On the 3rd day the pilgrim walks 14 miles to the village Rāmeśvara. On the 4th day he walks eight miles and reaches the village Śivapura. On the 5th day he walks 6 miles and reaches the village Kapiladhārā, where the pilgrim offers oblations to his pītrs. On the 6th day he walks from Kapiladhārā to Varanāsangama and thence to Manikarnikā, a distance of six miles. It is the practice for pilgrims to scatter grains of barley from Kapiladhārā to Manikarnikā. The pilgrim bathes, pays *dakṣiṇā* to the priest and then goes to the temple of Sākṣi-Vināyaka who is supposed to bear witness to the pilgrim's having performed the Pañcakrośī-yātrā.

<sup>1460</sup>. घटान्दुष्यन्ति न्यादेर्वधयन्ति शिलादिभिः । सोयार्थिस्तुलसिद्धयर्थं ये नरास्तेन भोगिनः॥ स्कन्द, काशी. 12. 59.

There are numerous other sub-tirthas in Banaras, some of which may be briefly noticed here. The Jñānavāpī may be mentioned first. The story of its origin is narrated in the Kāśikhanda, chap. 33. The Tri. S (pp. 148-150) refers to it. It is said that when Śiva (Īśāna) saw the Viśveśvara-linga a desire arose in him to bathe with its cool water. He dug a *kuṇḍa* with his trident to the south of the temple of Viśveśvara and with the water therefrom he bathed Viśveśvara-linga and Viśveśvara granted the boon that the tirtha would be superior to all tirthas and that, as Śiva is knowledge (verse 32), the tirtha would be called Jñānoda or Jñānavāpī. One of the most popular and the most frequented temple is that of Durgā. In chap. 72 (verses 37-65) of the Kāśikhanda there is a Durgāstotra called Vajra-pañjara which is referred to in Tri. S. p. 161. There is a temple of Bhairavanātha about a mile to the north of the temple of Viśveśvara. He is the *Kotwal* or police Magistrate of Kāśī and wields a stone cudgel (of enormous thickness). His *vāhana* is a dog. Vide Kāśikhanda, chap. 30, for Bhairava. There are many temples of Ganeśa. The Tri. S. (pp. 198-199) names 56 Ganeśas and indicates their locations, following Kāśikhanda, chap. 57 59-115 (*sat-pañcāśad-Gaṇa-mukhān-etān-yah samsmarisyati*). In Kāśikhanda (57.33) the name Dhundhi applied to Ganeśa is derived from the root 'dhudhi' in the sense of 'searching' (anvesane dhudhir-nyam prathitostī dhātuh). Compare the Marathi verb dhundane.

The Tri. S. discusses at some length (pp. 98-100) the question whether sins committed in all past lives are destroyed by entering Kāśī or whether it is only the sins committed during the present life that are destroyed. Some hold the view that sins committed in this life only are destroyed by visiting Kāśī and by bath in the various sacred spots the sins of previous lives are destroyed. Others hold that by entering Kāśī the sins of all past lives are destroyed, but bath at various sacred spots brings about only the cessation of the tendency to sin in different lives. Nārāyanabhatta puts forward several other views and says that wise men should hold the view that appears proper.

Many of the purāṇas lay down rules about how one dwelling in Kāśī should act. The injunction is that in Kāśī one should not commit the slightest sin, since the punishment is far more heavy. The Matsya (chap. 185. 17-45) and Kāśī-khanda, chap. 96, narrate the story of Vyāsa, who while wandering about for alms in Kāśī, did not secure alms and

being hungry and angry was on the point of cursing Kāśī in the words quoted below <sup>1461</sup> when Śiva coming to know his mind assumed the form of a householder, gave him the best of food and ordered Vyāsa not to enter Kāśiksetra as he was an irritable man, but allowed him to do so on the 8th and 14th *tithis* only. The Kāśikhanda 96. 12-80 and 119-180 speak at great length about how one residing in Kāśī should conduct himself.

Some miscellaneous matters in connection with Banaras may be set out here. Vārānasi being a great tirtha, śrāddha for the benefit of ancestors should be performed there and if it is not possible to perform a śrāddha with all details, at least offerings of pindas should be made.<sup>1462</sup> The construction of *mathas* for those who practise penance there and endowing them with means for their maintenance are highly eulogized.<sup>1463</sup>

In the 12th century A. D. there was a Kapālamocanaghāt<sup>1464</sup> situated on the Ganges. In a grant published in E. I. vol. IV p. 110 dated *samvat* 1178 (1122 A. D.) the Emperor Govindacandra bestowed a village on a brāhmana named Vyāsa after bathing at the Kapāla-mocanaghāta in Banaras where the Ganges flows to the north. The story of Kapālamocana-tirtha is narrated in the Matsya-purāṇa, chap. 183. 84-103 and a reference is made to it in Kāśikhanda 33. 116.

It may be noted that in the Lingapurāṇa, pūrvārdha, chap. 92 verses 67-100, in Padma,<sup>1464a</sup> Ādikhanda, chap. 34-37,

1461 तीर्थं चातीर्थता यातु नगरं ज्ञापयाम्यहम् ॥ मा भूत्विपौरुषी विद्या मा भूत्विपौरुष धनम् । मा भूत्विपौरुषं सख्यं व्यासी वाराणसीं ज्ञापन् ॥ अविमुक्ते निवसतां जनानां पुण्यकर्मणाम् । विष्णुं सृजामि सर्वेषां येन सिद्धिर्न विद्यते ॥ मत्स्य 185. 21-23, q. by कल्प० on तीर्थ (p 28) The verse मा भूत्० is काशीसूत्र 96 125.

1462. मनुष्यैः पिण्डदानादि कार्यमन्नागतैः सदा । पिण्डदानं च तत्रैव सुपुत्रैः कार्यमादरात् । सुपुत्रास्ते पितॄणां तु भवन्ति सुखदायकाः । q. by विस्थली p 129.

1463. मठानपि तत्स्वियः कारयित्वात्र योऽर्पयेत् । जीवनोपायसंयुक्तान् सोऽपि सर्वकलाश्रयः ॥ q. by विस्थली. p. 133.

1464. Dr Altekar (pp 28-29) notes that at present a *ghāt* and a tank near the Rajaghat station is known by the name Kapālamocanaghāt, that there exists a temple near this tank dedicated to Kapālamocanesvara and that the god must have been removed from the original place to the present habitation at some time during the last 700 years.

1464 a. Kūrma I. 32 3-29 about Omkāra and other Lingas are the same as Padma I 34 1-25 (with some half verses omitted) and Kūrma I. 33 is taken over bodily in Padma I. 35 and Kūrma I 34. 2-16 are the same as Padma I 37. 1-19 (with a few additions)

Kūrma I. 32, 1-12 and I. 35, 1-15 (tirthas) and in the Kāśī-khanda, chap. 10, 86-97, chap. 33, chap. 53, 27 ff., chapters 55, 58 and 61 numerous lingas and tirthas of Banaras are named. The Kāśīkhanda, chap. 73, 32-36 (quoted by Tri. S. pp. 264-265) mentions 14 of these as Mahālingas, viz. Omkāra, Trilocana, Mahādeva, Kṛtīvāsa, Ratneśa, Candreśvara, Kedāra, Dharmēśa, Vireśvara, Kameśa, Viśvakarmēśvara, Manikarnīśa, Avimukta, Viśveśvara. It is provided in Kāśīkhanda 73 39 that *yātrās* of these main lingas should be celebrated every month from the 1st tithi onwards. In Kāśīkhanda 73, 45-48 there is another series of fourteen great lingas different from those in chap. 73, 32-36. Fourteen āyatanas are named in Kāśīkhanda 73, 60-62.<sup>1464b</sup> Twelve out of these are specified as lingas in Lingapurāṇa I, 92, 67-107. In Kāśīkhanda chapters 83 and 84 are enumerated about 125 tirthas of Banaras. In chap. 94, 36 of the Kāśīkhanda 36 principal lingas are referred to (14 Omkāraḍi, 8 Dakṣeśvaraḍi and 14 Śaileśaḍi). From considerations of space the other lingas and tirthas are not mentioned here. But out of all these Viśveśvara is said to give quick results.

It is laid down that every one residing in Kāśī must repair every day to the Ganges, take a bath in the Manikarnikā and visit Viśveśvara.<sup>1465</sup>

What happens if a person commits sins outside Kāśī, comes to Kāśī and then dies, or if a resident of Kāśī commits sins in Kāśī but dies either at Kāśī or outside it? The Tri. S. after quoting several verses from the Kāśīkhanda, Padma-purāṇa and Brahmayāgavarta states the following conclusions (p. 268). Sins committed elsewhere are destroyed by coming to Kāśī.<sup>1466</sup> He who residing in Kāśī is always addicted to sins becomes a *piśāca* (goblin) for thirty thousand years, again dwells in Kāśī, secures highest knowledge and then obtains

1464 b शैलेष सद्यमेकेश्वर स्तलीनो सधमेश्वर । हिरण्यगर्भ ईशानो गोपेशो पुष्पभञ्जकः । उपशान्तेशो ज्येष्ठो निवासेश्वर एव च । ह्युक्तेषो व्याघ्रलिङ्गं च जम्बुकेश चतुर्दशम् ।  
मुने चतुर्दशैवानि महान्त्यायतनानि वै ॥ काशी ७३. ६०-६३ q by त्रिस्थली p. 263.

1465. यात्राद्वयं प्रयत्नेन कर्तव्यं प्रतिवासरम् । एका स्वर्गतरङ्गिण्यास्ततो विश्वेसितुः परा ॥ काश्या लिङ्गान्यनेकानि काश्या तीर्थान्यनेकशः । तथापि सेषो विश्वेशः स्नातव्या भणिकार्यका ॥ काशीखण्ड 100 101 q in त्रिस्थली p. 266

1466 अन्यत्र विहितं पाप नश्येत्काशीनिरीक्षणात् ॥ काश्या कृतानां पापानां दारुणेयं तु यातना ॥ काशीखण्ड 33.115, Vide also काशी ७३.22 'काश्या तु पर्यटनं पापं तप्येक्षचपदमदम् ।'.

*mokṣa*. Those who being residents of Kāśī commit sins have not to undergo the tortures of Yama whether they die in Kāśī or elsewhere. Those who after committing sins in Kāśī die there will be punished by Kālabhairava. Those who die elsewhere (after committing sins in Kāśī) first undergo torments inflicted by the *ganas* of Śiva called Yāma, then undergo torments inflicted by Kālabhairava for thirty thousand years, are then born as mortal men, then die in Kāśī and secure release (from *samsāra*) at the end.

It is remarkable that the *Kāśikhanda*<sup>1467</sup> states that a little to the north of Kāśī, Viṣṇu assigned a place for his residence called Dharmakṣetra and that there Viṣṇu assumed the form of Buddha. This is a clear reference to Śārnath about five miles by road to the north of Banaras, where Buddha delivered his first sermon. The general rule for ascetics is that for eight months they must move from place to place and may spend the four months of the rainy season or two months in one place; but this rule is abrogated where ascetics enter Banaras and it is laid down that they should not leave Kāśī at all.<sup>1467a</sup>

The *Kāśikhanda* remarks 'For devotees of Śiva who are full of faith there is, even in great calamities, no other remedy except the water of the feet of the image of God. Incurable diseases even, whether affecting the body outside or inside, are got rid of by the touch with faith of the water of (washing the image of) the deity.' This reminds one of the miraculous cures believed to have been effected by the water of a pool at Lourdes in the first years of this century.<sup>1467b</sup>

It would be far beyond the scope of this section to dilate upon the great traditions of learning associated with the name of Banaras. It is sufficient to refer to Alberuni (vol. I. p. 173) who observed that Banaras and Kashmir were the

1467. किञ्चित्काश्मीरस्थानी च गत्वा देवेन चक्रिणा । स्वस्थित्यै कल्पितं स्थानं धर्मक्षेत्रमिति स्मृतम् ॥ ततस्तु सौम्यं रूपं शिवाय श्रियति. स्वयम् ॥ ch. 58 71-72.

1467 a. अद्य मासा विहारस्य यतीना संयतात्मनाम् । एकत्र चतुरो मासात् मासौ वा निवसेयुः । अविमुक्तं प्रविष्टानां विहारस्तु न विद्यते । मोक्षो ह्यसंशयस्तत्र पञ्चत्वं तु गतस्य वै ॥ मत्स्य 184. 32-34 q. by कल्पतरु on तीर्थ p 24. The same verses (with slight variations) are स्कन्द, काशी. 86. 112-113. The general rule for an ascetic is stated in विष्णुपुराण III. 9. 28 'एकरात्रस्थितिर्यामि पञ्चरात्रस्थितिः शुभे'.

1467 b अद्भुतार्ता स्वभक्तानामुपसर्गे महत्यपि । नोपायस्तरमस्त्येव विनेशचरणोत्तकम् ॥ ये स्पाद्योऽपि दुःसास्या बहिरन्तः शरीरगाः । अद्भुतेशोदकस्पृशति नश्यत्येव नापया ॥ काशीखण्ड 67. 82-83.

'high schools of Hindu Sciences,' to *Ain. A.* vol. II, p. 158 'from time immemorial it has been the chief seat of learning in Hindustan' and to *Kāśikhanda*, chap. 96. 121 that states that Kāśī is the home of learning (*vidyānām sadanam Kāśī*). Vide Prof. Altekar's 'History of Benares' pp. 23-24 and *I. A.* vol. 41 pp. 7-13 and 245-253 for some learned families of Banaras

## CHAPTER XIV

### GAYĀ

Gayā occupies a unique place in the hearts of all pious Hindus even in these days. Hundreds of pages have been written about the history, the antiquities, the architectural remains of Gayā, the sacred places in and round about Gayā, the śrāddha rites performed in Gayā and about *Gayāvals* (the priests of Gayā). It is not possible to deal with this vast mass in this work. But it is impossible not to say a few words about the many conflicting views on certain important matters put forward by scholars for about three quarters of a century. Those who are deeply interested in the history and antiquities of Gayā should carefully read the following books and papers; Dr. Rajendralal Mitra's 'Buddha-Gayā' with 51 plates (1878); General Cunningham's 'Mahābodhi' with 31 plates at the end (1892); L. S. S. O'Malley's District Gazetteer of Gayā, vol. XII and J. A. S. B. for 1903 LXXII, No. 3, pp. 1-11 on 'Gayāśrāddha and Gayāvals'; Indian Antiquary, vol. X pp. 339-340 for a Chinese Inscription at Buddha Gayā dated in a Chinese date corresponding to 1033 A. D. and pp. 341-347 for Inscriptions at Gayā, one of which is engraved in a temple of the Sun near a tank 'Dakṣinamānasa' near the Viṣṇupada, dated 1813 years after Buddha's Parinirvāṇa; Indian Antiquary, vol. 16 pp. 63 ff Inscription of Yaksapāla, son of Viśvāditya, which records the building of a temple for certain images in the 15th regnal year of the Pāla king Nayapāladeva who died in 1045 A. D., edited by Kielhorn; Dr. Benimādhav Barua's 'Gayā and Buddha-Gayā' in two volumes (1934) with plates; Journal of Bihar and Orissa R. Society, vol. 24 (for 1938) pp. 89-111 where Dr. J. C. Ghose deals with 'the antiquity of Gayā.' Some of the remarks of Dr. Ghose are most unwarranted and cannot be accepted, such as holding 'maganda' in 'Pramagandasya' in Rg. III. 53. 14 as identical with Magadha and the explanation of 'udantyaḥ' in the Ait. Br. as 'people of sunrise'. Among medieval digests Gayā is dealt with in Kalpataru on Tīrthas pp. 163-174, Tīrthacintāmaṇi of Vācaspati pp. 268-328, Tristhaḷisetu of Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa pp. 316-379, Tīrthaprakāśa pp. 384-452, Tīrthenduśekhara pp. 54-59, Tristhaḷisetu-sāra-saṅgraha of Bhaṭṭoji pp. 56-58.

The most important work on Gayā relied upon in such works as the *Tristhali-setu* and in modern times is the *Gayā-māhātmya* that occurs at the end of the *Vāyupurāṇa* (chapters 105-112 of the *Ānandāśrama* ed.). Scholars differ about the antiquity of these chapters. *Rajendralal Mitra* assigned the *Gayā-māhātmya* to the 3rd or 4th century A. D. *O'Malley* was inclined to hold that the legend of *Gayāsura* was invented in the 14th or 15th century, principally on the ground that the *Gayāwals* profess the *Vaisnava* faith established by *Madhvācārya*<sup>1468</sup> and acknowledge as their spiritual head the *mahant* of *Hari Narasimhapura*; vide *J. A. S. B.* vol. LXXII (1903) p. 4. To my mind there is hardly anything in this. The *Gayāwals* are notorious for their indolence, dissoluteness and ignorance and they are a dying race. *O'Malley* himself notes in the paper mentioned above (at p. 8) that originally the families of *Gayāwals* were 1484, that in *Buchanan Hamilton's* time they numbered about 1000, that in 1893 a *Gayāwal* counted 128 families, that in the census of 1901 there existed only 168 males (as pure *Gayāwals*) and 153 females. *Gayā* is a place sacred to *Viṣṇu* and if the *Gayāwals* had to turn in medieval times for support to some great *ācārya* they would naturally choose to align themselves with the *Vaisnava ācārya Madhva* rather than with *Śaṅkara*. *Dr. Barua*, after an elaborate examination of the several items of evidence, holds 'that' the *Gayā-māhātmya* is not earlier than the 13th or 14th century A. D. (vol. I, p. 64 of '*Gayā and Buddha Gayā*'). From considerations of the space at my disposal I cannot examine in detail his arguments. His conclusion is vitiated mainly for two reasons. He relies too much on the dubious and unconvincing argument from silence. He examines the account of *Gayā* that appears in the *Vanaparva* and compares it with the fuller account in the *Gayā-māhātmya* and arrives at the rather startling conclusion 'The *Gayā* proper as known to the Epic (the *Mahābhārata*) is essentially a place sacred to *Yama*, *Dharmarāja*, *Brahmā* and *Śivaśūlin*, and *Viṣṇu* and *Vaisnavism* has no place in it either as a name or as an idea. Except

<sup>1468</sup> There is conflict about the dates of *Madhvācārya's* birth and death. The *Uttarādi-maṭha* records give śaka 1040 (1118 A. D.) and śaka 1120 (1198 A. D.) as the dates of his birth and death respectively. This is said to conflict with the date given in *Madhva's* महाभारतार्थनिर्णय viz. that he was born in वनकलि 4300. In a paper published in the *Journal of the Annamalai University*, vol. III for 1934 pp. 245 ff. the correct dates are said to be 1238 A. D.-1317 A. D.



Brahmayūpa, Śivalīṅga and Vṛsabha there is no reference to any structural erection nor any iconic suggestion'. In order to show how this conclusion is not at all justified the references to Gayā in the Epic and other Sanskrit works will have to be set out and compared with each other and with the Gayāmāhātmya. The second reason that vitiates Dr. Barua's conclusion is the wrong interpretation that he puts on verse 12 of the Inscription edited by Kielhorn in I. A. vol 16.

I shall now turn to the name Gayā and references to it or similar names from the Rgveda downwards. A Gaya, son of Plati, is the reputed author of two hymns of the Rgveda (X. 63 and X. 64). In Rg X. 63. 17 and X. 64. 17 we have the words 'astāvi jano divyo Gayena' (the divine host was praised by Gaya). So Gaya was a proper name applied to a composer of Rgvedic hymns. In the Rg, the word Gaya has several other senses, which are not material here. In the Atharvaveda (I. 14.4) Gaya appears to be a wonder-worker or a sorcerer along with Asita and Kaśyapa. Even in the Vedic Samhitās Asuras, Dāsas and Rāksasas are credited with tricks and magic. Vide Rg VII 99.4, VII 104.24-25 and Atharva IV. 23. 5. It is not difficult to imagine how a sorcerer Gaya could have been transformed into Gayāsura later on. Proceeding further, the Nirukta<sup>1469</sup> while explaining 'idam Viṣṇu-vi cakrame tredhā nidadhe padam' (Rg. I 22. 17) gives two very interesting interpretations, one explaining the verse as a natural phenomenon and the other explaining it from geographical or legendary points of view 'He (Viṣṇu) puts down his foot in three ways. According to Śakapūni, Viṣṇu plants his foot on the earth, in mid air (sky) and heaven; according to Aurnavābha, on Samārohana, on Viṣṇu-pada and on Gayāśiras.' Whatever the Vedic verse may mean, it is clear that two interpretations had arisen several centuries before Christ and if the usual dates about Buddha's *nirvāṇa* are accepted Aurnavābha and Yāska both flourished before Buddha. Vide S. B. E. vol. XIII pp. XXII-XXIII for Buddha's *nirvāṇa* being placed at 483 B. C. according to Ceylonese chronicle, while some western scholars would place it between 429-400 B. C.<sup>1470</sup> Gayāśiras is named in the Vanaparva (87.

1469 त्रेधा निधत्ते पदम् । पृथिव्यामन्तरिक्षे दिव्येति शाकपुणिः । समारोहणे विष्णुपदे गयःशिरसि-इति और्णवः । निरुक्त 12 19.

1470. The Nirukta is placed not later than at least 500 B. C. by most Sanskrit scholars. Aurnavābha is earlier than the Nirukta. Vide History of

11, 95, 9), in the Visnudharma-sūtra 85.4 (in the form Gayāśīrsa), Vāmanapurāṇa (22,20 as the eastern *veḍi* of Brahmā), Skanda I, 2, 13.21 and even in the Buddhist books such as the Mahāvagga (I 21, 1, S. B. E. vol. XIII p. 134) in which last it is said that after having dwelt at Uruvelā, Buddha accompanied by a thousand *bhikkhus* went to Gayāśīrsa (which is the Pali equivalent of Gayāśīrsa). Traditions of Gaya as a king of the territories round about Gayā are mentioned in Jaina and Buddhist works. The Uttarādhyayanasūtra (S. B. E. vol. 45 p. 86 and note 3 there) states that he was son of king Samudravijaya of Rājagṛha and became the 11th Cakravartin. The Buddhacarita of Āśvaghoṣa states that Buddha visited the hermitage called a city of the royal sage Gaya, that the saint (future Buddha) fixed his dwelling on the pure bank of the Nairāṇajā river (S. B. E. vol. 49 part 1 p. 132, Canto XII, 87-88) and p. 193 (chap. XVII, 8 of the same work) and that Buddha went to the hermitage of Kāśyapa at Gayā called Uruvilvā. The same work (S. B. E. vol. 49 part 1 p. 192) speaks of Dharmatāvī where dwelt 700 ascetics whom Buddha helped to enter *nirvāṇa*. Visnupada occurs in the Visnudharmasūtra 85.40 as a holy place very fit for śrāddha. In my opinion at least Aurnavābha held that in a particular region there were three places on which according to the legends current in his day the foot-prints of Viṣṇu's foot could be seen<sup>1471</sup>. Two of

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Sanskrit literature by Winternitz, vol. I p. 69 (English tr.). Scholars are not agreed about the exact location and extent of Gayāśīrsa. Rajendralal in 'Buddha-gayā' p. 19 says 'Gayāśīrsa is not the Brahmayoni hill but a low spur of it to the north-east about a mile in area forming the site of the old town of Gayā. This Gayāśīrsa is the most sacred spot in Gayā.' Dr. Barna (vol. I p. 246) 'Gayā proper is still sandwiched between the Phalgu and a small set of hills containing some 25 hill-tops with Gayāśīra or Gayāśīra (Brahmayoni) in the south-west &c'. Both are, however, agreed that Gayāśīrsa is part of the ancient Gayā region. Vide S. B. E. vol. XIII p. 134 n. 1 about Cunningham's view that गयसीस is the ब्रह्मयोनि hill near Gayā.

1471. I am not unmindful of the fact that in the Iron Pillar Inscription of a king called Candrarāja at Meherauli (nine miles south of Delhi) the last verse reads तेषां प्रणिधाय धूम्रपतिना . . . गयसि विष्णुपदे गिरौ भगवतो विष्णोर्ध्वजस्थापितः (Gupta Inscriptions, No 32 at p. 141). This shows that near Delhi there was a hill called विष्णुपद. But there is nothing to show that there was a place called गयसिरस near it. Hence विष्णुपद and गयसिरस being taken together point out to Gayā. The Inscription is undated but looking to the characters it would not be far wrong to assign it to a period near Samudra-

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these, Viṣṇupada and Gayaśiras are well-known; hence it would not be unreasonable to hold that 'Samārohana' is a place and has to be located somewhere near the other two. Samārohana means 'mounting up' or 'ascending'. This word probably refers to the ascent of the hill that rises up from the river Phalgu. It is also possible that it is the same as the Udyanta hill echoing with the warbling (of birds) <sup>1472</sup> I therefore hold that at least 600 years before Christ (and hence even before Buddha) there was a tradition about Viṣṇu's footprints in at least two well-known places viz. Viṣṇupada and Gayaśiras (both in Gayā). Even if some other work does not mention any one of these it does not follow from mere non-mention that that spot was not so named or did not exist.

Let us now turn to the Vanaparva. Dr. Barua mainly relies on Vanaparva 84. 82-103 and 95. 9-29. But some preliminary remarks must be made before the two passages are examined.

The Nārāḍīyapurāṇa (uttara, 46. 16) states that Gayaśiras extends from Krauñcapada to Phalgutīrtha.

Vanaparva chapter 82 sets out Pulastya's replies to Bhīṣma's question about tīrthas. First comes Puskara (verses 20-40), then Jambumārga, Tandulikaśrama, Agastyasaśrah, Mahākālā, Kotitīrtha, Bhadravata (Sthānutīrtha), Narmadā, Prabhāsa and several other tīrthas (not in any particular order but selected at random). In chap. 83 Kurukṣetra is described at some length.

Before discussing the most important passage of the Vanaparva (viz. 84. 82-103) we must see what precedes the description of Gayā. Dr. Barua and many of those that have written on this passage have not carefully considered the implications of verses 1-81 of chapter 84 and also of the following chapters. In Vanaparva 84. 1-81 the author makes Dhaumya name

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gupta. Therefore Viṣṇu's footprint existed on a hill near Delhi in the 4th century A. D. There is no sound reason advanced why it could not have existed at Gayā about the same time or even earlier. Besides in the Rām. 11. 68. 19 a विष्णुपद south of the river विपाक्ष is mentioned.

<sup>1472</sup> Dr. Barua regards गीतनादित in Vanaparva 84. 93 as the name of a peak (vol I p. 246). But this appears to be wrong. It is an adjective of उद्यन्त (पर्वत) that immediately precedes. I have not come across any peak called गीतनादित in any other work and Dr. Barua does not cite any other text in support of his view. उद्यन्त would mean 'the hill of sunrise,' not necessarily for the whole of Āryāvarta but in the place where both विष्णुपद and गयक्षिरात् were situated.

about 57 holy places (including such famous ones as Naimisa, Sakambhari, Gangādvāra, Kanakhala, the confluence of Gangā and Yamunā, Kubjāmraka) and then comes to speak of the sacred spots in Gayā<sup>1473</sup> It is therefore clear that the intention of the author is not to speak exhaustively about any tirtha. For this reason some tirthas are described twice in the Vanaparva. For example Naimisa is very highly praised in chap. 84, 59-64 and again in chap. 87, 6-7. The same happens with regard to Gayā in 85.82-103 and 87.8-12. We cannot at all presume

1473 The verses relating to गया in वनपर्व 84 are set out in full here. ततो गयां समासाद्य ब्रह्मचारी समाहितः। अश्वमेधमवाप्नोति कुलं चैव सख्यद्वरेत्॥ तत्रास्यवदो नाम त्रिषु लोकेषु विश्रुतः। तत्र दत्तं पितृवस्तु भवत्यक्षयमुच्यते॥ महानद्यामुपसृज्य तर्पयेद् पितृदेवता। अक्षयान्मामुयात् लोकान् कुलं चैव सख्यद्वरेत्॥ ततो ब्रह्मसरो गत्वा धर्मारण्येषो भितम्। ब्रह्मलोकमवाप्नोति प्रभातमेव शर्वरीम्॥ ब्रह्मणा तत्र सरसं यूपश्रेष्ठः समुच्चितः। यूपं प्रदक्षिणीकुत्वा वाजपेयफलं लभेत्॥ ततो गच्छेत् राजेन्द्रं धेनुकं लोकविश्रुतम्। एकारात्रो जितो राजन् प्रयच्छेत् तिलधेनुकाम्॥ सर्वपापविमुक्त्यात्मा सोमलोकं व्रजेद् ध्रुवम्। तत्र चिद्रं महद्वाजसथापि सुमहद् भुञ्जम्। कपिलायाः सवत्सायाश्चरन्त्याः पर्वते कृतम्। सवत्सायाः पदानि स्म हव्यस्तेद्यापि भारत॥ तेषूपसृज्य राजेन्द्रं पदेषु यूपसत्तम। यत्किंचिद्विश्रुतं कर्म तत्प्रणश्यति भारत॥ ततो गुध्रवदं गच्छेत्स्थानं देवस्य धीमतः। ज्ञायीत अस्मान् तत्र अभिगम्य वृषध्वजम्। ब्राह्मणेन भवेच्चरिणि व्रतं द्वादशवार्षिकम्। इतरेषां तु वर्णानां सर्वपापं प्रणश्यति॥ उच्यन्तं च ततो गच्छेत् पर्वतं गीतनादितम्। सावित्र्यास्तु पदं तत्र हव्यते भरतर्षभ॥ तत्र सन्ध्यामुपासीत ब्राह्मणः सजितव्रतः। तेन ह्यपास्ता भवति सन्ध्या द्वादशवार्षिकी॥ योनि-द्वारं च तत्रैव विश्रुतं भरतर्षभ। तत्राभिगम्य मुच्येत ध्रुवो योनिस्तद्वदात्॥ कृष्णमुद्रामुप-पक्षी गवायां यो वसेन्नरः। पुनात्यासत्तमं राजन् कुलं नास्त्यत्र संशयः॥ एष्टव्या...वृषसख्यद्वरेत्॥ ततः फल्गुं व्रजेद्वाजन् तीर्थसेवी नराधिपः। अश्वमेधमवाप्नोति सिद्धिं च महतीं व्रजेत्॥ ततो गच्छेत् राजेन्द्रं धर्मप्रसङ्गं समाहितः। तत्र धर्मो महाराज नित्यमास्ते सुधिष्ठिरः॥ तत्र कूपोदकं कृत्वा तेन स्नानं कृत्वित्थथा। पितृवृक्षास्तु सन्तर्प्यं मुकुतापो दिव व्रजेत्॥ पतङ्गस्याश्रमस्तत्र महर्षेर्भावितस्मृतः। तं प्रविश्याश्रमं श्रीमच्छ्रमशोकविनाशनम्॥ गवामयनयज्ञस्य फलं प्राप्नोति मानवः। धर्मं तत्राभिर्हस्यसृज्य वाजिमेधमवाप्नुयात्॥ ततो गच्छेत् राजेन्द्रं ब्रह्मस्थानमनुत्तमम्। तत्राभिगम्य राजेन्द्रं ब्रह्माणं ध्रुवपर्वतम्। राजसूयश्वमेधेभ्यां फलं विन्यति मानवः। ततो राजपुत्रं गच्छेत् तीर्थसेवी नराधिपः। वनपर्व 84, 82-104. These verses are q. in the तीर्थचिन्ता pp. 275-277 (except three), त्रिशुलीसिंह pp 321-323. It may be noted that the Padmapurāṇa, Ādikhaṇḍa, chap 38 (verses 2-19) contains verbatim and in the same order the verses about Gayā in the Vanaparva 84, 82-99 except that a word is changed here and there. There is hardly any doubt that one borrows from the other. Good grounds have been advanced by Mr. M. V. Vaidya in his paper 'Tīrthayātrā in the Āraṇyakaparvan and the Padmapurāṇa' in the Kane Festschrift pp 530-537. Dr. S. K. Belkalkar in the volume of Indian and Eastern studies presented to Prof. W. Thomas pp. 19-28 in his paper on 'Cosmographical episode in the Mahābhārata and the Padmapurāṇa' has shown that chapters 80-83 of the Vanaparva are taken over by the author of the Padmapurāṇa in chapters 10, 5 to chapter 39, 120.

from the manner in which tirthas in Gayā are named and described that the writer of Vanaparva (chap. 84. 82-103) meant to be exhaustive as regards the holy spots in Gayā or the legends about Gayā. This conclusion is very much strengthened by the fact that in the Anusāsanaparva three sacred spots in Gayā are mentioned which do not occur in Vanaparva 84. 82-103 viz. 'In Gayā a man becomes purified in Āsmaprsthā (the same as Pretasīlā), on the hill Niravinda and of even a third brāhmaṇa murder in Krauñcapadī'.<sup>1474</sup> These three, Āsmaprsthā, Niravinda and Krauñcapadī, are in addition to those sacred spots that are mentioned in Vanaparva 84. In Vāyu 109. 15 a hill Aravindaka is said to be a peak of the Śīlaparvata and Nāradya (uttara 47. 83), Vāyu 108. 75 and Nāradya (uttara 46. 16) mention the hill Krauñcapada (Munda-prsthā was so called) Therefore it is clear that three important sites in the Gayāmāhātmya are mentioned by the Anusāsanaparva.

It was unfortunate that Dr. Barua confined his attention on the question of the antiquity of Gayā to merely three works viz. the Vanaparva chapters 84 and 95, the Agnipurāṇa chap. 114-116 and the Vāyupurāṇa chapters 105-112. He did not care to investigate all the other Purāṇas nor did it strike him that the explanation of three *padas* of Visṇu furnished by Aurnavābha probably referred to spots around Gayā alone. Other Purāṇas such as Padma (Ādikhaṇḍa 38. 2-21), Garuda I chapters 82-86, and the Nāradya (uttara chap. 44-47) contain much that concerns Gayā and all of them have many verses in common. The critical edition of the Mahābhārata (published by the B. O. R. I., Poona) reads 'sāvitrām padam' (chap. 82.81) for 'sāvitrīyastu padam' of the Bombay edition. The reading of the critical edition is supported by numerous and ancient Mss. Further, the printed Padmapurāṇa (in Ādikhaṇḍa 38. 13) reads 'Sāvitrām padam' and thus lends support to the reading adopted in the critical edition. The words 'sāvitrām padam' may be taken to mean the foot-print of Visṇu (Savitrī). Dr. Barua goes very much further than the facts warrant when he says that there is no reference in the Vanaparva to any structural erection or iconic suggestion. It is clear that there must have been an image of Dharma, since the Vanaparva speaks of

1474 अश्मपृष्ठे भयाया च निरविन्दे च पर्वते । तृतीयां कौश्रपद्यां च ब्रह्महत्यां विष्णुपदां ॥ अदृशासन 25. 42. नीलकण्ठ explains 'अश्मपृष्ठे प्रेतशिलाया एकां ब्रह्महत्यां पयोध निरविन्दे सुखगन्धहीने द्वितीयां ब्रह्महत्या निरस्य कौश्रपदीति सर्वेषां विष्णुपदा-दीनामुपलक्षणं तेषु तृतीयां ब्रह्महत्या सकृद्भया गत एव विष्णुपदे पुतो भवति'.

the pilgrim to Gayā having to touch Dharma (Dharmam tatrā-bhi-samsprśya). Besides, there is a reference to the footprints of a cow with a calf and to 'Śāvitra pada'. All these would surely be things that have an 'iconic suggestion'. Moreover, Dr. Barua forgets for the moment that, according to the Chinese traveller Fa Hien who visited India between 399-413 A. D., the Gayā of the Hindu faith was 'all emptiness and desolation' (vide Legge's translation p. 87). It is possible that Gayā might have suffered from earthquakes before 400 A. D. (as it is a region that is liable to severe earthquakes even in modern times) and therefore no structural erection of the ancient city of Gayā (to which ancient Pāli works and the Lalitavistara p. 311 refer) might have been left in Fa Hien's day. Gayā appears to have passed through several vicissitudes. Some centuries before the Christian era it was in existence and was a flourishing town. By 400 A. D. it had been reduced to desolation. But in the 7th century the Chinese traveller Hiouen T'sang notes that the Hindu Gayā was a town with 1000 brāhmana families (vide Beal's B. R. W. W. vol. II p. 113). Later on when Buddhism waned and vanished, Gayā came to comprehend even Buddhist remnants, since the Vāyupurāṇa speaks of Gayā as extending from Pretasīla to Mahābodhi tree (a distance of about 13 miles, according to Mitra p. 19).

Dr. Barua has also misunderstood verse 12 of the inscription at Gayā edited by Dr. Kielhorn in I. A. vol. 16 p. 63 ff. The verse<sup>1475</sup> set out below may be translated as follows. That wise (prince Yaksapāla) caused to be constructed a temple for the images of Maunāditya and the other gods (mentioned in it), he dug up the famous Utlaramūnasa lake and established a sattrā (charity house for food) near the Akaya (vaṭa). This inscription of the reign of Nayapāla was

1475. मीनादित्यसदृशलिङ्गकमलार्धपूजनायपण्डितो मे शरकस्तुनायगिरिनादिपान-  
यानां कृती । स मासादनचीनरद दिविपदा केदारदेवय च सप्तशतवत्सवत्सव  
खनन सत्रं तथा चाक्षये ॥ verse 12 of the inscription of prince (Nayapāla)  
यक्षपाल son of विश्वादेव edited in I. A. 16 at p. 65. Kielhorn translates 'That  
wise (prince) caused to be built a temple of the inhabitants of heaven  
called Maunaditya .. He likewise had the famous Utlaramūnasa tank dug and  
established a sattrā (hall of charity) to last forever'. Dr. Kielhorn is  
wrong in his translation 'to last forever'. Dr. Barua read मयसाक्षे at one  
word and connects that one word with दिविपदा (vol. I p. 62). One fails  
to understand how दिविपदा (genitive plural) is to be connected with मयसाक्षे  
which according to Dr. Barua's construction is only part of a compound  
word.

engraved about 1040 A.D. Dr. Barua thought that Uttaramānasa was dug up at that time and therefore Uttaramānasa tank is taken to be not older than 1040 A. D. and that it and many of the sacred spots must have been later and the Gayāmāhātmya which speaks of Uttarmānasa must be much later than the 11th century A. D. But Dr Barua is entirely mistaken in this. If a tank was dug up for the first time at the time of the inscription, it is impossible that it should have been called 'khyāta' (famous). The tank can become famous some centuries after it was dug. Uttarmānasa tank is mentioned as a sacred spot in Vāyupurāṇa 77. 108 (which verse is quoted about 1110 A. D. in the Kalpataru on tirtha at p. 168), Vāyu 82. 21, Agni 115. 10. Therefore Uttaramānasa tank was well known at least in the 8th or 9th century A. D. What the inscription means is either that the famous tank had silted up and so it was dug up or that it was made longer, broader and deeper in about 1040. That is all.

In my opinion the Gayāmāhātmya (Vāyu, chap. 105-112), though possibly later than the main text of the Vāyupurāṇa, cannot be placed so late as the 13th or 14th century A. D. It is really a patch-work from many sources of earlier times such as the Vanaparva, Anusāsanaparva, Padma I 38, the Nāradiya (uttara) chap. 44-47. Several verses and half verses of it are repetitions (such as the half verse 'Gayāyām aksayam śrāddham japahomatapāmsi ca' Vāyu 108 35 and Vāyu 82.43 quoted as from Vāyu in Kalpataru on tirtha p. 167, and Vāyu 110. 29-30 are the same as Vāyu 105.37-38. So also Vāyu 82. 31-33 are the same as Vāyu 110. 51-53. Dr. Barua does not notice that in chap. 82 of the Vāyu (20-24) several sub-tirthas of Gayā are expressly mentioned viz. Brahmakundā, Prabhāsa, Pretaparvata, Uttaramānasa, Udici, Kanakhala, Dakṣinamānasa, Dharmāranya, Gadādhara, Matanga; so also chap 77. 97-108 mention Grdhrakūta, hermitage of Bharata, Matangapada, Munda-prstha and Uttaramānasa. Many of the verses occurring in the Gayāmāhātmya are found quoted in the Smṛticandrikā 1476

1476 Vide H. of Dh vol. 1. p. 346 for the date of the Smṛticandrikā.

The verses ब्रह्मज्ञान .. चतुर्विधा (vide note 1484) and ब्रह्महत्या... द्विजहयति (चतु. 105.13) are नारदीय (उत्तर) chap. 44. 20 and 22; Vāyu 110 63-64 are equal to नारदीय, उत्तर, 45 64-66, Vāyu 110. 63-64 are the same as Nāradiya (uttara) 45.64-66, Vāyu 108.13-16 are the same as नारदीय (उत्तर), 45. 2-4. Vāyu 110 4-5 are the same as Vanaparva 82.9-10.. षष्ठयुगान् (I

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(about 1150-1225 A. D.) on Srāddha and Āsauca (without name) as briefly exemplified below. I think that the Gayāmāhātmya is to be assigned to some date between the 7th and 10th centuries A. D.

Having disposed of the question of the date of the Gayāmāhātmya and the references to the sacred spots in Gayā in Vanaparva chap. 84, it is necessary to see how Gayā is spoken of in the other parts of the Mahābhārata and the smṛtis. In the Vanaparva itself references to Gayā occur in chap. 87 and chap. 95. Vanaparva, chap. 87, starts by saying that going towards the east (from Kāmyaka-vana where the Pāndavas dwelt for some time) the pilgrim would come to the Naimisa forest and the Gomati river. Thus it is said that in the east there is a holy hill called after Gayā and a holy pool called Brahmaśaras; then comes a famous verse<sup>1477</sup> 'one should desire to have many sons if even

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85, 2-22) contains most of the verses of Vāyu 110, 34-60. The notes below in this Gayā section will show that the Nārādīya and the Gayāmāhātmya contain scores of verses in common

The स्मृतिचन्द्रिका (University of Mysore edition) on अशीच has towards the end a section on गयामाहृत्यविधि, several verses of which occur in वायु. A few verses are cited by way of illustration. The first two verses (स्मृतिच. p. 194) though ascribed to आदित्यपुराण are almost the same as वायु 110 2-3; the verses गोमचार .. बभूव (in स्मृतिच. on अशीच p. 199) are almost the same as वायु 111, 35 and 37, स्मृतिच. p. 197 the verse मन्त्रे वर्तमाने तु is the same as वायु 105, 48 and स्मृतिच. p. 199 the verse या सा वैतरणी नाम is वायु 105 44

The Tīrtha-cintāmaṇi of Vācaspati quotes many verses from the Gayāmāhātmya of the Vāyupurāṇa. Vācaspati's literary activity lies between 1450 to 1480 (or 1500 AD at the latest). He treats the Gayāmāhātmya as on the same level as the other purāṇas. This position could not have been attained by the Gayāmāhātmya in a century or two. Therefore it must be much earlier than 1300 AD. A few examples of the citations of the Gayāmāhātmya by Vācaspati may be indicated here. On pp. 285-286 the तैर्यचि. expressly quotes from the वायव्य verses 18, 19, 26 of वायु. 105, वायु 110, 2-3 are quoted as from वायु: in तैर्यचि. p. 7, on pp. 280-283 numerous verses are quoted from वायुपुराण which are (with slight variations) the same as वायु 108, 13-23, 28-30; on pp. 284-285 from वायुपुराण are cited वायु 110 9-15 and 19-20, 56-59, तैर्यचि. pp. 285-293 quote from the वायुपुराण 110, 17, 21-24, 30-32, 34-55, तैर्यचि. pp. 298-301 quote वायु. 111, 1-22 (with additions and variant readings); similarly the पूजनीचन्द्रिका on भाद्र and त्रिष्वलीनेतु quote about 300 verses from गयामाहृत्य and the त्रिष्वलीनेतु (pp. 356-359 &c.) several times refers to the explanations of verses from गयामाहृत्य given by his predecessors. But space does not allow me to go into this subject at greater length

1477. एतस्या पदम्. पुत्रा पश्येन्नैव गयो वजेत् । एतेन वाच्यतेन नानं वा  
वृष्टवन्नेत् । महानदी च तत्रैव तथा गयतिरु द्युः । यत्राहो जीर्वाते निरुत्तराकरणे वा ।

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one (of whom) goes to Gayā, or performs the Āśvamedha sacrifice or lets loose a *nīla* bull' (the pītr̥s may be gratified). Then Vanaparva chap. 87 goes on to refer to the holy river (mahā-nadī) Phalgu, the hill Gayaśīras, the Aksayya Vata, where food offered to pītr̥s becomes inexhaustible. In Vanaparva 95 mention is made of Brahmasaras (where Agastya went to Dharmarāja i. e. Yama, verse 12), of Aksayavata (v. 14) which is an imperishable place of worship and where the fruit (of offerings made) is inexhaustible; it further states that king Gaya, son of Amūrtarayas,<sup>1477a</sup> performed a sacrifice in which food and fees in plenty were distributed (verses 18-19). Vas. (XI 42) states: when a man goes to Gayā and offers food his ancestors become delighted like agriculturists that rejoice when there is good rain and pītr̥s become (really) *putr̥in* (having a son) on account of such a son. The Visnudharmasūtra, chapter 85,<sup>1478</sup> mentions by name about 55 holy places that are most proper for śrāddha among which those connected with Gayā are Gayaśīrasa, Aksayavata, Phalgu, Uttaramānasa, Matangavāpi, Viṣṇupada, and winds up by quoting three verses as *gāthās* sung by pītr̥s. Yāj. I. 261 states that whatever a man gives while in Gayā leads to inexhaustible rewards. Atri-smṛti (55-58) refers to a son's going to Gayā for the benefit of the pītr̥s, to a bath in Phalgu and *tarpana* of pītr̥s in the river, to seeing Gadādhara (Viṣṇu) at Gayā and to Gayaśīrasā. Śāṅkha (14 27-28) refers<sup>1479</sup> to several tīrthas (one being Gayā) the offerings made at which

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यत्र दत्तं पितृभ्योत्तमक्षयं भवति भूमे । सा च पुण्यजला तत्र फल्यनामा महानदी ॥ वनपर्व 87. 10-12; राजर्षिणा पुण्यकृता गयेनानुपमयुते । नगो गयश्चिरो यत्र पुण्या चैव महानदी ॥ .. क्षपियज्ञेन सहता यत्राक्षयवदो महान् । अक्षये देवयजने अक्षयं यत्र वै फलम् ॥ वनपर्व 95. 9-14. The verse एष्टव्या occurs in numerous works such as the विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 85 (last verse), the मत्स्य. 22. 6, वायु. 105. 10, कूर्म II. 35. 12, पद्म. I. 38. 17 and V II. 68, नारदीय (उत्तर 44. 5-6).

1477 a. It is to be noted that the Rāmāyana I. 32 7 states that Dharmarānya was founded by Asūrtarayas (probably a variant of Amūrtarayas), a son of Kuśa, son of Brahmā.

1478 कुलेऽस्माकं स जन्तुः स्याद् यो न दद्याज्जलाञ्जलीन् । नदीषु बहुतोवाहुः शीतलासु विशेषतः ॥ अपि जायेत सोऽस्माकं कुले कश्चिन्नरोत्तम । गयाशौचं वदे आह्वं यो नः कुर्यात् समाहितः ॥ एष्टव्या .. स्तुजेत् ॥ विष्णुधर्मसूत्र 85. 65-67. The verse अपि जायेत is quoted in कल्पतरु on तीर्थ p. 173.

1479 It is somewhat strange that Dr. Barua (in 'Gayā and Bhuddh' gayā' vol. I p 66) read तीर्थे वामरकण्डके in Śāṅkha and thought that Vāmara-kantala was a holy place (instead separating as वा अमरकण्डके).

become inexhaustible. The Likhita-Smṛti speaks<sup>1480</sup> of the importance of Gayā as follows: In whosoever name a pinda is offered at Gayāśiras, whether for oneself or for another, that person, if in hell, goes to heaven and if in heaven that man secures release (from *samsāra*). The Kūmapurāṇa remarks that one should desire to have many sons so that if one out of them goes to Gayā on some other business and offers śrāddha, he thereby saves his pītr̥s and himself reaches the highest goal. The Matsyapurāṇa (22. 4-6) quoted by the Kalpataru (on tīrtha p. 163) speaks of Gayā as pītṛtīrtha and as the best among tīrthas where Brahmā himself dwells and also has the verse 'estavyā bahavah putrah'.

In the Gayāmāhātmya (Vāyupurāṇa, chapters 105-112) there are about 560 verses. An attempt will be made here to give a brief summary of it and some of the important verses will be quoted. Chapter 105 is general and briefly indicates some of the main topics dealt with in the following chapters. It states that in Śvetavārāhakalpa Gaya performed a sacrifice and Gayā was named after him<sup>1481</sup>, that pītr̥s hanker after sons because the son that goes to Gayā saves the pītr̥s from hell<sup>1482</sup>. At Gayā a man should offer *pinda*s to his father and others and even to himself but without sesame; all the five mortal sins like brāhmaṇa-murder are removed by the performance of śrāddha at Gayā. A pinda offered after uttering the name and gotra of the recipient by the son or any other person in Gayā leads that person to the imperishable *brahma*<sup>1483</sup>. Mokṣa is fourfold (i. e. results in four ways) viz. by knowledge of *brahma*, śrāddha at Gayā, death in (a fight for preventing) the seizure of cows and residence in Kurukṣetra and śrāddha at

1480. गयाशिरि तु यत्किञ्चिच्चाप्ता पिण्डं तु निर्वपेत् । नरकरथा दिव यान्ति स्वर्गस्था नोक्षमाप्नुयुः ॥ आत्मनो वा परस्यापि गयाकूपे यतस्तत् । यस्मान्ना पातयेत्पिण्डं त जयेद् ब्रह्म शाश्वतम् ॥ लिखितस्मृति verses 12-13, compare अग्नि 115. 46-47 शमीपत्र-प्रमाणेन पिण्डं दत्त्वा गयाशिरि । नरकरथाः... माप्नुयुः ॥

1481. वायु 105 7-8, अग्नि 114. 41 'गयेति चाकरोद्यानं वृक्षं बहुदक्षिणम् । गयापुरी तेन नाम्ना' । Both are quoted by त्रिस्थली० pp. 340-341.

1482. Here occurs the well-known verse एष्टव्या बहवः पुत्रा (वायु 105.10) q in n. 1477. A verse is quoted by the त्रिस्थली० p. 319 which defines what makes a son worthy of being so called: 'जीवतो वाक्यकरणात् ... त्रिभिः पुत्रस्य पुत्रता ॥' (quoted above in note 832).

1483. आत्मजोन्यजो वापि गयाक्षौ यदा यदा । यस्मान्ना पातयेत्पिण्डं तन्नयेद् ब्रह्म शाश्वतम् । नात्मनोत्रै सद्यच्चार्य पिण्डपातनमिष्यते । वायु. 105.14-15; the half verse यस्मान्ना शाश्वतम् is अग्नि 116.29.

Gayā renders the others unnecessary<sup>1461</sup>. Śrāddha may be performed at Gayā at all times, even in an intercalary month, on the anniversary of one's birthday, or even when Jupiter and Venus are invisible or when Jupiter is in Leo. One should honour the brāhmanas (of Gayā) that were established there by Brahmā; when they are gratified all deities together with the pitrs are gratified. Tonsure<sup>1485</sup> and fast are to be observed at all tirthas except in Kuruksetra, Viśālā, Virajā and Gayā. An ascetic<sup>1486</sup> (sannyāsin) should not offer pindas (at Gayā) but should merely exhibit (hold up) his staff and should put it down on Viśnupada. The (whole) Gayāksetra is five krośas in extent and Gayāśiras is one krośa and all the tirthas of the three worlds are centered in these two<sup>1487</sup>. At Gayā one may offer (to pitrs) pindas by means of *pūyasa* (rice cooked in milk), boiled rice, barley flour, fruits and roots, the cake of sesame (after oil is extracted), sweetmeats or jag-gery with ghee or with curds alone or with invigorating honey. In a śrāddha at Gayā, the procedure consists in preparing<sup>1488</sup> a seat for the pindas, the offering of pindas, the sprinkling of water again (on the kuśa grass), giving fees and declaration of dinner (to brāhmanas); but there is no invocation of pitrs, no curtains for privacy and no blemish due to śrāddha being seen (by undesirable persons or animals). Those who desire to reap the full fruit of śrāddha performed at a tirtha (like Gayā) must give up passionate longings, anger and

1484 ब्रह्मज्ञानं गयाश्राद्धं गोयहे मरणं तथा । वासः पुसां कुरुक्षेत्रे सुक्तिरेषा चतुर्विधा ॥ ब्रह्मज्ञानेन किं कार्यं .. यदि पुत्रो गयां व्रजेत् ॥ गयायां सर्वकालेषु पिण्ड दद्याद्विचक्षणः । वायु 105. 16-18, compare न कालादि गयातीर्थे दद्यात्पिण्डाश्च नित्यम् । अग्नि. 115. 8. ब्रह्मज्ञानं . चतुर्विधा ॥—is also नारदीय (उत्तर) 44. 20 Both occur in अग्नि. 115. 3-4 and 5-6 (in reverse order) and the verse ब्रह्मज्ञानं occurs in वामनपुराण 33. 8.

1485. मुण्डन चोपवासश्च .. विरजा गयाम् ॥ वायु 105 25, q in n 1301 above where various readings also are noted.

1486 दण्डं प्रदर्शयेद्विष्णुर्गया गत्वा न पिण्डदः । दण्डं न्यस्य विष्णुपदे पितृभिः सह सृचयेत् ॥ वायु 105. 26 and नारदीय II. 45. 31 q. by सी. p 390.

1487. पञ्चकोशं गयाक्षेत्रं कोशमेकं गयाक्षिरः । तन्मध्ये सर्वतीर्थानि त्रैलोक्ये यानि सन्ति वै । 105. 29-30 and 106. 65 q by विरथली p 335, सी p 391; अग्नि 115. 42 has the half verse पञ्चकोशं and also नारदीय (उत्तर) 44. 16. It had become the fashion to speak of famous tirthas as five krośas in extent.

1488. पिण्डासनं पिण्डदानं पुनः प्रत्यवनेजनम् । दक्षिणा चाससङ्कल्पस्तीर्थश्राद्धेष्वयं विधिः ॥ नावाहनं न दिव्यन्धो न दीपो दृष्टिसम्भवः ।.. अन्यत्रावाहिता काले पितरो यान्मयुः मतिः । तीर्थे सदा वसन्त्येते तस्मादावाहनं न हि ॥ 105. 37-39. The verses नावाहनं ... दृष्टिसम्भवः, पिण्डासनं...विधिः are repeated in वायु 110. 28-29.

avarice, observe celibacy, eat only one meal a day, should sleep on the ground (and not on a cot), should speak the truth, should be pure and intent on the good of all beings. The famous river Vaitarani has come down to Gayā; one taking a bath in it and donating a cow saves 21 generations in his family. One should go to the Aksayavata and gratify the (Gayā) brāhmanas. There is no spot in Gayā which is not a sacred place.<sup>1489</sup>

Chap. 106 narrates the story of Gayāsura. Gayāsura, a very powerful *asura* 125 *yojanas* in height and 60 *yojanas* in girth, performed severe austerities for thousands of years on the mountain called Kolāhala. The gods, anxious and tormented by his austerities, went to Brahmā for protection. Brahmā took them to Śiva who proposed to go to Viṣṇu. Brahmā, Śiva and the gods praised Viṣṇu, who appeared to them and said that they should, riding their respective conveyances, go to Gayāsura. Viṣṇu asked him why he practised severe austerities and said that the boon he would ask would be granted. He asked the boon that he should be purer than all the gods, sages, mantras, ascetics &c. The gods said 'let it be so' and left for heaven. All people who saw or touched Gayāsura's holy body went to heaven. The capital of Yama became deserted and so he went to Brahmā who took him to Viṣṇu who asked Brahmā to request Gayāsura to give his pure body for the purpose of a sacrifice. Gayāsura agreed and fell down on the earth towards the southwest with his head on the north on Kolāhala mountain and feet to the south. Brahmā collected materials and mind-born *ritviks* (about 40 are named) and performed a sacrifice on the body of Gayāsura. That body, however, was not stable but moved and hence Brahmā asked Yama to place on Gayāsura's head a *śilā* (stone slab) that was in Yama's house. Yama did so; yet Gayāsura's body together with the *śilā* still moved. Brahmā asked Śiva and other gods to stand immovable on the *śilā*. They did so and yet the body moved. Hence Brahmā went to Viṣṇu and requested him to make the body and *śilā* stable. Viṣṇu gave his own *mūrti* and though it was placed on the *śilā* it still moved. Then Viṣṇu sat on the *śilā* in three forms viz Janārdana, Pundarika and Ādi-Gaḍādhara, Brahmā in five forms (Prapitāmaha, Pitāmaha, Phalgviśa, Kedāra and Kanakesvara), Vināyaka in the form of an elephant, the Sun in three forms, the Goddesses Lakṣmī (as Sītā), Gaurī (as Mangalā), Gāyatrī

and Sarasvatī. As Gayāsura was made stable by the first Gada (mace) wielded by Hari, therefore Hari was called Ādigadadhara.<sup>1490</sup> Gayāsura complained 'why am I deceived? I have given my pure body to Brahmā for the latter's sacrifice. Would I not have become stable at the mere word of Viṣṇu (why torment me with the mace?).' Then the gods asked him to choose a boon. He chose 'As long as the earth, mountains, the Sun, Moon and stars last, may Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva and the other gods remain on the śilā' Let this sacred spot be known by my name. Let all tīrthas be centered in the midst of Gayā which is five krośas in extent and in Gayāśiras which is one krośa and do good to people. May all the gods remain here in manifest forms (images &c) and unmanifest forms (such as footprints &c)!' Those to whom śrāddha with pindas is offered may go to the world of Brahmā and all grave sins like brāhmaṇa-murder be destroyed at once.' The gods said 'Let it be so.' Then Brahmā gave to the brāhmaṇas Gayā (with its extent of five krośas), 55 villages, well-furnished houses, desire-yielding cow and trees, a river flowing with milk, golden wells, heaps of food, but enjoined on them not to beg from any one else. But the brāhmaṇas, greedy as they were, performed a sacrifice for Dharma in Dharmāranya and begged him for fees. Then Brahmā came, cursed them and took away everything from them. When the brāhmaṇas bewailed that they had been deprived of everything and their livelihood should be provided for, Brahmā said that they would live on the charity of pilgrims to Gayā and those who would honour them would be honouring Brahmā.

Chap. 107 deals with the story of the śilā<sup>1491</sup> that was placed on the head of Gayāsura for making it stable. Dharma had a daughter called Dharmavratā. Dharma could not find a bridegroom worthy of her virtues and accomplishments and asked her to perform *tapas* for the purpose. She performed severe austerities (subsisting only on air) for ten thousand years. Marici, one of the mind-born sons of Brahmā, once saw her and asked her to become his wife. Dharmavratā asked him to request her father Dharma. Marici approached Dharma who

1490. वायु 105 60 mentions why Viṣṇu is called आदिगदाधर 'आद्यया गदया भीतो यस्माद्धैव स्थिरीकृतः । स्थित इत्येव हरिणा तस्मादादिगदाधर ॥' q. by त्रिशूलो p. 338 In वायु 109. 13 also a similar derivation is given.

1491. The story of the Śilā is briefly narrated in the Agnipurāṇa also (chap 114. 8-22), often using the very words that occur in the Vāyupurāṇa.

gave her in marriage to Marici, who took her to his hermitage and had one hundred sons from her. Once Marici being tired lay down for sleep and asked Dharmavratā to shampoo his feet. While she shampooed his feet Brahmā (her father-in-law) came there. She left off shampooing her husband's feet and got up to receive with honour her husband's father. In the meanwhile Marici awoke and not seeing his wife cursed her to be a śilā (stone slab) as she disobeyed his order by giving up the shampooing of his feet. She being innocent of any fault got angry and was about to curse Marici but said 'Mahādeva will curse you'. She, standing in the midst of Gārhapatya fire, performed *tapas* and Marici also did the same. The gods led by Indra got anxious as usual and went to Visnu who asked her to choose a boon. She prayed that the curse pronounced by her husband be annulled. The gods said that Marici being a great sage the curse could not be annulled and asked her to choose some other boon. She said that she should be a śilā more holy than all rivers, sages and gods and that all tīrthas should stand in the slab of stone, that those who would bathe in the tīrthas on the śilā and offer pindas and śrāddha should be able to go to *brahmaloka*, that all holy rivers like the Ganges should always remain in her. The gods conceded what she prayed for and said that when she would become stable on the head of Gayāsura, they would all stand on the śilā.

Chap. 108 presents numerous divergences in the Mss. In the Ānandāśrama edition its contents briefly are: The śilā was placed on the head of Gayāsura and therefore there was union of two very holy objects, on which Brahmā performed *Āśvamedha* and when the gods came to receive their share of the sacrificial offerings the śilā said to Visnu and others 'promise that you would remain on the śilā and would bring about the release of pitrs'. The gods agreed and they stayed on the śilā in the form of images and foot-prints. As the śilā was placed on the back of the head of the asura the hill was called *Mundaprsthā* (lit. the back of the head) which gave *Brahmaloka* to pitrs. Then the chapter speaks of a hill called *Prabhāsa*, of *Rāmatīrtha* near the place where the great river (Phaigu) and *Prabhāsa* hill meet, the hermitage of *Bharata*, of *Matangapada*, of the *bak* to be offered to *Yamarāja* and *Dharmarāja* and to the dogs of *Yama*, viz. *Śyāma* and *Śabala*, of the *Udyantaka* hill near the left of *Śilā*, of *Agastya-kunda*, and numerous other holy places such as *Grhhrakūta* hill, the her-

mitage of Cyavana, the river Punahpunā, Krauñca-pada, Janārdana on Bhasmakūta.

The story of Gayāsura has puzzled Mitra and subsequent writers. Mitra holds that nothing appears more absurd or stupid than the story of Gayāsura who, he emphasizes, is not a demon or a vicious monster, but a devout Vaisnava ('Bodh-Gaya' pp. 15-16). The story of Gayāsura is not unique. The Purāṇas abound in stories that appear to modern minds absurd and puerile. Besides, there were several asuras like Prahlāda, Bāna (devotee of Śiva) and Bali (who was an exemplary and pious king and a worshipper of Viṣṇu) that were not monsters but good and devout persons, and yet fought with gods. For example, Kūrmapurāṇa (I. 16. 59-60 and 91-92) narrates that Prahlāda fought with Nṛsimha; the Padma (Bhūmikhaṇḍa 1.8) calls him a Mahābhāgavata but states that he first fought with Viṣṇu and entered Vaisnavītanu; while Vāmanapurāṇa (chap. 7-8) speaks of his fight with Naranārāyaṇa. In Pali works (e. g. Anguttara-nikāya, part IV pp. 197-204) he is called Pahārāda and *asurinda* (asurendra). Vide Anguttara-nikāya (text) vol. IV p. 197. For Bali who was grandson of Prahlāda, a good king and a devotee of Viṣṇu, vide Brahmapurāṇa, chap. 73, Kūrma I. 17, Vāmana (chapters 77 and 92). For Bāna, son of Bali and the fight of Bāna helped by Śiva with Kṛṣṇa, vide Brahma chap. 205-206 and Viṣṇupurāṇa V. 33. 37-38.

According to Dr. Rajendralal Mitra (in 'Bodh-Gayā' pp. 14-18) the story of Gayāsura is an allegory of the vanquishing of Buddhism by Brahmanism. O' Malley thought (J. A. S. B. vol. LXXII part 3 p. 7 for 1904) that the Gayāsura legend represents an amalgamation or compromise of Brahmanism with the popular demonolatry which preceded Brahmanism. Dr. Barua criticizes both theories and appears to hold (vol. I. pp. 40-41) that the idea underlying the legend is to impress on people's minds the high sanctity of the Gayā range of hills along the western bank of the river Phalgu, that Gayā figures nowhere in Buddhism, that Gayā<sup>1492</sup> or Namuci or Vṛtra is represented as a demon of darkness and as an enemy of Indra and that the Vedic word Trivikṛāna and the interpretation of Aurnavābha are the nucleus of the legend of Gayāsura. From considerations of space it is not possible to discuss these

<sup>1492</sup> It is not clear whence Dr. Barua derived his information that in the Veda Gayā is represented as a demon like Vṛtra. In the Rg. at least Gayā is not a demon like Vṛtra.

theories here. To my mind it appears that Gayā had become a famous *pīṭhīrtha* centuries before Christ and that the legend of Gayāsura is a *post facto* attempt to account for the sanctity of the place and the numerous shrines and holy places that had sprung up round Gayā.

Chap. 109 deals with the questions how Ādi-Gaḍādhara abided in manifest and unmanifest forms, how his *gadā* (mace) was produced and how the *tīrtha* called Gaḍālola became a destroyer of all sins. There was a powerful Asura called Gada, who, when Brahmā requested, gave up his bones to Brahmā. Viśvakarmā, at the desire of Brahmā, fashioned a wonderful mace out of the bones. In the times of Svāyambhuva Manu an Asura named Heti, son of Brahmā, performed severe austerities for thousands of divine years. He secured from Brahmā and other gods the boon that he could not be killed by gods, *dātyas*, men or with such weapons as the discus of Kṛṣṇa and others. Heti conquered the gods and became Indra. The gods went to Hari and requested him to kill Heti. He asked for a powerful weapon and the gods gave him the mace manufactured from the bones of Gada and Viṣṇu killed Heti with the Gaḍā. This story about demon Heti is mentioned in Agni 114 26-27 and Nāradya (uttara) 47, 9-11. Hari is called Ādi-Gaḍādhara because<sup>1492</sup> he was the first to wield that mace and stood on the *śilā* on the head of Gayāsura, supported by the Gaḍā, in order to make (the head of Gayāsura) stable. He shows himself in the form of hills viz. the Muṇḍaprsthā hill, the Prabhāsa and other hills. These and Aksayavata, Phalgu and other rivers are the non-manifest forms of Ādigadādhara. The Viṣṇupada, Rudrapada, Brahma-pada and other padas are the non-manifest and manifest forms of Gaḍādhara.<sup>1493</sup> The image of Gaḍādhara is purely a mani-

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1493. The principal rivers, hills, padas are enumerated here in one place. Unless otherwise expressly mentioned the chapters and verses in this note refer to the वायुपुराण. The holy rivers are: कश्यप (called महानदी (अग्नि. 115, 25), वृषकुक्ष्या, मधुकुक्ष्या (these two, वायु 109, 17), मधुव्रता (106, 75), अग्निघाता (from उच्यन्ते hill, 108, 59), कापिला (108, 55), वैतरणी (105, 44 and 109, 17), देविका (112, 30), आकाशगङ्गा (अग्नि. 116 5). Some of these are mere streams. The sacred hills and peaks are: पयस्विता (109, 36, अग्नि. 115 26 and 44), सुषुप्त (108, 12, 109, 14), शभास (108, 13 and 16, 109, 14), उच्यन्ते (चनपर्व 84, 93, वायु 108, 59, 109, 15), मत्स्यकूट (109, 15), अरतिग्वक (109, 15), नागकूट (111 22, अग्नि 115, 25), सुषुप्त (109, 15), देवकूट (109, 15).

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fest form. Asura Heti was killed by Visnu and went to Visnu-loka. When the body of Gayāsura was made stable Brahmā sang a hymn of praise to Visnu who asked Brahmā to choose a boon. Brahmā said 'we (gods) shall not abide in the śilā without you, but shall remain therein together with you if you have a manifest form.'<sup>1194</sup> Visnu said 'be it so' and Visnu stood on Gayāśiras in the Adigadādhara form and as Janārdana and Pundarikākṣa. Śiva also praised Visnu (Vāyu 109. 43-50). The Vāyu speaks at several places of 'vyaktāvyakta' symbols of the deity (chap. 109. 20 and 43-45). What is meant is Visnu is non-manifest in Phalgu, vyaktāvyakta in Visnupada and manifest in images and statues (vide Tristhalisetu p. 365, pratī-māsvārūpi vyaktah).

Chap. 110 deals with Gayāyātrā. To the east of Gayā is a great river (Phalgu). (If it is dry) one should dig a pit for water and take a bath, should perform *tarpana* and śrāddha according to one's own recension of the Veda, but without *arghya* (water for showing respect) and āvāhana (invoking) In the after-

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आदिपाल (109 15), कौशपाद (109 16), रामशिला, प्रेतशिला (110 15, 108 67), नग (108 28), ब्रह्मचोनि (नारदीय II 47 54) The principal bathing places are. फल्गुतीर्थ (111. 13, अग्नि 115 25-26 and 44), रामतीर्थ (108 16-18), शिलातीर्थ (108 2), गदालोल (111 75-76, अग्नि 115. 69), चैतरणी (105 44), ब्रह्मसरः (वनपर्व 84 85, वायु 111. 30), ब्रह्मकुण्ड, (110 8), उत्तरमानस (111 2 and 22), दक्षिणमानस (111 6 and 8), रुक्मिणीकुण्ड, प्रेतकुण्ड, नि क्षारा (नि, क्षीरा) शुष्करिणी (108.84), मतङ्गवापी (111. 24). The sacred sites are पञ्चलोक, सप्तलोक, वैकुण्ठ, लोहदण्डक (all four, in 109 16), गोपचार (111. 35-37 where there were mango trees established by ब्रह्मा), धर्मारण्य (111. 23), ब्रह्मरूप (अग्नि 115. 39 and वनपर्व 84. 86). The sacred trees are, अक्षयवट (वनपर्व 84. 83, 95. 14, वायु 105 45, 111 79-81, अग्नि 115. 70-73), आम्र near गोपचार (111 35-37), रुद्रकुटबट (108. 63), महाचोदितरु (111 26-27, अग्नि 115 37). The verse about the mango tree is famous 'एको मुनिः कुम्भकुशाग्रहस्त आम्रस्य मूले सलिलं ददानः। आम्रश्च सिक्क. पितरश्च तृप्ता एका क्रिया द्वयार्थकरी मसिद्धा॥' वायु. 111 37, अग्नि. 115 40, नारदीय (उत्तर) 46. 7, पद्म, सुदृष्टिपद 11 77 There are several other तीर्थs, such as फल्गुशिला, फल्गुचण्डी, अङ्गारकेश्वर (all in अग्नि 116. 29) which are not mentioned here.

The पद (stone slabs with foot prints thereon) are. वायु. 111. 46-58 mention 16 by name and refer to others generally अग्नि. 115. 48-53 mentions at least 13. The पदs mentioned by वायु. are विष्णु, रुद्र, ब्रह्मा, कश्यप, दक्षिणाग्रि, गार्हपत्य, आहवनीय, सम्य, आयस्य, शक्र, अगस्त्य, कौश, मातङ्ग, सूर्य, कातिक्य and वर्णश. वायु. 111. 56 states that four out of these are most eminent viz. of कश्यप, विष्णु, रुद्र and ब्रह्मा नारदीय (उत्तर) 46. 27 states that विष्णुपद and रुद्रपद are superior, but ब्रह्मपद is superior to all.

1494. Verses 2-3 and 4-5 of Vāyu 110 are quoted above in notes 1295 and 1261 respectively.

noon the pilgrim should go to the Pretasīlā, take a bath in the Brahmakunda, offer tarpana to the gods and perform śrāddha of his sapindas on the Pretasīlā with the mantras set out in Vāyu (110. 10-12) and offer pindas to his ancestors. In Astakās, in Vṛddhishrāddha, at Gayā and on the anniversary of death, one may offer a śrāddha separately to one's mother but on all other occasions with her husband.<sup>1495</sup> To the sapindas other than one's paternal ancestors he should offer śrāddha to the south (of the place where he offers to his father &c.) viz. should spread kuśas and once offer water mixed with sesame and should offer them a pinda made of barley flour and repeat the mantras (Vāyu 110. 21-22). The pindas to be offered at Gayāśīras may be in size as<sup>1496</sup> big as one's closed hand, or an undried āmalaka (myrobalan) fruit or of the size of śami leaves. By means of these he saves seven gotras viz. that of his father, of his mother, of his wife, sister, daughter, paternal aunt and maternal aunt. Water mixed with sesame and pindas are offered to all persons on the maternal grandfather's side, to all bandhus, to all infants, to persons cremated or not cremated, to persons that were killed by lightning or robbers or that committed suicide in various ways and, to those who may be undergoing torments of Hells of various kinds and those who have become beasts or birds or insects or trees owing to evil deeds (Vāyu 110, verses 30-55). The verses of most comprehensive character about offering water have been cited in n. 1237 p. 550 and on pp. 616-617 above.

Chap. 111 deals with the order in which the several tīrthas are to be visited. The full pilgrimage lasts for seven days. In chap. 110 it has been stated as shown above that on entering Gayā, a pilgrim takes a bath in the Phalgu water, performs tarpana and śrāddha, then on the same day he goes to the Pretasīlā (which is a part of the Śīlā as stated in Vāyu 108 15) and performs a śrāddha there and offers pindas with boiled rice and ghee (Vāyu 110.15). On doing

1495. अष्टकां च दृष्ट्वा च गयाया च दृष्टेहनि । मातुः श्राद्धं पृथक् कुप्याद्विष्वज्ज पतिना सह ॥ वायु. ॥ 110. 17 q 12. तीर्थेय. p 389 (reads अन्वष्टकां च), तीर्थेयि. p. 298.

1496. स्मृतिमात्रप्रमाणं च आर्द्रमलकमात्रकम् । क्षमीपत्रप्रमाणं वा पिण्ड दद्यात् । दद्यादिति ॥ उद्धरेत्सप्त गोत्राणि कुलानि शतमुद्धरेत् ॥ पितृर्मातुः स्वभार्याया भविष्या बुद्धिस्तथा । पितृव्यसुर्मातृव्यसुः सप्त गोत्राः प्रकीर्तिताः ॥ वायु 110 25-26. The त्रिस्थली. p 327 explains 'अत्र मातृगोत्रं मातृमहोगोत्रम् । भार्यागोत्रं स्वसुरगोत्रम् । भगिनीदुहितृपितृव्यसु' मातृव्यसुर्मातृगोत्राणि यत्कुले सा दत्तास्त्वदीयानि । एतेषामेव गोत्राणामिकोत्तरं शतं कुलं लक्षणया तत्तथाः पुरुषाः ॥'

this the persons for whom this is done become free from the position of *preta*. It is stated (in Vāyu 108. 17-22) that one should bathe in the Rāmatīrtha which is near the place where Phalgu meets the Prabhāsa hill. By bath in Rāmatīrtha and offering of śrāddha and pinda there the persons for whom this is done become *pitr̥s* (being already free from *pretatva* by the śrāddha on *pretasīlā*). On a hill on the south of Pretasīlā one should offer a *bali* (food offered with kuśa, sesame and water) to Yamarāja and Dharmarāja and to the two dogs Śyāma and Śābala. On the next day after entering Gayā (i. e. the 2nd day), the pilgrim should proceed to the Pretapārvata<sup>1497</sup> (Vāyu 110.8) and take a bath in the Brahmakunda and perform tarpana, śrāddha and giving of pindas mixed with sesame, ghee, curds and honey to his ancestors (father, grandfather &c.) with the mantras 'pitā pitāmahaścaiva' (Vāyu 110. 23-24). Then the pilgrim should offer on kuśas, water, sesame and pindas to persons related in various ways with the mantras 'asmat-kule mrtā ye ca &c., (Vāyu 110. 34-55). He should then invoke the gods to be witnesses to the fact of his having come to Gayā and become free from the debt to the ancestors (Vāyu 110. 59-60). It is stated in Vāyu 110.61 that at all sacred spots in Gayā the offering of pindas should be done in the same way as at Pretapārvata<sup>1498</sup>.

On the third day of entering Gaya one has to perform Pañcatīrthī rites<sup>1499</sup> (Vāyu 111. 1 ff.). The pilgrim first bathes in Uttaramānasa, offers tarpana to gods, gives water and śrāddha and pindas to his ancestors with the mantras (Vāyu 110. 21-24). The fruit of this rite is the inexhaustible gratification of the *pitr̥s*. Then the pilgrim goes to the three tīrthas which constitute Dakṣinamānasa, viz. Udicitīrtha (on the north), Kanakhala (in the middle) and Dakṣinamānasa

1497. On प्रेतपर्वत and ब्रह्मकुण्ड, the विस्थली० p. 355 remarks 'प्रेतपर्वतो गयावायव्यादिषु गयातो गन्धर्व्यधिकद्वैत्ये.। ब्रह्मकुण्डे प्रेतपर्वतमूल ईशानभागे।'.

1498. सर्वस्यानेषु चैवं स्यात्पिण्डदानं तु नारदः। प्रेतपर्वतमारम्य कुर्यात्तीर्थेषु च क्रमात् ॥ वायु. 110 61.

1499. The five तीर्थ are उत्तरमानस, उदीचीतीर्थ, कनखल, दक्षिणमानस and गन्धर्व्य. The विस्थली० says (p. 360) that one has not to take a bath in each of these i. e. there are not five baths on this day. Phalgutīrtha is the same as Gayāśrās and is defined in वायु 111. 22 'नागकूटानुप्रकूटायुपादुत्तरमानसात्'.

एतद्रथाक्षिरः प्रोक्तं फल्गुतीर्थे तदुच्यते ॥. The अग्निधु. (115. 25-26) differs 'नागाज्जनादनात्कूपादुत्तरमानसात्'। एत ... च्यते ॥. गरुड. I. 83 4 is 'नागाज्जना ... तदुच्यते ॥. The विस्थली० p. 359 reads शुण्डकूटाक्षगाधस्तात्फल्गुतीर्थेऽनुत्तरमानसात्'.

(on the south). At each of these three there is a śrāddha. Then the pilgrim goes to the Phalgutīrtha, which is the best of all (Gayā) tīrthas. The pilgrim performs tarpana and śrāddha with pinḍas on Phalgu. This śrāddha at Phalgu results in *muktir* for the performer and also for those for whose benefit it is performed (*muktir-bhavati kartṛṇām pītrṇām śrāddhataḥ sadā*, Vāyu 110. 13). It is stated that Phalgu is Ādi-Gadādhara himself in a fluid form.<sup>1500</sup> By bath in Phalgu and seeing Gadādhara a man saves himself, ten ancestors and ten descendants. Then he worships Gadādhara by a bath with *pañcāmṛta* after bowing<sup>1500a</sup> to Vāsudeva, Sankarsana, Pradyumna, Aniruddha, Viṣṇu, Śrīdhara. On the 2nd day of the Pañcatīrthi rites (i. e. 4th day from entering Gayā) the pilgrim should repair to Dharmāranya which is so-called because Dharma performed a sacrifice there. Then the pilgrim should bathe in the Matangavāpi (which is situated in Dharmāranya), then he should perform *tarpana*, śrāddha and *pinḍadāna* at the well called Brahmatīrtha and also in the space between Brahma-tīrtha and Brahmayūpa; then bow to Brahmā and Dharmesvara.<sup>1501</sup> He should bow to the Mahābodhi tree (i. e. the sacred *pippala*) and perform śrāddha also underneath it. Agni 115, 34-37 and Nāradiya (uttara) 45, 104 refer to these tīrthas. On the third day of the Pañcatīrthi rites (i. e. on 5th day from entering Gayā) the pilgrim should bathe in Brahmasaras and perform śrāddha with pinḍas between the Brahmakūpa and the Yūpa (sacrificial post) raised by Brahmā when he performed a sacrifice. By this śrāddha the pilgrim saves his pītr.<sup>1502</sup> He should go round the Brahma-yūpa and bow

1500. गङ्गापादोदकं विष्णोः फल्गुर्वादिगङ्गाधरः। स्वयं हि द्रवरूपेण तस्माद्द्रव्यविक विदुः ॥ वायु. 111. 16.

1500 a. Pañcāmṛta consists of milk, curds, clarified butter, honey and sugar. With these the image of Gadādhara is to be bathed. Vide नारद (उत्तर) 43 53 'पञ्चामृतेन च स्नानमर्चयां तु विशिष्यते'

1501. Dr. Barua (in 'Gayā and Buddha-Gayā' vol I p 22 note) holds that Dharma and Dharmesvara refer to Buddha, while O'Malley (in J. A. S. B. vol. LXXII for 1904 part 3, p. 5) takes Dharma to mean Yama. I am inclined to agree with O'Malley. Padma, Sṛṣṭihanda 11. 73, states that there are three aranyas for pinḍadāna viz. Puskarāranya, Naimisāranya and Dharmāranya.

1502. It may be noted that the three verses (Vāyu 111, 27-29) addressed to महाबोधिनिवृत्त do not occur in त्रिस्थली p 361, which gives two other verses instead viz. चतुर्दशाय वृक्षाय सर्वदा चतुर्विण्णवे। बोधितत्वाय यज्ञाय अश्वत्थाय नमो नमः ॥ एकादशेति रुद्राणां वस्त्रमष्टमस्तथा। नारायणोसि देवानां पुष्कराजोसि विष्णवे। The त्रिस्थली remarks that in some mss. even these two are not to be found.

to Brahmā. There are mango trees near Gopracāra established by Brahmā. By watering a mango with water from the Brahmasaras the pitrs attain *moksa*. Here follows the verse ('eko munih' &c.) quoted above (n 1493). Then a *bali* should be offered to Yama and Dharmarāja, then to the two dogs of Yama, then he should offer a *bali* to crows and then bathe (in Brahmasaras). This is briefly a summary of Vāyu 111 30-40. Some of these details are mentioned by Agni 115. 34-40 and Nāradiya (uttara) 46. Then on the 4th day of the Pañcatīrthī rites (i. e. 6th day from entrance into Gayā) the pilgrim should take an ordinary bath in the Phalgu and should then perform śrāddhas at the several *padas* on Gayāsīras which is near Phalgutīrtha. Gayāsīras extends from Krauñcapāda up to Phalgutīrtha. Śrāddha offered here (on Gayāsīras) becomes inexhaustible.<sup>1503</sup> Here Ādi-Gadādhara abides in the form of Visnupada. By performing a śrāddha with *pinḍas* on Visnupada (which is a footprint on a slab deemed to be of Viṣṇu) the pilgrim saves one thousand families and takes them and himself to the blissful, inexhaustible and never-ending world of Viṣṇu. Then Vāyu 111. 47-56 deal with the rewards of śrāddhas performed at Rudrapada, Brahmapada and 14 other *padas* expressly named by it.<sup>1504</sup> 'For whomsoever by name a pilgrim offers a *pinḍa* on Gayāsīras, that man, if in hell, goes to heaven and if in heaven he secures *moksa*.'

On the 5th day of the Pañcatīrthī rites (i. e. the 7th day from entering Gayā), the pilgrim should bathe in the sacred place called Gadālola.<sup>1505</sup> By performing śrāddha with *pinḍas* at Gadālola he takes his pitrs and himself to the world of Brahmā. Then at the Aksayavata he should perform a śrāddha

1503. कौञ्जपादात्कल्मषीर्थं यावत्साक्षाद्गयाशिरः। वायु. 111. 44 कौञ्जपाद is the hill मुण्डपट्ट as stated in वायु. 108. 75 'कौञ्जरूपेण हि मुनिर्मुण्डपट्टे तपोऽकरोत्। तस्य पादाङ्गितो यस्मात्कौञ्जपादस्ततः स्मृतः॥'

1504. The त्रिरथली p 366 remarks that there is no separate śrāddha on Gayāsīras apart from the śrāddhas on Visnupada and the other *padas* गयाशिरसि यः पिण्डान्येषां तान्मा तु निर्वपेत्। नरकस्था दिवं याति स्वर्गस्था मोक्षमाप्नुयु ॥ वायु 111 73. Agni. 115. 47 has the latter half Gayāsīras is the centre of Gayā and the most holy spot in it

1505. This tīrtha was so called because Ādi-Gadādhara washed his mace in the water there after smashing the head of demon Heti with it दैत्यहुरस्य यच्छीर्षं गदया तद् द्विधा कृतम्। ततः प्रक्षालिता यस्मात्तीर्थं तच्च विमुक्तये। गदालोलमिति ख्यातं सर्वेयामुत्तमोत्तमम्। वायु 111, 75 गदालोल is in the stream of the river Phalgu.

and honour the (Gayā) brāhmanas established by Brahmā with offerings and food. When they are gratified gods together with pitrs become gratified.<sup>1506</sup> Then the pilgrim should bow to the Aksayavata and worship it with a mantra and also bow to worship Prapitāmaha. Agni 115, 69-73 and Nāradiya (uttara) chap. 47 also refer to these.

The Tristhalīsetu (p 368) remarks that the above are the fixed rites for seven days in Gayā, that other tīrthas may be visited according to one's convenience if one stays in Gayā for half a month or a month; that the śrāddha at the Pretasīlā is to be the first and that at the Aksayavata is to be performed at the end,<sup>1507</sup> and that although there is variation between the order in which tīrthas are to be visited on the several days according to the Vāyupurāṇa, the Agnipurāṇa and other purāṇas, yet as the Vāyupurāṇa is most detailed as regards Gayā rites, the order therein should be followed and that one not knowing the order may visit the tīrthas in any order<sup>1508</sup> except Pretasīlā and Aksayavata. Gayāyātrā, chapter 112 of the Vāyupurāṇa, refers to king Gaya who performed a *yajña* and who got two boons, one about the restoration of the Gayā brāhmanas to favour and the other that Gayāpuri be named after him and who then went to Viṣṇuloka. Then it narrates the story of king Viśālā (verses 7-15) who being sonless performed pindadāna on Gayāśīrṣa and thereby saved his three ancestors, got a son and also himself went to heaven. Then another story is told (verses 16-20) of a deceased person, who was in the condition of a *preta*, offering one-sixth of his property to a trader and asking him to perform Gayāśrāddha with the rest of his wealth and who on account of śrāddha at Gayā became free from the condition of *preta*.<sup>1509</sup> Then verses 20-60 mention several other tīrthas of Gayā such as Gayātrī-tīrtha, Prāci-sarasvatī-tīrtha, Viśālā, Leliḥāna, the

1506. Compare 'ये शुभान्पूजयिष्यन्ति गययामगता नराः। हृष्यन्त्यैर्धने आर्क्षे-  
स्तेषां कुलशतं ब्रजेत्। नरकात्स्वर्गलोकाय स्वर्गलोकात्परा गतिम्।' अग्नि. 114, 39-40.

1507. संसारवृक्षसालायाशेषयायक्षयय च। अक्षयब्रह्मदात्रे च ननोक्षयप्रदाय वै॥  
कलौ माहेश्वरा लोका येन तस्माद्ब्रह्मधराः। तिष्ठन्त्योऽभवत्तं च वन्दे श्रीप्रपितामहम्॥ याजु 111.  
83-84; आर्क्ष वदन्ते कुर्याद् ब्राह्मणानां च भोजनम्। एकस्मिन् भोजिते विभ्रे कोटिर्भगति  
भोजिता। किं पुनर्बहुभिर्भुजेः पितृणां दत्तमक्षयम्।... वदं वदेश्वरं नत्वा पूजयेत् भवितामहम्।  
अग्नि. 115. 71-73.

1508. क्रमतोऽक्रमतो वापि गययात्रा महाफलः। अग्नि. 115 74 q by त्रिषयदीः  
p. 368.

1509. Both the stories occur in अग्निपुराण 115. 54-63, नारदीय (उत्तर) 44,  
26-50, गरुड 1 84, 34-43, and the first about King विशाल in वराहपुराण 7.12ff.

hermitage of Bharata, Mundaprstha, Akāśagangā, Vaitarani and other rivers and sacred places. It winds up by saying that six Gayās confer *mukti* (by worship and pindadāna at them), viz. Gayāgaja, Gayāditya, Gayātrī (tirtha), Gadādhara, Gayā and Gayāsīras.<sup>1509a</sup>

The Agnipurāṇa (chap 116. 1-34) has a long list of tirthas at Gayā that is quoted by the Tristhalīsetu pp. 376-378, which are passed over here.

Though the number of tirthas at Gayā is very large, the majority of pilgrims do not visit them all. Visits to three places are absolutely necessary for every pilgrim to Gayā, viz. Phalgu river, Visnupada and Aksayavata, at all of which worship has to be done with milk, water, flowers, sandalwood paste, *tāmbūla*, lighted lamp and pindas to ancestors have to be offered. The Visnupada temple is built over the footprint of Visnu on the rock to the west of the river Phalgu. The old town of Gayā was built round Visnupada and it is the largest and most important temple in Gayā. The footprint (about 16 inches in length) deemed to be God Visnu's is inside an octagonal basin plated with silver. Pilgrims of all castes (except untouchables) surround the basin and cast their offerings inside the basin, though for a substantial payment the priests clear out all people, shut the door for a minute or two and allow a very orthodox or a rich person to make his offerings without being disturbed by anyone else. There are 45 *vedīs* (or sacred places) at which the leisured pilgrim may offer pindas in the Gayāksetra which extends from about five miles to the north-west of Old Gayā town to about 7 miles south of it. Though the ancient Buddhist works and Fa Hien and Hiouen T'sang make a distinction between Gayā and Uruvilvā or Uruvelā where Buddha attained Enlightenment after six years of severe *tapas*, the Bodhi tree (Mahābodhitaru) was recognized by the Gayāmāhātmya as one of the sacred places which Hindu pilgrims should visit and is so regarded even now. When the Hindus appropriated Buddhist sacred places to themselves it is difficult to say. The Bodhi tree is the oldest historical tree in the world. A branch of it is said to have been transplanted to Ceylon in the times of the great Emperor Aśoka (about 250 B.C.)

1509 a गयामज्जो गथादित्यो गायत्री च नदीधर । गया गयामिस्त्रैव वड्ढ गयामुक्ति-  
दायिका ॥ बड्ढ 112. 60 q. by तीर्थचि p 328 (reads वड्ढगयं मुक्तिदायकी), त्रिस्थली  
p 372 This occurs in नारदीय (उत्तर) 47. 39-40 गयामज्ज—probably refers to  
the pillar with the figure of an elephant near the Gadādhara temple at Gayā.

and at Kandy in Ceylon a *pippala* tree is even now shown as that transplanted tree or the successor of that branch. The *Gayāśīra*<sup>1510</sup> is a set of rocky hills such as *Gayāśīra*, *Munda-prsthā*, *Prabhāsa*, *Grdhrakūṭa*, *Nāgakūṭa*, ranging over one *krośa* (about two miles).

It has been already stated above (p. 666) that the rites at the *Aksayavata* are the last in the pilgrimage to *Gayā*. The *Gayā*-priest binds the thumbs or hands of the pilgrim with a garland of flowers and receives his fees. He gives sweetmeats to the pilgrim as *prasāda*, applies *tālaka* to the pilgrim's forehead, touches the pilgrim on his back, pronounces the word '*suphala*' (the pilgrimage has been fruitful or successful), declares that the pilgrim's ancestors have gone to heaven and blesses the pilgrim. It must be noted that there is a special class of priests called *Dhāmin* who alone (and not the ordinary *Gayāwals*) have the right of officiating at five *vedis* viz. at *Pretasīlā*, *Rāmasīlā*, *Rāmakunda*, *Brahmakunda* and *Kākabali*, that are situated on or about the two hills *Rāmasīlā* and *Pretasīlā* (vide *Bengal District Gazetteers*, vol. 12 for *Gayā* p. 66). They are regarded as inferior in status to the regular *Gayāwals*.

One important question on which there is great divergence of views among the medieval digests is about the ancestors to whom *śrāddha* is to be offered at *Gayā*. In the *Vāyu* and other *Purāṇas* it is frequently said that he who performs *śrāddha* at *Gayā* becomes free from the debt due to the *pitr*<sup>1511</sup> or that what is offered to the *pitr* at *Gayā*, *Dharmaprsthā*, *Brahmasaras*, or on the *Gayāśīra* and under the imperishable *Vata* tree becomes inexhaustible. In most of these passages the plural of the word '*pitr*' is used. Therefore it follows that *śrāddha* is to be offered in *Gayā* to three paternal ancestors. And on account of a verse attributed to *Gautama*,<sup>1512</sup> the three male maternal ancestors also are to be offered *śrāddha*. The difference arises with

1510. *Gayāśīras* and *Gayā* were according to Buddhist works well-known places in Buddha's days. Vide the *Mahāvagga* I. 21. 1 (S. B. E. vol. 13 p. 134) cited above (on p. 646) and *Anguttara Nikāya* (text) vol. IV. p. 302 'एक समर्थ भगवा ययायं विहरति गयासीसे'.

1511. आहूय्यो गयाक्षेत्रे पितृणां कृणोति हि सः। वायु 105. 30; vide also वायु 108. 60 and 90, 109. 41; 'गयायां धर्मपूजे च सरसि ब्रह्मणस्तथा। गयाक्षेत्रे वटे चैव पितृणां दत्तमक्षयम्॥' वारदीय (उत्तर) 44. 54, गरुड I. 63 42-43. This last is ascribed to बृहस्पति by कल्पतरु (on तीर्थ) p. 167.

1512. पितरो यत्र पूज्यन्ते तत्र मातामहा अपि। अविशेषेण कर्तव्यं विशेषाभरणं च ज्ञेयं इति गौतमोक्तम्। त्रिशूलटीका p. 349, quoted also in स्मृत्यर्थसार p. 56.



reference to the wives of these six male paternal and maternal ancestors. The Agnipurāṇa proposes an option (115 10) that the *devatās* in Gayāśrāddha are nine or twelve. When they are to be nine, the śrāddha is for three paternal ancestors, three male ancestors of the mother and the wives of the latter three male ancestors, while there is a separate śrāddha for the mother, paternal grand-mother and paternal great-grandmother. If there are to be twelve *devatās* in Gayāśrāddha, then all the wives of the paternal ancestors and of maternal ancestors would be included in one śrāddha. Aparārka allowed an option (as in Agni) in Gayā-śrāddha.<sup>1513</sup> According to the Smṛtyarthasāra<sup>1514</sup> and Hemādri the Anvataka-śrāddha and Gayāśrāddha for the paternal ancestors and that for the wives of these (i. e. mother, paternal grandmother &c.) must always be separate, but the śrāddha for the mother's paternal ancestors and their wives should be one (and therefore the *devatās* will be nine). Yama (verse 80) appears to hold that the mother, paternal grandmother and paternal great-grandmother are always to be associated with their respective husbands in śrāddha. Some held that the *devatās* of Gayāśrāddha were only six viz the three male paternal ancestors and three male maternal ancestors.<sup>1515</sup> The Tri. S ultimately remarks that the usage of the country should be the deciding principle. The Prajāpati-smṛti (183-184) has some rather contradictory views as to when there would be 12 or 9 or 6 *devatās* in a śrāddha. When there are twelve *devatās*, the *saṅkalpa* at the Pretaśilā-śrāddha which is the model of all the śrāddhas at the other sacred spots in Gayā (with suitable modifications) will be as noted below.<sup>1516</sup>

It should be noted that there are certain special characteristics of Gayāśrāddha. There is no tonsure (Vāyu 83. 18

1513 तत्स्थान्त्वष्टकादित्रये स्त्रीणा आहुः पृथगेव । गयामहालयद्वा तु पृथक् सह वा भर्तृभिरिति सिद्धम् । अपरका p 432, गृह्य I 84. 24 is 'आहुं तु नवदेवत्वं कुर्याद् द्वादश-देवतम् । अन्वष्टकाहु यज्ञे च गयया सूतवासरे ॥.'

1514. तत्र मातृआहुं पृथक् प्रशस्तम् । मातामहानां सपत्नीकमेव । स्मृत्यर्थसार pp 59-60, vide विश्वली० p. 349 for the view of हेमाद्रि.

1515 अत्र केचित्पितृवर्गमातामहवर्गेरूपतया षड्देवत्वमेवेत्याहुः ।... अत्र सर्वत्र मूल-वचनानि देशाचारतश्च व्यवस्थेति सामान्यविधिवैकीकम् । विश्वली० p 349. रघुनन्दन in his तीर्थयात्रातत्त्व notes that this is the good view.

1516 ओम् । अद्याहुकगोत्राणां पितृपितामहपितामहानामसुकाहुकदेवशर्मणाम्, असुकगोत्राणां मातृ-पितामही-पितामहीनामसुकाहुकदेवीनाम्, असुकगोत्राणां मातामह-प्रमातामह-बुद्धप्रमातामहानामसुकाहुकदेवशर्मणाम्, असुकगोत्राणां मातामही-प्रमातामही-बुद्ध-प्रमातामहीनामसुकाहुकदेवीनां मेतत्त्वविसृक्तिकामः मेतशिलाया आहुमहं करिष्ये । तीर्थचि. p. 287 These twelve are specified in गृह्यपुराण I. 84 45-47.

and note 1485 above). One must honour the Gayāwals alone, and not other brāhmanas, however learned they may be; one should not consider the family or character or learning of Gayā brāhmanas (vide p. 579 above and note 1313). But it has to be remembered that Nārāyaṇabhaṭṭa<sup>1517</sup> did not accept this for all śrāddhas t Gayā, but only as to the śrāddha under the Aksaya-vata, since the Vāyu (111. 79-80) again refers under Aksaya-vata to the worship of Gayā brāhmanas and since following the maxim of 'caturdhākarana' laid down in Jai. III. 1 26-27 the later specific provision narrows down the wide words used in the earlier passage. At Gayā one could offer pinda to oneself but without sesame.<sup>1518</sup> The Tri S. (p. 350) observes (relying on Vāyu) that when a man offers a pinda to himself, it should be in the hands of the image of Janārdana on Bhasmakūṭa<sup>1519</sup> and that the pilgrim to Gayā can offer a pinda to himself only when it is certain that he has no son or other *adhikārī* for offering śrāddha. Further, any one related or unrelated, could offer a pinda<sup>1520</sup> to anybody, as laid down in Vāyu 'Whether it is one's own son or the son of another (who offers), in whosoever name a pinda is let fall at Gayā, that man attains everlasting *Brahma*. It is desired that anyone may offer a pinda to anybody after uttering that person's name and gotra and the latter reaches the highest goal'

There are several works, printed and in mss., that deal with the procedure of Gayāśrāddha. There is the Gayāśrāddha-paddhati of Vācaspati printed at the Chandraprabha press, Benares city, the Tīrtha-yātrā-tattva of Raghunandana (which contains a Gayā-

1517. गयार्थां तु निर्गुणा अपि तत्रत्या एव द्विजा भोग्या इति तु हेमाद्रिः। वयं तु बह्व-  
प्रकल्पिताम् विमान्भोजयेत्पूजयेद्ध इत्यक्षयवदप्रकरणे पुन. अथवाच्यार्थकारणोपसंहारन्याये-  
नाक्षयवदश्राद्धनिवमो न गयश्राद्धमात्रे। एवं च शिष्टाचारोप्यनुष्ठायत इति। त्रिस्थली०  
p. 352.

1518. आत्मनस्तु महाबुद्धे गयार्था तु तिलैर्विना। पिण्डनिर्घर्षणं कुर्वीतथा चाप्यत्र  
भोजजा. ॥ वायु. 83, 34 q by त्रिस्थली० p 350 from स्मृतिरत्नावली. vide also वायु.  
105. 12 and अग्नि 115 68 'पिण्डो देयस्तु सर्वेण सर्वेण कुलतारकैः। आत्मनस्तु तथा  
देवो ह्यक्षरं लोकमिच्छता ॥'

1519. जनार्दनो भस्मकूटे तस्य हस्ते तु पिण्डस्तु। आत्मनोऽप्यथवाप्येया सन्नेनापि  
'तिलैर्विना ॥ जीवतां दधिसंमिश्रं सर्वे ते पिण्डलोकगाः ॥ वायु. 108. 85; vide  
शब्दद्वयार्थ 'जनार्दनस्य हस्ते तु पिण्डं दद्यात्स्वक नरः। एष पिण्डो मया दत्तो तव हस्ते  
जनार्दन। परलोकस्वतो महानक्षत्र्यमुपतिष्ठताम् ॥', compare नारद (उत्तर) 47. 62-63 for  
very similar verses.

1520. आत्मनोऽप्यन्यजी वापि गयामूलं यद्वा तदा। यस्मान्ना पातयेत्पिण्डं ते नयेद्  
ब्रह्म शाश्वतम् ॥ नामगोत्रे समुच्चार्य पिण्डपातनाभिप्रेते। येन केनापि कस्मैचित्स याति परमां  
शान्तिम् ॥ वायु 105. 14-15. Vide also वायु. 83, 36.

paddhati) published in Bengali characters. Then I consulted two mss. viz the Gayā-śrāddha-paddhati of Raghunātha son of Mādhava (D. C. ms. No. 93 of 1891-95) and the Gayāśrāddha-vidhi of Vācaspati (D. C. No 245 of 1887-91). The procedure in the Tīrthayātrā-tattva of Raghunandana is set out here briefly without actually citing in full the Vāyupurāṇa passages which it quotes profusely. Raghunandana appears to follow the Tīrthacintāmaṇi closely as some of the notes will show. After the pilgrim enters Gayā he should first make an appropriate saṅkalpa<sup>1521</sup> for a bath in Phalgu, take the clay from the river, apply it to his body and bathe. Then he should perform *tarpana*<sup>1522</sup> to the twelve male and female ancestors (specified in note 1516 above). Then he should declare a saṅkalpa that he would perform Gayāśrāddha with the words 'Om! adyetyādi Gayātīrthapṛāpti-nimittaka-śrāddhamaham karisyē'. Then he should perform a *pūrvana-śrāddha* (described above pp. 485-505) excepting the *āvāhana* and *arghya* rites. If the pilgrim be unable to perform all the details of śrāddha, he may offer only pindas. Then on the same day he should go to the Pretaśilā which adjoins the west bank of the river Phalgu and is to the north of Gayā and perform śrāddha there as follows: he should perform the purification of the ground, sit down on it, perform *ācamana*, face the south, wear the sacred thread in the *apasavya* form, recite the verses (Vāyu 110 10-12 'Kavyavālo...śrāddhenānena śāśvatīm'), contemplate on his pīṭrs, perform *prāṇāyāma*, sprinkle water on the materials for śrāddha after remembering Pundarikākṣa (Viṣṇu), make the saṅkalpa (set out in note 1516). He should go through the whole procedure of śrāddha up to the payment of dakṣiṇā to brāhmanas. After this he should sit to the south of the altar (where he performed the śrāddha), should wear the sacred thread in the *apasavya* form, face the south, place on the ground three kuśas and after reciting the *mantra* (Vāyu 110. 10-12) should make an invocation once in the form of offering an *aṅgālī* of water mixed with sesame, then honour the father with *pūdyā* (water for washing the feet), recite the two verses

1521 ओम् । अद्येत्यादि अश्वमेधसहस्रजन्यफलविलक्षणफलपाप्तिकाम फल्युत्तीर्थे स्नानमहं करिष्ये । This is the सङ्कल्प in तीर्थचि p 286 and तीर्थयात्रातत्त्व p 2

1522 रघुनन्दन sets out the formulas of *tarpana* for Sāmavedins and Yajurvedins 'तत्रामुकगोत्रोऽस्मत्पिता अमुकदेवशर्मा तुष्यतामिदं तीर्थोदकं तस्मै स्वधा पितरं भीषयामीति सामनः । यजुर्वेदोक्तम् । ओं अमुकगोत्रपितरमुकदेवशर्मेस्तुष्यस्वैतत्ते तीर्थोदकं स्वधा पितरं भीषयामीति तीर्थयात्रातत्त्व p 3. The first is set out by तीर्थचि. p. 286 also.

(Vāyu 110. 20-21 'a brahma.. tilodakam' with *om* prefixed), perform invocation as before of the father and others with water in folded hands and should offer a pinda to his father of *pūyasa* or other material mixed with sesame, water and honey with the words 'Om, adya amuka-gotra pitar-amukadevaśarman, esa te pindaḥ svadhā'. In this way he should offer pinda to the remaining eleven devatās, viz. paternal grandfather and others (or eight or five according to usage). He should donate a fee according to his means. Then he should sit to the south of the place he so far occupied, spread on the ground kuśas having roots but with tips turned to the south, should repeat the mantras (Vāyu 110 10-12), perform on those kuśas once an invocation in the form of an *añjali* of water mixed with sesame, repeat the two verses (Vāyu 110. 22-23 'Pitā pitāmaha...mupatisthatām' with *om* prefixed<sup>1522a</sup>) and should offer one pinda made of one handful of barley flour mixed with sesame, kuśas, ghee, curds, water and honey to all the twelve devatās (ancestors) together. Then follows what is called *Ṣoḍaśikarma*, which is as follows. Nineteen spots for pindas should be made (each to the south of the preceding) and should be smeared with *pañcagavya* one after another; then he should spread over each kuśas with their tips to the south, should invoke on the kuśas the persons intended with the mantras (Vāyu 110. 30-32 'asmat-kule mṛtā... tilodakaiḥ'), should worship them by offering sandalwood paste and the rest, (and if he is performing the rite of *sodaśī* on a spot sacred to a specific deity then worship that deity also with an appropriate mantra), should then offer once as before an *añjali* of water mixed with sesame and offer pindas beginning from the first spot, each pinda being offered after reciting each of the 19 mantras (Vāyu 110. 34-55, omitting 110.44 'asipatra o', 110.46 'anekayātana-samsthāḥ ye nītā o', and treating 52-53 as one mantra and 54-55 as one mantra)<sup>1522b</sup>. He should offer 19 pindas

1522 a It should be noted that *om* is to be recited before each verse intended as mantra here and below.

1522 b. The Tīr C. (pp 290-292) slightly differs. It does include Vāyu 110. 46 and treats the three verses (Vāyu 110 51-53) as one mantra. It is difficult to understand why the writers of digests did not say that the *śrāddhasodaśī* should be performed with only 18 mantras from out of the 21 or 22 verses with option to the reciter. Where the mantras exceed the number required, Jaimini X. 5 14 states 'अपूर्वास्तु तु सख्यास्तु विकल्पे श्यास्वसिामर्षव्यात्.' Raghunandana reads the five verses (51-55) somewhat differently from the printed Vāyupurāṇa, though the sense is not much affected.

of the size already stated and made of the material already mentioned with the sacred thread in the *apasavya* form. Raghu-nandana explains that although there are nineteen pindas still this is called *śrāddhasodaśī* as a technical term.<sup>1523</sup> It would be noticed that all the mantras refer to males in the words 'ye', 'te', 'tebhyaḥ'. So this is 'Pum-sodaśī.' There is a 'strī-sodaśī' also which only involves changing the words of the mantras in the masculine to words in the feminine gender as indicated in the *Vāyupurāṇa* itself.<sup>1524</sup> Otherwise there is no difference between the two (pumsodaśī and strīsodaśī). The note below states the mode in which both males and females are to be invoked and gratified.

Water should be sprinkled over all pindas three times with a vessel full of water mixed with sesame. The mantras repeated at the time are quoted below in the note.<sup>1525</sup> Then he prostrates himself on the ground and should dismiss (send away) them (the persons invoked) with the words 'O father and others! forgive me.' Then wearing the sacred thread in the *savya* form, he should sip water (perform *ācamana*) and recite with his face to the east the two mantras (*Vāyu* 110. 59-60 'śaksinaḥ santu,' and 'āgatosmī Gayām'). If a pilgrim is unable to carry out all this lengthy procedure, he should at least offer pindas on *Pretaśilā*, by making a *sankalpa* (like the one in note 1516 saying 'pindadānam' for *śrāddham*). He should wear the sacred thread in the *apasavya* mode and repeat the verses in *Vāyu* (110. 10-12 and 110. 59-60) and should perform according to his *sūtra* the various items such as drawing lines on the altar meant for placing pindas, spreading kuśas, sprinkling down water on the pindas, the offering of pindas, re-sprinkling

1523. ऊनविंशतौ षोडशत्वं पारिभाषिकं पञ्चाश्रवत् । तीर्थयात्रातत्त्व p. 8. When a person inquires of another how many mango trees or fruit the latter has got the latter may reply they are five, even if actually they may be six or seven.

1524. एतेश्च सर्वमन्त्रैस्तु स्त्रीलिङ्गानां समुद्य च । पिण्डान् दद्याद्यथापूर्वं स्त्रीणां नात्रा-  
दिकाक्रमात् । वायु. 110 56 q. in *त्रिस्थली* p. 356 स्त्रीषोडश्या तु—अस्मत्कुले मृता ये  
चेत्यावाहनमन्त्रादारभ्य तिज्राणि सख्य इति पर्यन्तं सम्भवत्स्त्रीलिङ्गसूहृन्नीयम्, अन्यस्तु शृषोड-  
शीवत् सर्वम् । तिथिचि p. 292. So instead of the मन्त्र 'अस्मत्कुले मृता ये च गतिर्षेषां  
न विद्यते' (वायु. 110. 34), in the स्त्रीषोडशी the मन्त्र will be अस्मत्कुले मृता याश्च गति-  
र्षासा न विद्यते । तासांमुद्धरणार्थाय इमं पिण्डं ददाम्यहम् ॥ *त्रिस्थली* p. 357 refers to  
this स्त्रीषोडशी

1525. ओम् । ये च वो येचास्मास्मासन् याश्च वो याश्चास्मास्मासन् ते चावाह्यन्तां ताश्चा-  
वाह्यन्ताम् । तृप्यन्तु भवन्तस्तृप्यन्तु भवन्तस्तृप्यन्तु गोत्रान् पुत्रानभितर्पयन्तीरापो मधुमतीरिमाः ।  
स्वपा पितृभ्योऽमृतं दुहान्ना आपो देवीरभयास्तृप्यन्तु । तृप्यन्तु तृप्यन्तु तृप्यन्तु । तीर्थचि. p. 293,  
तीर्थयात्रातत्त्व pp. 10-11.

water, holding one's breath, loosening the knot of one's garment, offering a thread and sandalwood paste.

Then the pilgrim should descend from the hill (Pretaśilā) to the ground below and should bathe in the deep pool well-known as Rāmārtirtha <sup>1526</sup> (which is in the form of Prabhāsa-hrada) at the meeting place of the great river (Phalgu) with the Prabhāsa hill after making a sankalpa (as given in the footnote) and after repeating the mantra 'janmāntarasatam' (Vāyu 108.18). He should then perform *tarpana* and perform śrāddha or (if unable to offer śrāddha) offer only pindas according to the procedure of his own grhyasūtra. He should offer as done in the Pretaśilā śrāddha twelve pindas to the father and the others, the single inexhaustible pinda and the sodasi-pindas. If he cannot go through all these, he may perform any one of them. Then he should make a sankalpa and should offer obeisance to Rāma with the mantra 'Rāma Rāma' (Vāyu 108.20). When a pilgrim performs this bath, śrāddha and pindadāna his pitrs become free from the condition of being *preta* (Vāyu 108.21). Then he should perform obeisance to the refulgent Prabhāseśa (Śiva). He should offer obeisance to both Rāma and Prabhāseśa with the mantra 'āpastvamasī' (Vāyu 108.22). Then he should offer a *bali* of boiled rice to Yama with the words 'this is a bali, om! bow to Yama.' Then on a hill called Naga situated to the south of Prabhāsa hill and on the middle of Pretaśilā he should recite the verse 'dvau śvānau' (Vāyu 108.30) and offer a bali made up of some kind of cooked food with the words 'this is a bali to Yamarāja and Bhramarāja (Dharmarāja?); salutation'. This offering of bali is obligatory (on every pilgrim); the rest may be done according to one's ability. This finishes the rites on the first day (i. e. the day of entering Gayā).

On the 2nd day of entering Gayā the pilgrim should bathe in Phalgu, perform his daily duty of tarpana and worship of gods and then in the afternoon bathe in Brahmakunda <sup>1527</sup> situated in the north-east corner which touches the root of Pretapārvata, that is at the distance of a gavyūti from Gayā and that (Brahmakunda) is situated to the north-west of Gayā.

1526 ओम् । अद्येत्यादि सायणजन्मान्तरकृतकुतुम्भकतविलयकामेऽस्मिन्नामनीर्थं गानं मद् करिष्ये । तीर्थेतिच p. 294, तीर्थयात्रातन्त्र pp 11-12 The मन्त्र 'जन्मान्तरा' (वायु. 108. 18) is quoted by both.

1527 The सङ्कल्प at ब्रह्मकुण्डज्ञान is ओम् अद्येत्यादि पित्रादीनां पुनरावृत्तिरिति ब्रह्मलोकाभिहितम् येनपर्वते आज्ञमद् करिष्ये । तीर्थयात्रातन्त्र p. 13.

The śrāddha performed here is believed to be performed on the altar of Brahmā (i. e. where Brahmā performed his Asvamedha). Then he should with the face to the south throw on Pretapārvata barley grains mixed with sesame with the mantra 'ye kecit' (Vāyu 110 63 q both by Tīr. C. p. 297 and by Raghunandana) and offer an añjali of water mixed with sesame with the mantra 'ā-brahma' (Vāyu 110.64).<sup>1528</sup>

On the third day after entering Gayā come the rites of Pañcatīrthi described above (pp. 663-666). The pilgrim bathes<sup>1529</sup> in the Uttaramānasa with the mantra 'uttare mānase snānam' (Vāyu 111. 2-3). He should offer one añjali with the verses (Vāyu 110. 20-21) and perform śrāddha. After this śrāddha he sits to the south of Uttara-mānasa, spreads *kusās* with tips towards the south, offers water with sesame and offers to all together one pinda of one handful of barley flour mixed with sesame, *kusās*, honey, curds and water. Then he bows to and worships the Sun's image on Uttaramānasa with the mantra 'namostu bhānave' (Vāyu 111 5). Then he repairs to Dakṣinamānasa in silence and there takes a bath in Udīci tīrtha, in Kanakhala and then in Dakṣinamānasa with the mantra (Vāyu 111 9-10) and then performs salutation and worship to Dakṣinārka, then makes a bow to Maunārka, then goes to Phalgu tīrtha situated to the east of Gadādhara and takes a bath and performs tarpana and śrāddha there; then he worships Pitāmaha (with Vāyu 111. 19), visits Gadādhara and worships (with Vāyu 111.21), then again goes to the five tīrthas, at each of which he bathes and performs tarpana. Then he bathes the image of Gadādhara with pañcāmṛta. Raghunandana notes that the bathing of Gadādhara with pañcāmṛta is obligatory, while the rest may be done according to one's ability. This finishes the rites of pañcatīrthi.

The various tīrthas to be visited after Pañcatīrthi have been mentioned above. It is not necessary to repeat them here. The special mantras from the Vāyupurāṇa cited by Raghun-

1528 It may be stated once for all that there is a saṅkalpa appropriate to each bath, that a bath in a sacred place is followed by tarpana, that śrāddha is performed as on *Prtaśilā* with all details beginning from invocation and ending with making the gods bear witness. Therefore these items will not be repeated hereafter and only the special provisions in each case will be pointed out.

1529 The सङ्कल्प is ओं अग्रेत्यादि पापक्षयपूर्वक-सूर्यलोकादिर्मन्त्रिपितृ-मुक्तिकाम उत्तरमन्त्रे स्नानमहं करिष्ये

nandana will alone be specified here. After bath and śrāddha at Matangavāpi, the pilgrim should go to Matangeśa to the north of Matangavāpi and recite Vāyu 111. 25 (pramānam devatāḥ santū &c). When pouring water at the root of the mango tree established by Brahmā the pilgrim repeats Vāyu 111. 36 (amram brahma-sarodhbhūtam &c.). When bowing to Brahmā, the mantra is Vāyu 111. 34 (namo brahmane &c.). The bali to Yama is offered with Vāyu 111. 38 (Yamarāja-dharmarājau &c.). The bali to the two dogs is to be given with the mantra (Vāyu 111. 39) and that to the crows with Vāyu 111. 40 (Aindra-vāruna-vāyavya &c). As regards the *padas* the pilgrim should begin with Rudrapada and perform śrāddha there and then proceed to Visnupada and worship Viṣṇu with five upacāras<sup>1530</sup> with the mantra 'Idam Viṣṇur-vi cakrame' (Rg. I. 22. 17). To the south of the vedī of Visnupada he should perform the śrāddhasodaśī (described above pp 672-673) up to Vāyu 110. 60 (anrnosham-rnatrayāt). About an ascetic, vide above p. 655.

Then Raghunandana briefly touches upon the śrāddhas to be performed at the several *padas* and remarks that the last śrāddha at the *padas* is that at Kāśyapapada. He prescribes Vāyu 111. 76 as the mantra for bath in Gadālola-tīrtha. Then he states that the śrāddha at the Aksayavata is to be performed on the north side of the Vata near its bottom. He prescribes Vāyu 111. 82-83 (ekārṇave &c) as the mantras for bowing to the Aksayavata. Further, he speaks of śrāddhas to be performed at several sub-tīrthas, such as Gāyatri, Sarasvatī, Viśālā, the hermitage of Bharata, Mundaprstha. Then he prescribes that the pilgrim should cross the Vaitarani (situated to the east of the Devanadi which is near Bhasmakūta) with the mantra (Vāyu 105. 44, yāsau Vaitarani nāma &c). After referring to several other tīrthas such as Gopracāra, Ghrtakulyā, Madhukulyā, Raghunandana recommends that the pilgrim should visit Pāndusīlā (which is in Campakavana near Pītāmaha) and perform śrāddha there. He notes that the four rivers and streams called Ghrtakulyā, Madhukulyā, Devikā and Mahānadi<sup>1531</sup> (Phalgu) are called Madhusravā when they meet the Sīlā (Vāyu

1530. For the five upacāras, vide H. of Dh. vol. II. pp. 729-730.

1531. In the वायुपुराण when speaking of गया the word महानदी occurs frequently (as in 112. 30, 110 6), but it refers to फल्गु. On वायु 110. 6 (ततो गयाप्रवेशे च पूर्वतोऽस्ति महानदी। तत्र तोयं समुत्पाद्य स्नातव्यं निर्मले जले॥) the त्रिस्थली<sup>०</sup> p. 352 observes 'महानदीति फल्गु इव नामधेयम्। तोयं समुत्पाद्येति क्षुधमन्दीत्याह्लाङ्काखननेन तोयमुत्पाद्य'.



112.30) and a bath, tarpana and śrāddha thereon yield immense results. Then are mentioned several other tīrthas such as Daśāśvamedha, Matangapada, Makha-kunda (near Udyanta parvata), Gayākūta. Raghunandana winds up by providing that on Bhasmakūta the pilgrim should place with his right hand in the hand of Janārdana a pinda mixed with curds (but without sesame) and on doing so recite five verses (Vāyu 108. 86-90,<sup>1532</sup> 'eṣa pindo mayā' &c.). Then Raghunandana quotes sixteen verses about Mātsrōdaśī (which do not occur in Vāyupurāna and are passed over here).

We have to distinguish between Gayāksetra, Gayā and Gayāśīras or Gayāśīrsa. The Vāyu, Agni and Nāradya all assert that Gayāksetra is five krośas<sup>1533</sup> (in extent) and Gayāśīras is one krośa. It had become the fashion to speak of famous tīrthas like Kāśī and Prayāga as pañcakrośa. But so far as the Vāyupurāna is concerned the Gayāksetra is about 13 miles in length from Pretaśilā to Mahābodhi tree as shown above. Gayā is said to be two krośas and a half in extent in all directions from Mundaprsthā<sup>1534</sup>. Gayāśīras is smaller than Gayā and is identified with Phalgutīrtha (vide note 1499). Gayā and Gayasīsa (Pāli for Gayāśīrsa) are well known to ancient Buddhist texts (Mahāvagga I. 21. 1 in S. B. E. XIII p. 136, Anguttaranikāya, text vol IV. p. 302). Vide n. 1510

Four of the most important and holy tīrthas have been dealt with at some length so far. It is not possible in the space allotted to the section on tīrthas to pursue the same procedure as regards other famous tīrthas. It is proposed to devote a few pages to each of half a dozen or more tīrthas and then to give a somewhat comprehensive list of tīrthas with a few references in the case of each. But before proceeding further reference must be made to certain popular groupings of tīrthas. There is a group of seven cities that are deemed to be very holy and

1532. Raghunandana reads the five verses somewhat differently from the printed Vāyupurāna, though the sense is not much affected.

1533. पञ्चक्रोशं गयाक्षेत्रं क्रोशमेकं गयाक्षिरः। वायु. 106. 65, अग्नि. 115. 42, नारदीय (उत्तर) 44, 16

1534. मुण्डपृष्ठाश्च पूर्वस्मिन् दक्षिणे पश्चिमोत्तरे। सार्धं क्रोशद्वयं मानं गयेति परिकीर्तितम्॥ वायुपुराण q by विश्वली- p 342 The printed वायु (105. 28-29 'मुण्ड कुप्याश्च पूर्वस्मिन्') appears to have a corrupt reading

the bestowers of *mokṣa*.<sup>1535</sup> They are Ayodhyā, Mathurā, Māyā (i. e. Haridvārā), Kāśī, Kāñcī, Avantikā (i. e. Ujjayinī), Dvārakā. In some works it is Kāntī and not Kāñcī that is mentioned. Badarinātha, Jagannātha Puri, Rāmesvara and Dvārakā—these four are styled Dhāma. There are said to be twelve Jyotirlingas of Śiva, according to the Śivapurāṇa viz. Somanātha<sup>1536</sup> in Saurāstra, Mallikārjuna on Sriśaila hill (in Karnul District and about 50 miles from the Krishna station on the G. I. P. Railway), Mahākālā (in Ujjayinī), Parameśvara in Omkāra-ksetra (an island in the Narmadā), Kedāra in the Himālayas, Bhīmāśankara (north-west of Poona at the source of the Bhīmā river) in Dākīnī, Viṣveśvara in Banaras, Tryambakesvara on the banks of the Gautamī i. e. Godāvarī (near Nasik), Vaidyanātha in Citābhūmī, Nāgesa in Dārūkāvana, Rāmesvara in Setubandha and Ghṛsneśa in<sup>1537</sup> Śivālaya (i. e. the modern shrine at the village of Elura,

1535. अयोध्या मथुरा माया काशी काञ्ची ह्यवन्तिका। एताः पुण्यतमाः प्रोक्ताः। पुराणश्रुतमोत्तमाः ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड IV. 40 91; काशी कान्ती च मायाख्या त्वयोध्या द्वारवत्यपि। मथुरावन्तिका चैता सप्त पुण्यत्र मोक्षदाः ॥ स्कन्द, काशीखण्ड, 6: 68; कान्त्यवन्ती द्वारवती काश्ययोध्या च पञ्चमी। मायापुरी च मथुरा पुण्यं सप्त विशुक्तिदाः ॥ काशीखण्ड 23. 7. अयोध्या वन्तिका। पुरी द्वारवती ज्ञेया सप्तैता मोक्षदायिका ॥ गरुडपुराण (मेतखण्ड) 38 5-6. In the स्कन्द, नागरखण्ड 47. 4 कान्ती occurs as capital of Rudrasena and in Brahmanda III 13. 94-97 Kāntipurī is described as possessing a place for Vyāsa's contemplation, a Kumāradhārā and Puskarinī. If the reading कान्ती is to be accepted there are divergent views about its location, some holding it to be the ancient name of Khatmandu the capital of Nepal, while A. G. identifies it with Kotival 20 miles north of Gwalior

1536 पृथिव्या यानि लिङ्गानि तेषां संख्या न विद्यते। सौराष्ट्रे सोमनाथं च श्रीशैले मल्लिकार्जुनम्। उज्जयिन्या महाकालमोज्ज्वलि परमेश्वरम् ॥ केदार हिमवत्पृष्ठे डाकिन्या भीमशङ्करम्। वाराणस्या च विश्वेशं त्र्यम्बकं गौतमीतटे ॥ वैद्यनाथं चित्तामूर्तिं नागेशं दारुकावने। सेतुबन्धे च रामेशं धुमेकं (धुमेकं ?) च शिवालये। ह्वादेशानि नामानि मातरुत्थाय य. पठेत्। सर्वपापविनिर्मुक्तं सर्वसिद्धिफलं लभेत्। शिवपुराण IV 1. 18, 21-24. There is divergence of views about the identification of some of these, viz. about ओङ्कार (Dey p 5), वैद्यनाथ (Dey p. 50 showing it is either Deoghar in the Santal Pargana or in Paraligrāma near Satara), दारुकावन (Dey, pp. 53-54). Each ज्योतिर्लिङ्ग has an उपलिङ्ग (vide शिवपुराण IV I. 34 42). The बृहन्नारदीयपुराण (पूर्वार्ध) I 6 51 has 'काशीविश्वेश्वरं लिङ्गं ज्योतिर्लिङ्गं तदुच्यते। तद् हृष्टा परमं ज्योतिरामोति मद्भजोत्तम ॥' Vide 'the Cave Temples of India' by Fergusson and Burgess p. 367 n. 1. In JBRAS, vol. X, pp. 4-6 the verses about the twelve Jyotirlingas and their locations are set out from morning Stotra.

1537 For Ghṛsneśvara or Gṛstāneśvara at the village Elura, vide A. S. W. I. vol III pp. 32-83. The famous Kailāsa temple at Ellora is not the Ghṛsneśvara hoga.

7 miles from Devagiri or Daulatabad). The Śivapurāṇa (Kotidrūdra-saṃhitā) chap. 1 names the twelve Jyotirlingas and chapters 14-33 narrate the legends connected with the twelve lingas. The Skandapurāṇa I (Kedārakhanda) chap. 7 verses 30-35 enumerate several lingas including most of the twelve Jyotirlingas. The Bārhaspatyasūtra (edited by Dr. F. W. Thomas) mentions eight great tīrthas each of Viṣṇu, Śiva and Śakti, that yield all *siddhis* <sup>1537a</sup>.

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1537 a. अष्ट विष्णुक्षेत्राः । बदरिका-सालग्राम-पुष्पकोत्तम-द्वारका-विल्वाचल-अनन्त-सिंह-श्रीरङ्गाः । अष्टौ शैवाः । अविमुक्त-गङ्गाद्वार-शिवक्षेत्र-रामेयमुना (?) शिवसरस्वती-मन्थ-शाङ्ख गजक्षेत्राः । शाक्ता अष्टौ च ओम्बोणि-जाल-पूर्ण-काम-कोल-श्रीशैल-काञ्ची-महेन्द्राः । एते महाक्षेत्राः सर्वसिद्धिकराश्च । बार्हस्पत्यसूत्र III 119-126.

## CHAPTER XV

### KURUKṢETRA AND SOME OTHER FAMOUS TĪRTHAS

*KURUKṢETRA* (25 miles east of Ambala) is a very sacred tract, the history of which is lost in the mists of antiquity. In the *Rgveda* X. 33. 4 there is a reference to a king Kurusravana, son of Trasadasyu.<sup>1538</sup> The *Atharva-veda* mentions a Kauravya husband (probably a king) who had a talk with his wife.<sup>1539</sup> In the times of the Brāhmanas Kurukṣetra had become a very holy land. The *Śat. Br.* (IV. 1. 5. 13) narrates the legend that the gods performed a sacrifice in Kurukṣetra and at first excluded the two Aśvins from any share in it (*S. B. E.* vol. 26 p. 275). The *Maitrāyaṇi Samhitā* (II. 1. 4., *devā vai satṭramāsata Kurukṣetre*) and the *Tai. Br.* (V. 1. 1., *devā vai satṭram-āsata tesām Kurukṣetram vedir-āsīt*) also say that the Gods performed a *sattra* in Kurukṣetra. The idea underlying these passages appears to be this. The Vedic people of the Brāhmana period held *yajñas* to be the dharma *par excellence*, as stated in *Rg. X. 90. 16* (*yajñena yajñam-ayajanta devāstān dharmāni prathamānyāsan*). Kurukṣetra was the centre of Vedic culture in the Brāhmana period and sacrifices must have been performed there on a large scale. Hence it was called dharmakṣetra and as gods were supposed to have attained their position by what men believed to be dharma (*yajña, tapas* &c.) it is stated that gods performed *sattras* in Kurukṣetra. The same Brāhmana mentions a Kauravya king Bahlika Prātipiya (XII. 9. 3. 3, *S. B. E.* vol. 44 p. 269). The *Tai. Br.* (I. 3. 4. 1) informs us that the Kuru-Pāñcālas went towards the east in winter (*śiśra*) and to the west in summer which was the worst season. The references in the *Ait. Br.* are far more instructive. The legend about Kavasa in which Sarasvatī helps the sage has already been referred to above (p. 559 n. 1254). The *Ait. Br.* (8. 1 or II 19) calls that place, where Sarasvatī came rushing, 'Parisaraka'. In another place the *Ait. Br.* tells us that in its time Nyagrodha (*Ficus India*) was called Nyubja in Kuru-

1538 कुरुश्रवणमावृणि राजान आसदस्यवद्। मंहिदं वापतावृकि ॥ ऋ X. 33. 4.  
कुरुश्रवण may mean literally 'heard or famous in the land of Kuru'.

1539, कुलायन् कृषवन् कौरव्यपतिर्वदति जायया। अथर्ववेद 20. 127. 8.

ksetra.<sup>1540</sup> Elsewhere the Ait. Br. speaks of the countries of the Kurus and Pañcālas together with the Vāsa-Uśīnaras (38. 3=VIII. 14). The Tai Ā. narrates<sup>1541</sup> that the gods performed a *sattra* and Kurukṣetra was their altar (for the *sattra*). The southern side of that Vēdi (i. e. Kurukṣetra) was Khāṇḍava, the northern side was Tūrgṇa, the hinder part was Parīṇah, and the country of Maru (desert) was the rubbish pit. This shows that Khāṇḍava, Tūrgṇa and Parīṇah were border parts of Kurukṣetra and the Maru district was somewhat away from Kurukṣetra. The Śrautasūtras of Āśv. XII 6, Lātyāyana X. 15 ff and Kātyāyana<sup>1542</sup> 24 6 5 ff closely follow Tāndya and other Brāhmanas and mention several holy places at which parts of the Śārasvatā *sattras* were performed such as Plakṣa Prasravana where Śārasvatī starts, the Vaitandhava-hrada of Śārasvatī, the tract called Parīṇah in Kurukṣetra, Yamunā flowing through the country of Kārapacava and the country of Triplakṣāvaharāna.

In the Chāndogya Upanisad (I. 10. 1 ff) occurs the story of Usastī Cakrāyana who, when the Kuru country was struck by hailstorms, lived with his very young wife in Ibhyagrāma and went begging for food.

The Nirukta (II. 10) explains that<sup>1543</sup> Devāpi and Śāntanu mentioned in Rgveda X. 98. 5 and 7 were historical persons and were brothers, sons of R̥tisena, a king of Kuru. Pāṇini (IV. 1. 151 and IV. 1. 172) explains the formation of the word Kauravya from 'Kuru', the first in the sense of 'apatya', the second in the sense of 'king'.<sup>1544</sup>

1540. तत्रैताश्चमसान्नुज्ज्वलन्ते न्यग्रोधा अभवन् न्युज्जा इति ह्यप्येनानेतर्ह्यचक्षते कुरुक्षेत्रे ते ह प्रथमजा न्यग्रोधाना तेभ्यो हान्येऽधिजातः । ऐ. ब्रा. 35.4=VII 30.

1541. देवा वै सज्जमासत । तेषां कुरुक्षेत्रे वेदिरासीत् । तस्यै खाण्डवो दक्षिणार्ध आसीत् । दूर्धन्तुचरार्ध । परीणज्वनार्ध । सरव उत्तर । ऐ. आ. V. 1. 1. Is तूर्धन् an older form of दूर्धन्? दूर्धन्, modern Sugh on the old Jumna, is about 40 miles from Thanesar and 20 miles to north-west of Saharanpur.

1542. Vide कात्या श्रौ. 'शम्पाप्राप्ते शम्पाप्राप्ते वसन्तो यजमानाश्च यन्ति दक्षिणेन तीरेण । द्यपहृत्पत्ययेऽपोनप्त्रियश्च । अग्रे कामायेहि हस्ते प्राज्ञवणे । अवधुधमग्नयवयन्ति यमुनां कारपचर्व मति । अपर व्यर्णे नैतन्धवेऽग्निमिन्धीत । कुरुक्षेत्रे परिणहि स्थलेऽग्न्याधैय-मन्वारम्भणीयान्तं भवति । एतच्च द्यपहृत्तीतीरेण । अवधुधमग्नयवयन्ति यमुनां त्रिहक्षावहरणं मति । 24.6 5-7, 10.33-34, 38-39. Similar sūtras occur in लाट्यायनश्रौत X 15.1, X 17. 12, X. 18.13, X 19.1, 4-5, 8-9 कात्यायनश्रौत XXIV. 6 33 refers to the 2nd year and XXIV 6 34 to the third year of the सारस्वतसत्र.

1543. तत्रैतिहासनाचक्षते । देवापिश्रार्दिपेणः शन्तुश्च कौरव्यौ आतरो बभूवतुः । निरुक्त II 10.

1544. कुर्वादिभ्यो ण्यः । कुरुनादिभ्यो ण्यः । पा. IV, 1. 151 and 172.

The Mahābhārata frequently speaks of the high sanctifying virtues of Kuruksetra. It appears that the territory to the south of Sarasvatī and to the north of Drsadvatī was included in Kuruksetra and <sup>1545</sup> that those who resided therein were as if residents of paradise. Kuruksetra appears to be called Brahmāvarta in Vanaparva 86.6. According to the Vāmanapurāṇa, Kurujāṅgala is <sup>1546</sup> the country between the Sarasvatī and Drsadvatī, while Manu (II, 17, 18) defines Brahmāvarta as the country created by God between the two divine rivers Sarasvatī and Drsadvatī, states that Brahmarsideśa which is slightly less (in holiness) than Brahmāvarta comprises Kuruksetra, the countries of Matsya, Pañcala and Śūrasena. From these passages it is clear that Brahmāvarta is the holiest country in Āryāvarta and that Kuruksetra was almost like it; we have seen that in the times of the Brāhmaṇas the most sacred Sarasvatī flowed through Kuruksetra and that the place where Sarasvatī disappeared in the desert was called Vināśana and was itself a very holy place. Originally the land called Kuruksetra is said to have been the *Vedi* (sacrificial altar) <sup>1547</sup> of Brahmā, then it came to be called Samantapañcaka (or syamanta—in some passages) when Parāśurāma made five pools of the blood of ksatriyas in revenge for his father's murder, which were subsequently turned into holy pools of water by the blessings of his pitrs and lastly it came to be called Kuruksetra when king Kuru, son of Samvarana <sup>1548</sup>, ploughed the land with a golden plough for seven *kroṭas* all round. Kuruksetra is so called after king Kuru. Kuru is said

1545. दक्षिणेन सरस्वत्या द्रवहृत्युचरेण च। ये वसन्ति कुरुक्षेत्रे ते वसन्ति त्रिविधे ॥  
वनपर्व 83 3. The same verse is वनपर्व 83 204-205.

1546 सरस्वतीद्विपत्योरन्तरं कुरुजाङ्गलम्। वामन 22.47. सरस्वतीद्विपत्योर्देवं  
नद्योर्ध्वदन्तरम्। तं देवनिर्मितं देशं ब्रह्मावर्तं प्रचक्षते ॥ कुरुक्षेत्रं च मत्स्याश्च पञ्चालाः सुर-  
सेनकाः ॥ एष ब्रह्मर्षिदेशो वै ब्रह्मावर्तादनन्तरः ॥ मनु II. 17 and 19. The extent of  
countries varied from age to age. पञ्चाल was divided into North and South.  
At the time of Buddha the capital of Pañcala was Kanoy. Śūrasena is the  
country of which Mathurā was the capital. अनन्तर may mean 'slightly less  
than' or 'not inferior to or not different from.' The verse सरस्वतीद्विपत्योः  
occurs in नारदीय (उत्तर) chap. 64 6.

1547. आद्यैषा ब्रह्मणो वेदिस्ततो रामहृदः स्मृता। कुरुणा च यतः कुर्व कुरुक्षेत्रं ततः  
स्मृतम् ॥ वामन 22 59-60. According to वामन 22.18-20 there are five *vedis* of  
Brahmā viz. समन्तपञ्चक (उत्तरा), प्रयाग (मध्यमा), सपाक्षिरा (पूर्वा), विरजा (दक्षिणा),  
पुष्कर (पश्चिमी). Vide वामन 22.20 and पद्म IV. 17,7 for the form समन्तपञ्चक

1548. According to the विष्णुपुराण the genealogy is अजमीद-अन-तंवरण-  
कुरु, about whom it says 'य इदं धर्मक्षेत्रं कुरुक्षेत्रं चकार' (IV 19 74-77).

to have asked of Indra the boon that the territory he ploughed might be 'Dharmaksetra' (domain of righteousness) and that those who may bathe or die there may reap a rich harvest of merit<sup>1549</sup>. The war between Kurus and Pāṇḍavas was fought there. It is spoken of as 'Dharmaksetra' in the opening verse of the Bhagavad-gītā. Kurujāngala is said to be a very fit country for śrāddha in Vāyu (77. 93) and Kūrma II 20. 33 and 37. 36-37. In the 7th century the Chinese traveller Hiouen T'sang speaks of the country, the capital of which was Sthānvisvara (modern Thanesar which is the heart of Kuruksetra) as the 'land of religious merit' (Beal's B. R. W. W. vol. I p. 184).

The extent of Kuruksetra is said to be five *yojanas* in radius (in Vanaparva and the Vāmana Purāṇa)<sup>1550</sup>. A somewhat corrupt verse occurs in the Mahābhārata and some purāṇas<sup>1551</sup> about the limits of Kuruksetra viz. the territory between Tarantu and Kārantuka and between Macakruka (image of a *yakṣa*) and the Rāma-hradas (pools made by Parāśurāma)—this is Kuruksetra, Samantapañcaka and the northern vedi of Brahmā. The result is that Kuruksetra is referred to under various names viz. Brahmasaras, Rāmahrada, Samantapañcaka, Vinaśana, Sannihati (vide T. Pr. p. 463). For the boundaries of Kuruksetra, vide Cunningham's A. S. R. of India, vol. XIV pp 86-106 where he notes that Kuruksetra was 30 miles to the south of Ambala and 40 miles to the north of Panipat. In the remote past Kuruksetra was the centre of

1549. पावदेतन्मया कृष्टं धर्मक्षेत्रं तदस्तु च । स्नातानां च मृतानां च महापुण्यफलं  
स्निह । वामनपुराण 22. 33-34. Compare Salyaparva 53. 13-14.

1550. वेदी भजापतेरेषा समन्तात्पञ्चयोजना । कुरोर्वे यज्ञशीलस्य क्षेत्रमेतन्महात्मनः ॥  
वनपर्व 129. 22. समाजगाम च पुनर्वैष्णवी वेदिमुत्तरात् । समन्तपञ्चकं नाम धर्मस्थानं  
महत्तमम् ॥ आसमन्ताद्योजनानि पञ्च पञ्च च सर्वतः ॥ वामनपु 22 15-16. The नारदीय  
(उत्तर chap. 64 20) states 'पञ्चयोजनविस्तारं दद्यात्सत्यक्षमोदूमम् । स्यमन्तपञ्चकं  
तावत्कुरुक्षेत्रमुदाहृतम् ॥'

1551. तरन्तुकारन्तुकयोर्व्यदन्तरं रामहृदयानां च मन्त्रकक्षस्य । एतत्कुरुक्षेत्रसमन्तं  
पञ्चकं पितामहस्योत्तरवेदिर्च्यते ॥ वनपर्व 83. 208. ज्ञान्यपर्व 53. 24 पञ्च. I, 27 92  
(reads तरण्डकारण्डकयोः), q. by कल्पतरु (on तीर्थ) p. 179 (from the महाभारत).  
वनपर्व 83 9-15 and 200 show that मन्त्रकक्ष was a यक्ष appointed as one of the  
होरापाल of कुरुक्षेत्र by God Viṣṇu Should we not separate the first word as  
तरन्तुक and अरन्तुक? In the नारदीय (उत्तर chap 65. 24) we have रन्तुक as a sub-  
firtha under कुरुक्षेत्र. Vide तीर्थमकाश pp 464-465 for explanation of this verse,  
A G p 334 quotes this verse. In Archaeological Survey Reports for India  
vol. II p. 215 Cunningham quotes the verse as तदन्तुकारन्तुकयोर्व्यदन्तरं and  
remarks that Ratnuka is the Ratan *Jakṣa* (यक्ष) at the north-east corner of  
the circuit of Kuruksetra, four miles to the east of Thanesar

all the activities and the culture of the Vedic people. Gradually the Vedic people spread towards the east and south and the country between the Ganges and Jumnā and later on Videha (or Mithilā) became the centres of Indian culture.

For reasons of space it is not possible to dwell at length on the greatness and sanctity of Kuruksetra as described in the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas. Vanaparva 83 starts by saying that all beings that are in Kuruksetra are freed from all sins and that he also who always says 'I shall go to Kuruksetra, and I shall reside in Kuruksetra' is freed from sins<sup>1552</sup>. 'In this world there is no place holier than this. Even the particles of dust driven from Kuruksetra by the wind take a great sinner to the highest goal'<sup>1553</sup>. Even the Ganges is compared to Kuruksetra (vide note 1324 'Kurukṣetrasamā Gāṅgā'). The Nāradya avers<sup>1554</sup> that planets, constellations and stars are subject to the danger of falling down (from the sky) in course of time, but in the case of those that die in Kuruksetra there is no falling on the earth again (i.e. they would not be born again).

It is a remarkable fact that though the Vanaparva in chap. 83 enumerates several tirthas on the Sarasvatī and in Kuruksetra, they do not at all tally with the tirthas mentioned in the Brāhmanas and the Śrautasūtras (except Vināśana which is mentioned in Vanaparva 83.11 and probably Saraka which may be identified with Parisaraka of the Ait. Br.). This means that the Vanaparva account of Sarasvatī and Kuruksetra is later by some centuries than that in the Śrautasūtras. The Nāradya (uttara, chap. 65) names about one hundred tirthas in Kuruksetra. It is not possible to set out all of them. But a few words may be said about some of them. First comes the lake called Brahmasaras or Pavana-hrada (Vanaparva 83. 85, Vāmana 49. 38-41, Nāradya, uttara 65 95) on

1552. ततो नश्चेत् राजेन्द्र कुरुक्षेत्रमभिष्टुतम् । पापिन्यो विमलच्युते तद्वताः सर्वजन्तवः ॥ कुरुक्षेत्रं गनिष्यामि कुरुक्षेत्रे वसाम्यहम् । प एवं सततं द्रुपात् सर्वपापि प्रमुच्यते ॥ वनपर्व 83. 1-2 The commentator नीलकण्ठ furnishes a fanciful derivation of कुरुक्षेत्र (on वनपर्व 83 6) 'कुत्सितं रोषेति कुरु पापं तस्य क्षेत्रेणात् त्रायते इति कुरुक्षेत्रं पापनिवर्तकं ब्रह्मोपलब्धिस्थानत्वात् ब्रह्मसदनम्'. 'सम्पत्कृन्तो देवो क्षत्रियाणां ते समन्ता रानकृतपरिरोद्धदा, तेषां पञ्चकं समस्तपञ्चकम्' Vide ती म p 463.

1553. नातः परतरं दुर्गं भूमेः स्थानं न विद्यते ।... पातवोपि कुरुक्षेत्रे वायुना संवृदीरिताः । अपि दुष्कृतकर्माणं नयन्ति परमां गतिम् ॥ शाल्व 53. 17, 22 q. In कल्प (on तीर्थ) p 178. The verse पातवोपि also occurs in वनपर्व 83 3.

1554. ग्रहनक्षत्रताराणां कालेन पतनाद्भयम् । कुरुक्षेत्रवृत्तानां तु न भूयः पतनं भवेत् ॥ नारदीय II 64 23-24, वामन 33. 16 (last pāda is प्रतनं नैव विद्यते)



which Kuru stayed as an ascetic. A. G. (pp. 334-335) remarks that the lake is 3546 feet long east to west and 1900 feet wide north to south. The Vāmanapurāṇa (22. 50-55) describes it at some length and says that it was half a *yojana* in extent. Cakratīrtha (mentioned by Vāmanapurāṇa 42. 5, 57. 89 and 81. 3) is popularly supposed to be the place where Kṛṣṇa took up the discus for attacking Bhīṣma. Vyāsasthali<sup>1555</sup> (named in Vanaparva 84. 96, Nāradya, uttarārdha 65. 83 and Padma I. 26. 90-91) is the same as modern Basthali, 17 miles to the south-west of Thanesar where Vyāsa resolved to die on the loss of his son. Asthipura (Padma, Ādi 27. 62) is on the west of Thanesar and south of Aujaśghaṭ where the bodies of the warriors killed in the Great Bhārata war were cremated. Cunningham in Archaeological Survey Reports of India vol. II p. 219 states that Cakratīrtha is the same as Asthipura and that in Alberuni's time it was the most famous shrine in Kurukṣetra. Prthūdaka on the Sarasvatī is very highly spoken of in Vanaparva 83. 142-149. 'They say<sup>1556</sup> that Kurukṣetra is holy, that Sarasvatī is holier than Kurukṣetra, that the sacred spots (on Sarasvatī) are holier than the river Sarasvatī and that Prthūdaka is holier than all the other tīrthas on Sarasvatī. There is no tīrtha that is better than Prthūdaka'. The Śalyaparva<sup>1557</sup> remarks that whoever, while intently engaged in repeating holy texts, abandons his life at Prthūdaka on the northern bank of the Sarasvatī would not be troubled by death next day (i. e. he would be free from birth and death). The Vāmanapurāṇa (39. 20 and 23) calls it Brahmayonitīrtha. Pithūdaka is modern Pehova in the Karnal District in Panjab, 14 miles to the west of Thanesar. Vide E. I. vol. I p. 184 for the Pehova inscription from the temple of Garibnath dated in *samvat* 276 (of the Harsa Era) i. e. 882-883 A. D., which records the agreement of certain pious horse-dealers to impose on themselves and their customers certain

1555. सरस्वत्या विनशानं कृत्वा प्रसवणं शुभम् । व्यासतीर्थमिति ख्यातं मेमाकथं नमोत्तमः ॥ कूर्मे II 37. 29, vide ब्रह्माण्ड III 13. 69 for a similar verse.

1556. पुण्यमाहुः कुरुक्षेत्रं कुरुक्षेत्रात्सरस्वती । सरस्वत्याश्च तीर्थानि तीर्थेभ्यश्च प्रथुदकेन ॥ प्रथुदकातीर्थेनैव नान्यतीर्थं कुरुक्षेत्रं ॥ वनपर्व 83. 147, शान्तिपर्व 152. 11 (first verse), पद्म (आदि. 27. 33, 34, 36) q. by कल्पः (on तीर्थे) pp 180-181. The वामनपुराण 22. 44 says 'तस्मैव मध्ये बहुपुण्ययुक्तं प्रथुदकं पापहरं शिवं च । पुण्या नदी ग्राह्यस्वतां प्रयाता जलीययुक्तस्य सुता जलादद्यात् ॥'.

1557. सरस्वत्युत्तरे तीरे यस्त्यजेदात्मनस्तप्तुम् ॥ प्रथुदके जप्यपरो नैनं श्यो मरणं तपेत् । शाल्यपर्व 39. 33-34, वामनपुराण 39. 19 has the same verse (last pāda is read as नैतस्य मरणं भवेत्).

taxes and tithes for the benefit of some priests and temples, one of which was the temple of Visnu in his Yajñavarāha *avatāra* built at Prthūdaka.

The Vāmanapurāṇa (34. 3 ff) and Nāradiya (uttarārḍha 65. 4-7) enumerate seven forests existing in Kurukṣetra as very holy and as destroyers of all sins, viz. Kāmyaka, Aditivana, Vyāsavana, Phalakivana, Sūryavana, Madhuvana and Sitavana. Vide A. S. R. for India, vol. 14 pp. 90-91 for the *vanas*. In the Śalyaparva (chap. 38) it is said that the world is encompassed by seven Sarasvatīs, then they are enumerated and their locations are specified viz. Suprabhā (in Puskara, where Brahmā engaged in a great sacrifice remembered her, verse 13), Kāñcanākṣī (in the Naimisa forest, v. 19), Viśālā (invoked by Gaya in the Gayā country, verses 20-21), Manoramā (in Auddālaka's yajña in Uttarakosala, verses 22-25), Surenu (in Rśabhadvīpa in Kuru's yajña, verses 26-27), Oghavati (called by Vasistha in Kurukṣetra, verses 27-28), Vimalodā (when Brahmā again performed a yajña in the Himālaya). In the Vāmanapurāṇa 34. 6-8 seven rivers in connection with Sarasvatī are said to be very holy (but nine are actually enumerated) viz. Sarasvatī, Vaitarani, Āpagā, Gangā-Mandakini, Madhusravā, Ambunadī, Kausikī, Drsadvatī and Hiranvatī.

Kurukṣetra was also called Sannihati or Sannihatya. Vide those words in the list of tīrthas. The Vāmanapurāṇa (32. 3-4) says that Sarasvatī springs from a plaksa tree, that after piercing many hills it enters Dvaitavana. Vāmana (32. 6-22) contains a eulogy of Sarasvatī by Mārkaṇḍeya. Alberuni (Sachau, vol. I. p. 261) states that the river Sarasvatī falls into the sea at the distance of a bowshot east of Somnāth. There is a small but holy stream called Sarasvatī, that rises in the Mahikantha hills and after crossing the south-east corner of Palampur Agency passes by Siddhapura and Patan, flows underground for some miles and then enters the Runn of Cutch (Bom. G. vol. V. p., 283).<sup>1557a</sup>

## MATHURA

Till now it has not been possible to trace an express Vedic reference to Mathurā, the chief city of the country of Śūrasena. But its existence from at least the 5th century B. C. appears

<sup>1557a</sup>. Vide A. S. R. of India, vol. 14 pp. 97-106 for an exhaustive list of tīrthas in Kurukṣetra.

to rest on firm ground. It is stated in the *Anguttaranikāya* (I 167, *ekam samayam āyasmā Mahākaccāno Madhurāyam viharati Gundāvaṇe*) and *Majjhima* (II 84 same words) that Mahākaccāyana, a famous disciple of Buddha, assiduously preached in Mathurā the principles of his Master. Megasthenes appears to have known Mathurā and its connection with Heracles<sup>1558</sup> (Hari-Kṛṣṇa?). The word 'Mathura' (meaning a resident of Mathurā, or born in or coming from Mathurā) occurs in Jaimini's *Pūrva-mīmāṃsā-sūtra*.<sup>1559</sup> Though Pāṇini's sūtras do not expressly mention Mathurā, the latter is included in the *Varanādi-gaṇa* (Pāṇ. IV. 2. 82). Pāṇini is, however, aware of Vāsudeva and Arjuna (IV. 3. 98), the Andhaka and Vṛṣṇi clans of Yādavas to which Kṛṣṇa belonged (IV. 1. 114) and probably knew the name Govinda (III. 1. 138 and *vārtika* 'gavi ca vindeḥ sañjñāyām'). Mathurā is several times mentioned by the *Mahābhāṣya* of Patañjali who<sup>1560</sup> in a famous passage refers to dramatic representations, paintings and stories which depict the destruction of Kamsa by Vāsudeva. He also cites a quarter of a verse about the killing of Kamsa by Vāsudeva as a well-known past event. Whether the town Śaurya mentioned in the *Mahābhāṣya* on *Vārtika* 2 on Pāṇini II. 4.7 (Śauryam ca Ketavatā ca Śaurya-Ketavate) is the same as Mathurā is doubtful, even though the *Uttarādhyaṇasūtra* speaks of Mathurā as Śauryapura (S. B. E. vol. 45 p. 112). The *Ādiparva* (221. 46) indicates that Mathurā was famed for excellent cows

1558. Vide McCrindle's 'Megasthenes and Arrian' p. 201 where it is said that Heracles was held in special honour by the Saurasenoi tribe (Sūrasena) which possessed two large cities, Mathurā and Kleisobora (Kṛṣṇapura?), while Ptolemy calls it 'Modoura of the gods' (vide McCrindle's 'Ancient India as described by Ptolemy', ed. of 1927, p. 124).

1559. *स्याद्योगाख्या हि माथुरवत्*. जे I. 3 21 on which शबर says यतो दृश्यते मथुरासमिप्रस्थितो माथुर इति मथुरायां वसत् मथुरायां निर्गतश्च The तन्वार्तिक (p. 251) finds fault with the words underlined.

1560. न हेको देवदत्तो युगपच्छुभे च भवति मथुरायां च। महाभाष्य vol I. pp. 18, 19 and 244, सतम्यर्थेऽपि वै वतिर्भवति तद्यथा। मथुरायामिव मथुरावत्। पाटलिपुत्र इव पाटलिपुत्रवत्। महाभाष्य vol I. p. 192 (on पा I. 2. 1) and vol. III p. 299 (on पा VII. 2 62, वार्तिक 3). Vide note 1409 above where माथुर cloth is said to be inferior to काशिक cloth and my paper on 'Ancient cities and towns mentioned in the *Mahābhāṣya*' JBBRAS vol 27 pp. 39-42 (1951) for other references. ये तावदेते शोभनिका नामैते प्रत्यक्षं कंसं घातयन्ति प्रत्यक्षं च बलिं घन्ययन्तीति। .. केचित्समभक्ता भवन्ति केचिद्वासुदेवभक्ताः। महाभाष्य vol II. p. 36 on पा. III 1. 26 and वार्तिक 15, त्रयोक्तुर्दर्शनविषये इति किमर्थम्। जघान कंसं किल वासुदेव। महाभाष्य (vol, II, p. 119 on पा. III. 2. 111),

in those days. When Harṇsa and Dimbhaka, brave commanders of Jarāsandha, drowned themselves in the Jumnā and when Jarāsandha sorrowfully went to Magadha Kṛṣṇa says 'we shall again joyfully reside in Mathurā' (Sabhāparva 14. 41-45). Ultimately Kṛṣṇa is said to have left Mathurā owing to the constant attacks of Jarāsandha and established the Yādavas in Dvārakā<sup>1561</sup> (Sabhāparva, 14. 49-50 and 67). The Brahmapurāṇa, on the other hand, states that the Yrṣnis and Andhakas on the advice of Kṛṣṇa left Mathurā through the fear of Kālayavana. Vide also Vi. V. 23. 8-15. The Vāyu (88. 185) states that Śatrughna, the brother of Rāma, killed the demon Layana, son of Madhu and established Mathurā in Madhuvana while the Rāmāyana (Uttara-kāṇḍa 70. 6-9) informs us that Śatrughna took twelve years to make Mathurā a fine and prosperous city. In the Ghata-jātaka (Fausböll, vol. IV. pp. 79-89 No. 454) Mathurā is called Uttara Madhurā (to distinguish it from Madhurā of the Pāndyas in the south) and the story of Kamsa and Vāsudeva is narrated, which differs in some material points from the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas. In the Raghuvamśa XV. 28 it is mentioned as Madhurā and as founded by Śatrughna. Hiouen Tshang states that in Mathurā there existed in his day three *stūpas* built by Aśoka-rāja, that there were in Mathurā five Deva temples, 20 *sanghārāmas* (Buddhist convents) with 2000 Buddhist priests (Beal's B. R. W. W. vol. I p 179). James Allan (in 'Catalogue of the coins of Ancient India' 1936, p. CXVI) states that the coins of the Hindu kings of Mathurā cover the period from the beginning of the 2nd century B. C to the middle of the first century B. C. For some ancient coins from Mathurā, the Cambridge History of India, vol. I, p. 538 and plate V (No. 5-10) may be referred to. An interesting and informative work is 'Mathurā' by F. S. Growse (2nd ed. 1880). Inscriptions contribute important evidence about the history and antiquity of Mathurā.<sup>1562</sup> The famous inscription of Khāravela (E. I. vol. XX. at p. 79) includes among the exploits of that king of Kalinga the retreat of the Yavana king Dīmīta to Madhurā (i. e. Mathurā). Several

1561. वयं चैव महाराज जरासन्धभयात्तदा । मधुरां सम्परित्यज्य यदा द्वारवतीं पुरीम् ॥ संभा 14. 67; ततो दृष्ट्वा जरासन्धकाः कुण्ठां पुरस्कृत्य महामतिम् । समेता मन्त्रयामासुर्धनस्य भयात्तदा । कृत्वा विनिश्चयं सर्वं पलायनमरोचयत् । विहाय मधुरां रम्यां नानयन्त । विनाकिनम् । कुशस्थलीं द्वारवतीं निवेशयितुमीप्सव ॥ ब्रह्म 14. 54-56.

1562. Vide Dr. B. C. Law's learned paper on 'Mathurā in Ancient India' in J. A. S. of Bengal, vol. XIII (for 1947) pp. 21-30.

Inscriptions of such Kuṣāna rulers as Kaniska, Huviska and others relating to Mathurā have been published of which the following may be mentioned: Inscription on a Nāga image at Mathurā of 'Mahārāja-rajātirāja Kanikkha' in *śamvat* 8 (E. I. vol. 17. p. 10)<sup>1563</sup>; the Mathurā pedestal Inscription of Kaniska in the 14th year (E. I. vol. 19 p. 96); inscription on the pedestal of the image of a seated Bodhisattva at Mathurā in the reign of Huviska in *śamvat* 33 (E. I. vol. 8 pp. 181-182); Inscription of a king Vāsu (rest of the name lost) of the year 74 (E. I. vol. 9 p. 241) and of the time of Śondasa (E. I. vol. 9 p. 246); seven Brāhmi inscriptions from Mathurā and its vicinity (E. I. vol. 24 pp. 194-210). There is further an interesting inscription recording the dedication of a stone slab in the temple of Nāgendra Dadhikarna by Nandibala and other sons of some actor (Śailālaka) brothers of Mathurā (E. I. vol. I. at p. 390). From the Visnu-purāṇa VI. 8. 31 it follows that an image of Hari had been installed in Mathurā before that purāṇa was composed. The Vāyupurāṇa<sup>1564</sup> informs us in a prophetic vein that seven Nāga kings will rule over Mathurā, Prayaga, Saketa and Magadha before the Guptas. Alberuni's India (vol. II. p. 147) states that Mathurā (Mathurā) is crowded with brāhmanas.

From the above brief historical sketch it would appear that Mathurā was, five or six centuries before Christ, a flourishing city where the epic Hinduism prevailed, that later on Buddhism and Jainism dominated it, that there must have been a revival of Hinduism under the Nāga and Gupta emperors, that in the 7th century A. D., when Hiouen Thsang wrote, Hinduism and Buddhism were equally prominent and that in the 11th century A. D. it was completely dominated by the Brahmanic faith.

The Agnipurāṇa furnishes the strange information that Bharata at the command of Rāma killed three crores of the sons of Śailūsa in the city of Mathurā<sup>1565</sup>. Mathurā has been

<sup>1563</sup> The generally accepted date for Kaniska is 78 A. D. Vide Journal of the Bihar and Orissa R. Society, vol. 23 (1937) pp. 113-117 (by Dr. A. Banerji-Sastri).

<sup>1564</sup> नव नाकास्तु (नागास्तु!) भोदयन्ति पुरी चम्पावती द्रुपाः । मथुरां च पुरीं रम्यां नागा भोदयन्ति सप्त वै । अलङ्कारं मयागं च साकेतं मगधास्तथा । एताम् जनपदान्सर्वान् भोदयन्ते शतवंशजाः ॥ वायु 99. 382-83, Br. III, 74 194 Vide Jayaswal, 'History of India' (150-350 A. D.) pp 3-15 for the Nāga dynasty.

<sup>1565</sup> अहर्षमथुरा काचिद्रामोक्तो भरतोवधीद् । कोटिवयं नैवेद्यपुत्राणां निहितैः शरैः ॥ शैल्यं हसगन्धर्वं सिन्धुतीरनिवासिनम् । अग्नि 11. 8-9 शैल्य also means an

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the centre of Kṛṣṇa worship and of Bhāgavatism for over two thousand years. The Varāha-purāṇa devotes about one thousand verses to the greatness of Mathurā and its sub-tirthas (chap. 152-178). The Brhan-nāradiya, chapters 79-80, Bhāgavata X and Viṣṇu-purāṇa V-VI devote much space to Kṛṣṇa, Rādhā, Mathurā, Vṛndāvana, Govardhana and Kṛṣṇa's exploits there.

For want of space only a few verses about Mathurā will be set out here. The Padma (Ādikhaṇḍa 29. 46-47) says 'Yamunā gives mokṣa when united with Mathurā; Yamunā gives rise to great merit in Mathurā and when united to Mathurā it bestows devotion to Viṣṇu'. In the Varāhapurāṇa (152. 8, 11) Viṣṇu says 'There is no place either in the nether regions or on the earth or in mid air as dear to me as Mathurā. Mathurā is a famous kṣetra of mine that confers *mukti*; no place is to me higher than it. It is my birth-place and it is lovely, commendable and dear to me'. The Padma says 'Mathuraka is a name extremely dear to Viṣṇu'. The Harivamśa contains a fine description of Mathurā, one verse from which may be quoted here 'Mathurā is the hump (i. e. the most eminent spot) of Madhyadeśa, it is simply the abode of the goddess of wealth, it is the horn (i. e. the most prominent part) of the earth, there is nothing like it and it is endowed with abundant wealth and agricultural produce'.<sup>1566</sup>

The tract round about Mathurā is said to be 20 yojanas in extent and the city of Mathurā was in its midst<sup>1567</sup>. The Varāhapurāṇa and the Nāradiya (uttarārdha) chapters 79-80 mention numerous tirthas in and about Mathurā. It is not possible to enumerate them here. A few important ones will be noticed briefly. Both Varāha (chap. 153 and 161. 6-10) and Nāradiya (uttarārdha 79. 10-18) mention twelve forests near Mathurā viz. Madhu, Tāla, Kumuda, Kāmya, Bahula, Bhadra,

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actor Has this anything to do with a dispute between the followers of Bharata, the reputed author of the Nāṭyaśāstra, and other actors? The Nāṭyaśāstra chap. 17. 47 (G.O.S.) prefers the dialect of Sūrasena for dramas. Vide my 'History of Sanskrit Poetics' p 40 (1951).

1566. तस्मान्माधुरकं नाम विष्णोरेकान्तपल्लवम् । पद्म. IV. 69. 12, मधुपक्षस्य ककुब्धं धाम लक्ष्म्याश्च केवलम् । शृङ्गं पृथिव्याः स्वालक्ष्यं मधुतघनधान्यवत् । हरिवंश, विष्णु-पर्व 57. 2-3.

1567. विशतिर्गोत्रैर्नामा ह माधुरं परिमण्डलम् । तन्मध्ये मधुरा नाम दूरी सर्वो-  
त्थोत्तमा । नारदीय (चक्षुर) 79. 20-21.

Khādīra, Mahāvāna, Lohajāṅgha, Bilva, Bhāṇḍīra and Vṛndāvana. There are also 24 upāvanas enumerated by Gṛowse on 'Mathurā' (p. 76) which are not mentioned by the Purāṇas but only by later works. Vṛndāvana<sup>1568</sup> was to the north-west of Mathurā on the Yamunā and was five yojanas in extent (Viṣṇupurāṇa V. 6. 28-40, Nāradiya, uttarārdha 80. 6, 8 and 77). It was the scene of Kṛṣṇa's adventures and love-making. The Padma IV. 69. 9 speaks of it as a portion of Vaikuntha on the earth. The Matsya (13. 38) identifies Rādhā in Vṛndāvana as Devī Dākṣaṇī.<sup>1569</sup> In Kālidāsa's day it had great fame. In Raghuvamśa VI, while describing Susena of the Nīpa family, king of Śūrasena, Vṛndāvana is said to be no less charming than Caitraratha, the park of Kubera (verse 50). Then there is the Govardhana<sup>1570</sup> hill, which Kṛṣṇa lifted up on his little finger to afford shelter for seven days to the cowherds and their cattle against the heavy rains sent down by Indra (Viṣṇupurāṇa V. 11. 15-25). It is stated in the Varāhapurāṇa (164. 1) that Govardhana is about two yojanas from Mathurā to its west. This appears to be tolerably correct as at present it is 18 miles from Vṛndāvana. The Kūrma (I. 14. 18) says that the very ancient king Prthu performed austerities here. The details given in the Hari-vamśa and the Purāṇas are sometimes confused and misleading. For example, in the Hari-vamśa (Viṣṇuparva 13. 3) it is stated that Tālavana is to the north of Govardhana on the Yamunā, while it is south-east of Govardhana. Kālidāsa refers to the caverns of Govardhana (Raghuvamśa 6. 51). Gokula is the same as Vraja or Mahāvāna, where

1568 The पद्म (पाताल 75. 8-14) puts an esoteric interpretation on कृष्ण, गोपी and कालिन्दी. The गोपपत्न्यः are योगिनीः, कालिन्दी is सुपुष्पः, कृष्ण is सर्वस्वायक and so on.

1569. Dey (p. 42) regards the identity of the modern Vṛndāvana which is only 6 miles from Mathurā (in the opposite direction to Gokula) with the ancient Vṛndāvana described in the Purāṇas as extremely doubtful on several grounds, the most cogent being that ancient Vṛndāvana and Mathurā appear to have been situated on opposite sides of the Yamunā, while modern Vṛndāvana and Mathurā are on the same side of the river. But the references he gives for this last statement viz. Viṣṇupurāṇa 5. 18. 33 and Bhāgavatapurāṇa X. 39. 34 do not in my opinion bear out what he says. The Nāradiya (II. 80. 6-7) appears to say that Vṛndāvana is near Govardhana and along the Yamunā and Nandigrāma.

1570. यनी पुण्या नदी यत्र पुण्यो गोवर्धनी गिरिः । तस्मिन् वृन्दावनाद्युपसरणं भुवि विद्यते ॥ कलिकल्मषभीतानां विषयास्तत्त्वैतसाम् । नान्यद् वृन्दावनात्स्वयमेतत् लोकैर्विप्रिभु ॥ नारदीय (उत्तर) 80. 104-105,

Kṛṣṇa was brought up in his early childhood by Nand-gopa who removed his habitation from Gokula to Vṛndāvana out of fear of what Kamsa might do. The great Vaiṣṇavite saint Caitanya visited Vṛndāvana (Caitanya-caritāmṛta canto 19 and 9th Act of the drama Caitanya-candrodaya, both by Kavikarnāpūra or Paramānandadāsa). In the 16th century Vṛndāvana became a centre of Caitanya's *bhakti* movement owing to the strenuous efforts and learned writings of the *Gosvāmīs* of Vṛndāvana, particularly Sanātana, Rūpa and Jīva. Vide Prof. S. K. De's 'Vaiṣṇava faith and movement in Bengal' (1942) pp. 83-122. Vallabhācārya, who was a contemporary of Caitanya founded new Gokula, one mile to the south of Mahāvana in imitation of the ancient Gokula. Caitanya and Vallabhācārya met at Vṛndāvana (vide Manilal C. Parekh's work on Vallabhācārya p.161). The old temples of Mathurā met the same fate at the orders of Aurangzeb as the temples of Banaras.<sup>1571</sup>

The Sabhāparva (319. 23-25) narrates that Jarāsandha threw his mace from Girivraja (Rājgir in Bihar, the ancient capital of Magadha) and it fell in Mathurā at the distance of 99 *yojanas* before Kṛṣṇa and the place where it fell was thence called *Gadāvasāna*. I have not come across this name anywhere else.

Growse describes in chap. IX pp. 222 ff. the temples of Vṛndāvana and in chap. XI Govardhana, Barsān, the birth-place of Rādhā, and Nandgaon. Vide also 'Picturesque India' by W. S. Caine pp. 253 ff. for Mathurā and neighbouring holy places.

### PURUṢOTTAMATĪRTHA (JAGANNĀTHA)

Much has been written about Puruṣottamatīrtha or Jagannātha, both in Sanskrit and in English. The following works in English may be consulted by those who desire to make a thorough study of the sacred place; W. W. Hunter's 'Orissa'

<sup>1571</sup>. Vide Elliott and Dowson's 'History of India as told by its own historians' vol. VII p. 184, where a passage from the 'Ma-Aṣṭi-Ālamgirī' is translated to the effect that "Aurangzeb commanded the destruction of the Hindu temple at Mathurā known by the name of 'Dehra Kesu Rai' (which according to that work had been built at a cost of 33 lakhs of rupees) and soon that stronghold of falsehood was levelled with the ground and on the same spot was laid the foundation of a vast mosque."



vol. I pp. 81-167, Rajendralal Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa' vol II pp. 99-144, R. D Banerji's 'History of Orissa' (in two volumes, 1930), Gazetteer on Puri, vol. XX pp. 409-412.

There are four most important tirthas in Orissa, viz. Bhuvaneśvara (or Cakratirtha), Jagannātha (or Śankha-ksetra), Konārka (or Padma-ksetra), Yajpura or Jajpur (Gadāksetra). The first two are still held in high esteem, while the last two are altogether neglected.

Among the Purāṇas, Puruṣottama-tirtha is extensively dealt with in the Brahma (chap. 41-70, about 1600 verses), in the Brhannāradiya (uttarārḍha chap. 52-61, 825 verses). Among digests, the Tirtha-cintāmaṇi of Vācaspati that devotes nearly one-third of the work to Puruṣottama-tirtha (pp. 53-175) and that quotes about 800 verses from the Brahmapurāṇa on Puruṣottama, Raghunandana's Puruṣottama-tattva (which is brief and mostly based on the Brahmapurāṇa) and the Tirthaprakāśa (pp. 561-594) may be mentioned. It is worthy of note that the Kalpataru (composed about 1110-1120 A. D.) does not describe Puruṣottama-tirtha in its Tirthakāṇḍa, though it speaks of a few little known tirthas like Lohārgala, Stūtasvāmin and Kokāmukha.

Raghunandana in his Puruṣottama-tattva quotes a verse<sup>1572</sup> (which as printed is corrupt) from the Rgveda that from the context appears to be addressed to some evil spirit (*alaksṁī*) and means 'O evil spirit with a wicked looking chin (or that art difficult to be killed)! Have recourse to that far-off wood in the sea, that has no connection with human beings and go to distant lands with it'. Then he states that the Atharva-veda has a similar verse. Probably following Sāyana's inter-

1572. तथा 'आदौ यद्वाह उवते सिन्धोः परे अपुरुषम् । तदालभस्व दुर्हणी तेन याहि परं स्थलम् ।' अस्य व्याख्या सारुपाचनभाष्ये । आदौ विप्रकुण्डदेशे वर्तमानं . अपुरुषं निर्मातु-  
रहितत्वेन तदालभस्व दुर्हणी हे द्यौत . अथर्ववेदेपि आदौ सिन्धोर्मध्ये अपुरुषम् । तदा  
... स्थलम् । अत्रापि तथैवार्थः । मध्ये तीरे । दुर्योत्तमतत्त (Jiv vol, II p 563). The  
first verse is really Rg. X 155 3 अदौ . अपुरुषम् । तदा रभस्व दुर्हणी तेन गच्छ पर-  
स्तरम् ॥ सायण takes this vedic verse as referring to दुर्योत्तम in the words  
यद्वाहं दारुमय दुर्योत्तमाख्यं देवताशरीरं . हे दुर्हणी तु खलु हननीय केनापि हन्तुमशक्य  
हे रततः आरभस्व अवलम्बस्व उपास्तेत्यर्थः . सायण mentions a predecessor's inter-  
pretation of this verse viz. that it is addressed to an evil spirit (*alaksṁī*) and  
asks it to resort to a boat or a log of wood (as a scapegoat) and to go to a far-  
off region where there are no human beings. This interpretation is  
natural and suits the context very well I could not trace the verse in the  
Atharvaveda

pretation, Raghunandana connects this R̥gveda verse with Purusottama, the image of which is made of wood.

It would be proper to set out as briefly as possible the story of Jagannātha contained in the Brahmapurāṇa. In Bharatavarṣa there is a country called Ondra situated on the shores of the southern ocean, which extends northwards from the sea up to Virāja-maṇḍala<sup>1573</sup> (chap. 28. 1-2). In that country there is a holy place, destroyer of sins and bestower of *mukti*, surrounded on all sides by sand and ten *yojanas* in extent (chap. 42. 13-14). There is the famous shrine of Purusottama in the country of Utkala the whole of which is very holy owing to the favour of the all-pervading Jagannātha (chap. 42. 35-37). Men who reside in Utkala are blessed like gods since Purusottama resides there. Chapters 43 and 44 narrate the story of Indradyumna who ruled at Avantī (Ujjayinī) in Mālava (modern Mālvā). He was a very pious, learned and good king who after reading all Vedas, śāstras, epics, purāṇas and Dharmaśāstras came to the conclusion that Vāsudeva was the highest Deity, started from his capital Ujjayinī with a vast army, servants, priests and artisans and came to the shores of the southern sea, saw the kaetra of Vāsudeva, ten *yojanas* in breadth and five *yojanas* in length and encamped there. Formerly there was a Vata tree on the shores of the southern sea near which there was an image of Purusottama or<sup>1574</sup> Jagannātha made of sapphire, which became embedded in sand and was concealed by creepers and plants. King Indradyumna performed *Āsvamedha* there, erected a great temple (*prāsāda*) and was anxious to establish a suitable image of Vāsudeva in the temple. In a dream the king saw Vāsudeva who told him to go alone to the shore in the morning and cut the Vata tree growing just on the water line with an axe. The king did so in the morning and then two brahmanas (who were really Viṣṇu and Viśvakarmā) appeared. Viṣṇu told the king that his associate (Viśvakarmā) will manufacture the image. Three images of Kṛṣṇa, Balarāma and Subhadrā were made and given to the king and Viṣṇu further conferred the boon that the pool called

1573. Virājakeetra extends a little beyond Jāipur on the river Vaitaraṇī in Orissa. On 'Kalūṅga, Odra and Utkala' vide R. D. Banerji's 'History of Orissa' vol. I, pp. 42-58.

1574. उक्तः पुरुषो यस्मात्तस्मात्त पुरुषोत्तमः ॥ ब्रह्म 45.52; अस्मिन्कायतेने पुण्ये विद्यमाने पुरुषोत्तमे । इन्द्रनीलमयीं श्रेष्ठां प्रतिमां सार्वकामिकीं ॥ 45.71 । इन्द्रनीलमयीं विष्णुर्वात्राते वाटिकाद्वितः । अन्तर्धानगतं नत्वा ततो विष्णुपुरे ब्रजेत् ॥ ब्रह्म 58.8.

Indradymna (where the king bathed at the end of his *Āśva-medha*) will be known by the king's name, that whoever took a bath once in it would go to Indraloka, and that whoever offered *pinḍas* on the bank of the pool would save 21 ancestors of his family. Then the king established the three images in the temple built by him.<sup>1575</sup> The *Skandapurāṇa* contains a *Purusottamamahātmya* in a sub-section called *Utkala-khaṇḍa* in its section *Vaiṣṇava-khaṇḍa*, where the story of Indradymna is given with some variations.

Stripping this story of the supernatural, it appears probable that the holy place *Purusottama* was called *Nilācala* in very ancient times, that *Kṛṣṇa* worship was introduced from Northern India at that place, and that three images of wood were established in comparatively early times. It may be stated here that in the *Maitrāyaṇī Upaniṣad*<sup>1576</sup> an *Indradymna* is named among a host of *cakravartins*. The *Kūrmapurāṇa* (II. 35. 27) makes a brief and colourless reference to *Purusottama* (*tīrtham Nārāyaṇasyānyat-nāmnā tu Purusottamam*). *Rajendralal Mitra* ('*Antiquities of Orissa*') surmises that there were three periods in the history of the *Purusottama-kṣetra*, viz. early Hindu period, the Buddhist period and the *Vaiṣṇava* period (after the 5th century A. D. when Buddhism began to wane). He notices that from about the 7th century A. D. considerable temple records on palm leaves exist, but that the temple records for the Buddhist period are untrustworthy (p. 104) and that there are indications that *Purī* was probably a place of Buddhist sanctuary (p. 107). The indications of the existence

1575. Vide Hunter's *Orissa* vol. I, pp. 89-94 for a somewhat different account based on *Kapilasambitā*, the most important points of which are that *Viṣṇu* shows to *Indradymna* as his image a log of wood thrown up by the ocean, that the images were being fashioned by the divine carpenter, that it was ordered that no one was to see them till they were ready and that in spite of this, the queen insisted on seeing them when they had been chiselled only up to the waist and when only stems stood in the place of the arms for the images of *Kṛṣṇa* and *Balarāma*, while the image of *Subhadrā* had no arms at all. The present images are to this day in the same condition. The images are described by *Rajendralal Mitra* in '*Antiquities of Orissa*' II. pp. 122-123. The story of इन्द्रद्युम्न occurs in *भारतीयपुराण*, उत्तरार्ध 52. 41-93, 53-57, 58. 1-21, 60-61. *भारतीय* agrees very closely with the *Brahmapurāṇa* and seems to have borrowed its text from the latter.

1576. परेऽये महाघर्षराश्वकर्तृभिः केचित् सुयुग्मसुरियुग्मेन्द्रद्युम्नकुलयाश्व-  
पौवनाश्वघ्नवश्वश्वपतिशिविन्दुहरिश्चन्द्राभ्यरीपिनकुत्तर्पातिययात्पनरूपीक्षसेनादयः । मे-  
त्रायणसूय. I. 4.

of Buddhism in Orissa are the existence of Aśoka's rock edicts on the Dhauli Hill (C. I. I. vol. I. pp. 84-100), the existence of many caves of the Buddhist period on the Khandagiri range about five miles to the west of Bhuvaneśvara, the procession of the car of Jagannātha which resembles the procession of Buddha's Tooth relic as described by Fa Hien (Hunter's Orissa, vol. I. p. 131-132) and the three crude wooden images of Kṛṣṇa, Subhadrā and Balarāma which are hardly found anywhere else and which correspond to the three peculiarities of Buddhism viz. Buddha, Dharma and Sangha. Vide Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa,' vol. II. pp. 122-126 (where he gives wood-cuts showing the figures of the images and comparing them with Buddhist symbols and Cunningham's 'Ancient Geography of India' pp. 510-511 (the remarks in which appear to me far-fetched). In J. R. A. S. vol. 18 at p. 402 (new series) Sewell thinks that the celebrated image of Jagannātha was originally one of the Trisūlas or developed Taurus symbols.

At present the sacred enclosure of Jagannātha is a square surrounded by a massive stone wall 20 feet high, 652 feet long and 630 feet broad with 120 temples containing various forms of God, 13 being temples of Śiva, some more of Pārvatī and a temple of the Sun. This clearly shows the catholicity of Jagannātha. Almost every form of Hindu faith is represented here. Even the Brahmapurāṇa gives expression to this tolerant view when it says that the holy Puruṣottama-kṣetra forbids all the wranglings between Śaivas and the devotees of Viṣṇu.<sup>1576</sup> The great Pagoda of Jagannātha has four chambers, the first being the Hall of Offerings (bhoga-mandira), the 2nd the pillared hall for music and dance (the nata mandira), the third the audience hall where pilgrims assemble (the Jaganmohana mandira) and the 4th the inner sanctuary. The great Pagoda of Jagannātha has a conical tower 192 feet high surmounted by a *cakra*<sup>1577</sup> and a flag. The

1576 a. जैवभागवतानां च साहचर्यमिति विधेयम् । अस्मिन् क्षेत्रे पुण्ये निर्मले सुखोत्तमे ॥ शिवस्यायतनं देव करोमि परमं महत् । शक्तिं यत्नतः तत्र तत्र स्थाने च शङ्करम् ॥ ततो ज्ञात्वा यत्ति लोकेऽस्मिन् क्षेत्रे कर्तव्यं । प्रत्युवाच जगन्नाथ स पुनस्तं महाह्वयम् ॥ ... नावयौ चोक्तौ किञ्चिद्वैकल्याणं द्विधा कृतौ ॥ यो वदः स स्वयं विष्णुर्यो विष्णुः स महेश्वरः । ब्रह्मदुष्टाण 56. 64-66 and 69-70.

1577. The *cakra* surmounting the temple is mentioned in the Brahmapurāṇa itself 'वात्रा करोति कृष्णस्य श्रद्धया यः समाहितः । सर्वपापविनिर्मुक्तो विष्णुलोके ब्रजेभ्यः ॥ चक्रं दृष्ट्वा हरेर्दूरात् प्रासादोपरि सति यतः । सहसा हृष्यते पापक्षरो भक्त्या प्रयत्नतः ॥ chap. 51 70-71 = नारदीय { 3 } 55. 10-11.

temple is situated at the distance of about seven furlongs from the sea shore and stands on a mound about 20 feet above the level of the surrounding ground, the mound being dignified by being called Nilagiri (the blue hill). There is a large gate-way on each side of the enclosure, that on the east being the most magnificent. On each side of the entrance there is a colossal crouching lion and hence the door-way is called *simha-dvāra* (lion gate).

There are certain peculiar features of the great shrine of Jagannātha. In the first place, in the court of Jagannātha and outside the Lion Gate no distinction of caste<sup>1578</sup> is observed. Jagannātha is the god of all people. The second special feature is that the holy rice cooked as offering to Jagannātha is regarded as so sanctified that all barriers of caste are transcended, so much so that a Puri priest will receive the holy food even from a low caste Hindu. The feeling is that cooked rice when once placed before Jagannātha never ceases to be pure. Hence the *Mahāprasāda* is dried, is taken to all parts of India and at the periodical *śrāddhas* among Vaisnavas a grain of this holy rice is invariably put on the cake as the most sacred article that can be offered to the Manes (vide Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa', vol. II p 199). The third special feature of Jagannātha is the car festival (*rathayātrā*) which is the most important of the 24 high<sup>1578a</sup> festivals at Puri. The festival is described at length by Hunter in his 'Orissa', vol. I, pp. 131-134. The car festival starts on the 2nd day of the bright half of Āśāḍha. The car of Jagannātha is about 45 feet in height, 35 feet square and is supported on 16 wheels of 7 feet diameter with 16 spokes and has Garuda as a crest; the 2nd car is that of Subhadrā, which is a little smaller than Jagannātha's car, resting on 12 wheels with 12 spokes in each and having a *padma* (lotus) as a crest, the 3rd car is that of Balarāma resting on 14 wheels with 14 spokes in each wheel and has Hanūmān for crest. The cars are drawn by pilgrims and hired labourers from the temple to

1578 Hunter in 'Orissa' (vol. I. pp 135-136) notes that only 21 classes and castes (including Christians and Mahomedans) are excluded, they being mostly flesh-eating and animal-life destroying castes. Even the washerman and the potter whom Hunter includes in the list are allowed to enter the outer court.

1578a बियानिवास (in the middle of 15th century A.D. in Bengal) wrote a work called द्वादशयानायोगप्रमाण on 12 festivals in 12 months connected with जगन्नाथ (vide No. 2429 in MM Haraprasad Sastri's Cat. of mss. vol. III.)

the country-house of Jagannātha (which is about two miles away) amidst the shouts and emotional songs of thousands of pilgrims. Owing to the references in English literature to the car of Jagannātha it is supposed by many that pilgrims used to throw themselves before the car in a religious frenzy and were killed. But there is hardly any truth in these suppositions. There might have been a few accidental deaths. Hunter in 'Orissa' (vol. I, pp. 133-34) scouts this idea of suicide under the car and Rajendralal observes (in 'Antiquities of Orissa', vol. II, p. 99) 'No Indian divinity has a more unenviable notoriety in English Literature than Jagannātha. It is certain, nevertheless, that human conception has never realized a more innocent and gentle divinity than Jagannātha and the tenets of his votaries are the very reverse of sanguinary or revolting. Never was opprobrium more unjustly cast on an inoffensive object than in this instance and none merited it less'. On the 10th day of the bright half begins the return of the car from the country house.

According to Rajendralal Mitra the oldest temple in Puri is that of Alābukeśvara built by Lalātendu Kesari (623-677 A. D.), the builder of the tower of Bhuvaneśvara; the next oldest is Mārkandeśvara and next comes the great temple of Jagannātha (vol. II, p. 112). Manmohan Chakravarti in his paper on the 'date of Jagannātha temple in Puri' (J. A. S. B., vol. 57 for 1898, part 1 pp. 328-331) quotes two verses from the Gangavamsa copper plates of Orissa which state that Gangeśvara alias Codaganga built the great temple of Purusottama<sup>1579</sup>. As Codaganga's coronation took place in śaka 999 (i. e. 1078 A. D.) according to M. M. Chakravarti, he put forward the view that the *prāsāda* of Jagannātha was built about 1085-1090 A. D. Dr. D. C. Sirkar (in 'God Purusottama at Puri' J. O. R., Madras vol. 17 pp. 209-215) points out that the celebrated Oriya Chronicle *Mādala-pāñji* attributes the construction of Purusottama Jagannātha not to Codaganga but to his great-grandson Ananga-bhīma III, who also installed an image of Purusottama in a temple at Vārānasi-Kataka (modern Cuttack)

1579. आसादं पुनश्चोत्तमस्य वृत्तिं को नाम कर्तुं क्षमस्तस्येत्याद्यप्येवमेतत्तमयं चक्रेऽयं गङ्गेऽक्षरं ॥ These verses establish that the shrine of Purusottama existed long before the date of the inscription and that the kings who preceded Codaganga did not care to build a befitting temple. It appears that Codaganga built only the minor sanctum and the Jaganmohasa i. e. the first maṇḍapa (vide R. D. Banerji's 'History of Orissa' vol. I, p. 251).

which was desecrated by Sultan Firuz Shah (vide Elliot and Dowson's 'History of India', vol III, pp 312-315). These Ganga kings built magnificent temples at Bhuvaneśvara (ancient Ekāmra), Konārka and Puri, which are the finest surviving specimens of North Indian Hindu Architecture. Mitra ('Antiquities of Orissa' vol. II, pp. 109-110) and Hunter ('Orissa' vol. I pp. 100-102) note that Ananga-bhīma wanted to eclipse the grand tower of Bhuvaneśvara and renovated the temple of Jagannātha in *śake* 1119 (i. e. 1198 A. D ).<sup>1580</sup>

The temple of Jagannātha has an army of attendants. They are divided into 36 orders and 97 classes. At the head was the Raja of Khurdha who called himself the 'sweeper of Jagannātha' (vide Hunter's 'Orissa', vol I p 128).

As in Banaras, so here also there are five important tirthas,<sup>1581</sup> viz. the pool of Mārkaṇḍeya, the Vata tree (identified with Kṛṣṇa), Balarāma, the sea and Indradyumna pool. A few words may be said here about each. The story of Mārkaṇḍeya is narrated in Brahmapurāṇa, chapters 52-56 and in Nṛsimha-purāṇa 10.21 ff (briefly). In chap. 56. 72-73 Viṣṇu asks Mārkaṇḍeya to build a temple of Śiva to the north of Jagannātha and to construct a sacred pool which thenceforward was to become known as 'Mārkaṇḍeya's pool'. The Brahmapurāṇa provides that the pilgrim should bathe in Mārkaṇḍeya's pool, dip his head thrice, utter a mantra (chap. 57. 3-4), then he should perform *tarpana*, go to the temple of Śiva (called Mārkaṇḍeśvara) and worship him with the Mūlamantra<sup>1582</sup> viz. 'Om namah Śivāya', then with another mantra called Aghora and a Paurāṇic mantra. The pilgrim should, after a bath in Mārkaṇḍeya's pool and visit to the temple of Śiva, repair to the sacred Vata, circum-ambulate it

1580 'शकान्दे रत्नशुभाशुकरूपनक्षत्रनायके । प्रसादं कारयामासानङ्गमीमेन धीमता ॥'. Vide Mitra's work vol. II p 110 and 'History of Orissa' by R. D. Banerji vol I, p. 248 for the date of Codaganga's accession taken from his own inscription of *śake* 1003 (1081 A. D )

1581 मार्कण्डेयं वटं कृष्ण रौहिण्यं महोदधिम् । इन्द्रद्युम्नसरश्चैव पञ्चतीर्थविविधिः स्मृतः ॥ ब्रह्म 60. 11.

1582 मूलमन्त्रेण संपूज्य मार्कण्डेयस्य चेश्वरम् । अग्रेण च भो विया प्रणिपत्य प्रसादयेत् ॥ त्रिलोचन नमस्तेस्तु नमस्ते शशिभूषण । ब्रह्मि मा त्वं विरूपाक्ष महादेव नमोऽस्तु ते ॥ ब्रह्म 57. 7-8 = नारदीय (उ ) 55 18-19. The तीर्थं p 88 states, that the अघोरमन्त्र is 'ओं अघोरेभ्यो घोरेभ्यो घोरतरभ्यः, सर्वेभ्यः सर्वसर्वेभ्यो नमस्तेस्तु रुद्ररूपेभ्यः'.

thrice, worship it with the mantra <sup>1583</sup> noted below. It may be noted that the Brahmapurāṇa 157<sup>17</sup> expressly states that the Vata is Visnu Himself in that form (nygrodhākrtikam Viṣnum pranipatyā). The Vata is also styled Kalpavṛkṣa (Brahma 57. 12, 60. 18). The pilgrim should bow to Garuḍa standing in front of Kṛṣṇa and then worship Kṛṣṇa, Sankarsana and Subhadra with mantras. The mantras for Sankarsana are verses 22-23 of Brahmapurāṇa chap. 57 and that for Subhadra is chap. 57. 58 <sup>1584</sup> The mantra to be used in the worship of Kṛṣṇa is either of 12 syllables (om namo bhagavate Vāsudevāya) or of eight syllables (om namo Nārāyaṇāya). Brahmapurāṇa chap. 57 verses 42-51 specify the various rewards of seeing Kṛṣṇa with devotion and wind up by promising mokṣa <sup>1585</sup> A bath in the sea at Puri is always commendable, but particularly on the Full Moon day (Brahma 60. 10). Brahma chap. 62 deals at length with the bath in the sea (the whole of it except one verse being quoted by Tir. C. pp. 126-128). The Indradyumna pool has been mentioned above (pp. 694-95). The pilgrim has to bathe in the Indradyumna pool, perform *tarpana* for gods, sages and *pitrs* and offer *pindas* to his ancestors (chap 63. 2-5).

In the Govindapur stone Inscription of the poet Gangādhara (E. I. vol. II. p. 330) of *śāke* 1059 i. e. (1137-38 A. D.) there is a clear reference to Puruṣottama <sup>1586</sup>

The Brahmapurāṇa chap 66 speaks of the Gundicāyātrā for seven days on the bank of the Indradyumna pool in a *maṇḍapa* where reside (temporarily) Kṛṣṇa, Sankarsana and Subhadra. The Tir. C. which quotes the whole of that chapter (pp. 157-159), calls it Gundikā, while in the drama Caitanya-

1583. ओं नमोऽन्यकुरुपाय महापलयकारिणे । महद्रसोपविष्टाय न्यग्रोधाय नमोस्तु ते ॥ अमरस्त्वं सदा कल्पे हरेश्चायतनं वद । न्यग्रोध हर ने पाप कल्पवृक्ष नमोस्तु ते ॥ ब्रह्म. 57 13-14 = नारदीय (उ.) 55. 24-25 (with slight variations).

1584. नमस्ते सर्वे देवि नमस्ते ह्युभसीत्युदे । त्रादि मां पद्मपद्मांसि कात्यायनि नमोस्तु ते ॥ ब्रह्म. 57. 58 = नारदीय (उ.) 55. 64.

1585. किं कार्यं बहुभिर्मन्त्रैर्नानाविभ्रमकारकैः । ओं नमो नारायणायेति मन्त्रः सर्वार्थसाधकः ॥ ब्रह्म 60 24 = नारदीय (उ.) 56. 35. किं चात्र बहुनोक्तेन माहात्म्ये तस्य नो द्विजाः । दृष्ट्वा कुण्ठां नरो भक्त्या मोक्षं प्राप्नोति दुर्लभम् ॥ ब्रह्म 57. 51 = नारदीय (उ.) 55. 57.

1586. गत्वा श्रीधरपूजितं (भग)वयो ह्यद्य प्रतिष्ठाप्य पारंगारतटे पटीयसि लसच्चन्द्रः । ब्रह्मनेहसि । सर्वस्वं विततार तपितपिनुस्तोमः करोह्यसितैस्तोयेयं पितितस्य पर्वणि विभोः साहाय्यमाप क्षणम् ॥ verse 12 of E. I II at p. 334.



candrodaya<sup>1587</sup> it is styled Gundicā at the very beginning. It appears that Gundicā is the summer house of Jagannātha about two miles from the great Temple. The word is probably derived from *gundī*, which means a thick log of wood in Bengali and Uriya (vide Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa', vol. II. pp. 138-139) and has reference to the legend of a log of wood that Indradyumna found floating in the sea.

It may be noted that religious suicide at Purusottama is referred to in Brahmapurāna<sup>1588</sup> 'those who give up their body (life) in Purusottama-ksetra after mounting up the Vata tree or do so between the Vata and the ocean reach without doubt moksa. A man abandoning life, either intentionally or unintentionally, either on his way to Purusottama or in the cemetery or in the country house (of Jagannātha) or in the streets (of Jagannātha) or even anywhere else there secures moksa. Therefore men desiring moksa should by all means give up life at that holy place'.

The Brahmapurāna winds up by saying 'it is thrice<sup>1589</sup> true that that ksetra (Purusottama) is the greatest and highest

1587. सूत्रधारः। भगवतः श्रीगुरुयोत्तमस्य शुण्डिचायात्राया ... गजपतिना प्रताप-  
रुद्रेणाविष्टोस्मि।... सोयं नीलगिरीश्वर- सविभवो यात्रा च सा शुण्डिचा। चैतन्यचन्द्रोदय I.  
(B I. series) The metre requires that the first two syllables in the name of  
the Yātrā should be शुण्डि and चा and वा may have been easily confused by  
the copyists of mss The नारदीय (च.) chap 61 40 ff quotes the whole of  
ब्रह्म chap. 66 but reads शुण्डिचा The ब्रह्मपुराण reads 'सप्ताहं सरसस्तीरे तव राजन्  
भविष्यति। शुण्डिचा (शुण्डिचा?) नाम यात्रा मे सर्वकामफलप्रदा॥ ये मां तत्रार्चयिष्यन्ति  
अद्भुता मण्डपे स्थितम्। सङ्कल्पं सुभद्रा च विधिवत्सु समाहिता ॥... न तेषां दुर्लभं किञ्चित्  
फलं यस्य यदीप्सितम् 166, 8-9 and 12 Some writers such as Nīlāmbarādāsa in  
his 'Deul-tola' state that Gundicā was the name of Indradyumna's queen  
(Mahtab's 'History of Orissa' p 161). I owe this last reference to the kind-  
ness of Dr Raghavan of Madras University.

1588. देहं त्यजन्ति गुरुपास्तत्र ये गुरुयोत्तमे। कल्पवृक्षं समासाद्य सुकांस्ते नात्र  
संशयः॥ चटसागरयोर्मध्ये ये त्यजन्ति कालेवरम्। ते दुर्लभं परं मोक्षं माप्नुवन्ति न संशयः॥ यधि  
श्मशाने शुद्धमण्डपे वा रथयागप्रदेशेऽपि यत्र कुत्र। इच्छन्निच्छन्नापि तत्र देहं सत्यज्य मोक्षं  
लभते मनुष्यः॥ तस्मात्सर्वप्रयत्नेन तस्मिन् क्षेत्रे द्विजोत्तमाः। देहत्यागो नरैः कार्यो सम्यग्बोक्षा-  
भिकाङ्क्षिभिः॥ ब्रह्म 177. 16, 17, 24, 25 The first three are quoted by ती. चि  
p 175.

1589 सत्य सत्यं पुनः सत्यं क्षेत्रं तत्परमं महत्। गुरुपाख्यं सकृद् दृष्ट्वा सागराम्भ-  
समावृतम्। ब्रह्मविद्यां सकृज्ज्ञात्वा गर्भवासी न विद्यते। ब्रह्म 70. 3-4 (= नारद, उत्तरार्ध 52.  
25-26) quoted in ती. चि p. 56 which reads सागराम्भ.सकृन्वृतम् and remarks  
'एतत्क्षेत्रदर्शनस्य, सागराम्भसि मरणस्य, तथा ब्रह्मविद्याबोधस्य च प्रत्येकं गर्भवासाभावः  
फलसिद्ध्यर्थः'.

tirtha. A person has not to lie again in the womb after once visiting Purusottama which is laved by the waters of the sea or by once attaining the knowledge of *brahma*.

The great Vaisnava saint, Caitanya, settled permanently at Puri in 1515 A. D. at the age of thirty and spent eighteen years there till 1533 (when he died). He appears to have made a great impression on the Gajapati king Pratāparudra-deva, ruler of Orissa (1497-1540 A. D.). In the drama Caitanya-candrodaya of Kavikarnapūra the king is shown to be so anxious for meeting the saint that he declares that he would die if the gracious glance of the saint did not fall on him.<sup>1590</sup> This should be attributed to the inveterate habit of gross exaggeration rampant in most Sanskrit writers, particularly amongst devotees and followers of great saints. Caitanya came to be worshipped along with Visnu as a deity in Puri and Orissa (vide Hunter's 'Orissa' vol. I. p. 109). Kavikarnapūra in his drama (8th Act) makes Sarvabhauma say that there is no distinction between God Jagannātha and Caitanya, the only difference being that Jagannātha is 'dārubrahma' (Godhead manifested in a wooden image) and Caitanya is 'narabrahma' (Godhead in human form).<sup>1591</sup> The Caitanyacaritāmṛta (a poem) of Kavikarnapūra in cantos 14-18 deals with the devotional and ecstatic life of Caitanya at Puri and presents a vivid picture of Ratha and other festivals of Jagannātha in which Caitanya took a prominent part. I agree with Dr. S. K. De that there is no satisfactory evidence to show that Pratāparudra was actually converted into the new faith ('Vaisnava faith and movement in Bengal' p. 67).

One regrettable feature of the great temple of Jagannātha is the existence of some obscene and lascivious sculptures that disfigure the walls of the temple and the presence of dancing girls with rolling eyes, to which pointed reference is made by all writers, particularly European ones (vide, for example, Indian Antiquary vol. I. p. 322, Hunter's 'Orissa', vol. I pp. 111, 135). The presence of dancing girls is a legacy from the past. The Brahma-purāṇa (chap. 65) in describing the special *snāna* (bath) festival of Jagannātha on the full moon day of

1590. अतः परं चेतस न वीक्षते मां न धारयिष्ये पत जीवन् च । चैतन्यचन्द्रोदय 5th Act p. 187.

1591. 'भगवत्, जगन्नाथस्य भवतश्च कृष्णचैतन्यत्वमविशिष्टमेव तथाप्यस्ति कश्चिन्नेदं । असौ दासकृष्ण भवान् नरकृष्ण ।' सार्वभौम in चैतन्यचन्द्रोदय 8th Act p. 167.

Jyestha mentions, along with the beating of drums and the music of the flute and the lute and the chanting of holy Vedic mantras, handsome veśyas as *chowrie*-bearers in front of the images of Balarāma and Kṛṣṇa.<sup>1592</sup>

## NARMADĀ

Next to the Ganges the most sacred rivers of India are the Narmadā and the Godāvarī. A few words about each of these may be said here.

An express reference to the Narmadā has not so far been traced in the Vedic Literature. The Śatapatha Br. (XII 9 3. 1) refers to one Revottaras who was a Pātava Cakra and sthapati (a chief) and whom the Śrījāyas expelled (SBE vol. 44 p. 269)<sup>1593</sup>. Revā is another name for Narmadā<sup>1594</sup> and it is possible to say that Revottaras was named after Revā. A *vārtika* on Pān. IV. 2. 87 derives the word Mahismat (as the name of a country) from 'Mahisa'. This is generally identified with Māhismatī (on the Narmadā). So the name Narmadā was probably known to the author of the Vārtikas (about the middle of the 4th century B. C.) The Raghuvamśa VI. 43 speaks of Māhismatī as the capital of Anūpa on the bank of the Revā (i. e. Narmadā).

The Narmadā is frequently mentioned in the Mahābhārata and some of the Purāṇas. The Matsya (chapters 186-194, 554 verses), Kūrma (Uttarārdha, chapters 40-42 verses 189), Padma Ādikhaṇḍa (chap 13-23, 739 verses, most of which are the same as in the Matsya) deal with greatness of Narmadā and the tīrthas thereon<sup>1595</sup>. The Matsya (194. 45) and Padma (Ādikhaṇḍa 21. 44) state that from the place where the Narmadā falls into the sea up to the Amara-kantaka mountain (where it rises) there are ten crores of sacred places, while the Agni-purāṇa (113. 2) and Kūrma II. 40. 13 raise the number to 60 crores and 60 thousand. The Nāradiya (uttarārdha chap 77)

1592 शुनीनां वेदशब्देन मन्त्रशब्देस्तथापरैः। जानास्तोत्रवैः पुण्यैः सामशब्दोपबृंहितैः। श्यामैर्वेश्याजनैश्चैव कुचभारावनामिभिः। पीतरेक्ताम्बराभिश्च मालयदामावनामिभिः ... चामरै रत्नदण्डैश्च वीज्येते रामकेशवौ॥ ब्रह्मपुराण 65 15, 17, 18.

1593. रेवोत्तरस्तु ह पाठं चाकं स्थपतिं सृजया अपचरुः। शतपथना XII. 9. 3 1.

1594. रेवा तु नर्मदा सोमोद्भवा मेकलकन्यका। अमरकोश.

1595 a It may be noted that the earliest extant digest, viz Kalpataru on tīrthas (pp. 198-205) quotes verses only from the Matsyapurāṇa, chapter 186-189 (in all about 70 verses on Narmadā) and from no other source.

says (verse 1) that there are 400 principal tirthas on both banks of the Narmadā, but from Amara-kantaka three crores and a half (verses 4 and 27-28).<sup>1595</sup> The Vanaparva (in chap. 188 103 and chap. 222, 24) mentions the Narmadā along with the Godavari and other rivers of the south. In the same parva (chap. 89. 1-3) it is stated that the holy Narmadā is in the Ānarta country<sup>1596</sup>, that it is endowed with *priyangu* creepers and mango groves, that it has strings of Vānira fruit, that it flows to the west and that all the holy places in the three worlds come for a bath to the Narmadā. The Matsya and Padma declare<sup>1597</sup> that the Ganges is holy in Kanakhala, the Sarasvatī in Kuruksetra, but the Narmadā is holy everywhere whether in a village or in a forest and that the Narmadā purifies the sinner by its very sight while the waters of the Sarasvatī do so by three baths (on three days), of the Yamunā (by baths) in seven days and of the Ganges by a single bath. The Viṣṇu-dharmasūtra (85.8) in enumerating a list of tirthas that are eminently fit for śrāddha includes the banks of the Narmadā throughout the whole length among them. The Narmadā is said<sup>1598</sup> to have started from the body of Rudra which is a poetic way of saying that it rises from Amarakantaka that is said to be the abode of God Maheśvara and his spouse (Matsya 188 91). The Vāyupurāṇa declares that the holy Narmadā, the best of rivers, is the daughter of the pitrs and the śrāddhas offered on it become inexhaustible<sup>1599</sup>. The Matsya and Kūrma both say

1595. Though रेवा and नर्मदा are generally used as synonyms it is found that the भागवतपुराण in V 19 18 enumerates them separately (तापो रेवा सुरसा नर्मदा) and the वामनपुराण (13. 25 and 29-30) states that the रेवा springs from विन्ध्य and नर्मदा from क्रक्षपाद सार्धत्रिकोडित्तीर्थानि गदितानामप वायुना । दिवि ध्रुव्यन्तरिक्षे च रेवाया तानि सन्ति च । नारदीय (उ ) 77, 27-28, vide note 1268 above for similar eulogy of the Ganges.

1596. Ānarta appears to be the ancient name of Gujarat and Kathiawar together. In the Udyogaparva Dvārakā is called Ānarta-nagari (7. 6) As Narmadā is said to flow through Ānarta it must be supposed that in the times of the Great Epic Ānarta included both southern Gujarat and Kathiawar.

1597. पुण्या कनखले गङ्गा कुण्डेने सरस्वती । ग्रामे वा यदि वारण्ये पुण्या सर्वत्र नर्मदा ॥ त्रिभिः सरस्वतं तोयं समाहेन तु वायुनम् । ग्रामे वा यदि वारण्ये पुण्या सर्वत्र नर्मदा ॥ मत्स्य 186 10-11 = पद्म, आदिखण्ड 13.6-7 = कूर्म II. 40 7-8 Vide note 1271 above and compare नारदीय (उत्तरार्धे 77. 30-31) for the 2nd verse.

1598. नर्मदा सरिता श्रेष्ठा रुद्रदेहाद्भिनि सृता । तारयेत्सर्वसृतानि रथावराणि चराणि च ॥ मत्स्य 190. 17 = कूर्म II. 40. 5 = पद्म (आदि. 17. 13).

1599. पितृणां दुहिता पुण्या नर्मदा सरिता वरा । तत्र श्राद्धानि दत्तानि अशपाणि भवन्त्युत ॥ वायु 77 32.

that the river Narmadā has a course of complete 100 yojanas and its breadth is two yojanas<sup>1600</sup>. Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar seizes upon the length of 100 yojanas and says (on p. 199 note 4 of his edition of *Kalpataru on Tirtha* in G. O. S.) that the Matsya is very accurate, since the length of the Narmadā is now found to be about 800 miles. But he forgets that the breadth is said to be two yojanas (i. e. 16 miles on the scale for a yojana adopted by him). It is not shown how and where (except at the mouth if at all) the Narmadā is 16 miles in breadth in its long course. Both Matsya and Kūrma state that the Narmadā is (rises) from Amarakantaka which is to the western side of the country of Kalinga.<sup>1601</sup>

The Visnupurāṇa provides that if a man repeats day and night and whenever he has to go inside a dark place the mantra 'Salutation to Narmadā in the morning! salutation to Narmadā at night! O Narmadā! salutation to you; save me from poisonous serpents' <sup>1602</sup> he has no danger from serpents.

It is stated in the Kūrma and the Matsya that a man who commits suicide by entering fire or water or by fasting (on some of the tirthas on the Narmadā or on Amarakantaka) does not return (to this samsāra).<sup>1603</sup>

The Narmadā is mentioned as Namados by Ptolemy (p. 102). One of the earliest inscriptional references to it occurs in the Eran stone pillar Inscription of Budhagupta in 165 of Gupta era i. e. 484-85 A. D. Vide C. I. I. vol. III, at p. 89.

Several rivers are mentioned as falling into the Narmadā such as Kapilā (on the south bank, Matsya 186. 40, Padma I. 13. 35), Viśalyā (Matsya 186. 46 = Padma II. 13. 35-39), Erandī (Matsya 191. 42-43, Padma I. 18. 44), Iksu-nādī (Matsya 191. 49, Padma I. 18. 47), Kāverī (Matsya 189. 12-13,<sup>1604</sup> Padma I. 16. 6).

1600. योजनानां शतं सार्धं श्रूयते सद्विदुत्तमा । विस्तारेण तु राजेन्द्र योजनद्वयमायता ॥  
कूर्म II. 40. 12 = मत्स्य 186. 24-25 The अग्नि also (113. 2) gives the same measurements.

1601. कलिङ्गदेशपश्चार्धे पर्वतेऽमरकण्टके । पुण्या च त्रिषु लोकेषु रमणीया मनोरमा ॥  
कूर्म II. 40. 9, मत्स्य. 186. 12.

1602. नर्मदायै नमः शतनर्मदायै नमो निशि । नमोस्तु नर्मदे हुम्बं चाहै मां  
विपत्सर्पतः ॥ विष्णुपुराण IV. 3 12-13.

1603. अनाशक्तं तु यं कुर्यात्सर्वमस्तीर्थं नराधिप । गर्भवासे तु राजेन्द्र न पुनर्जायते  
उमान् । मत्स्य. 194. 29-30, परित्यजति यः प्राणान् पर्वतेऽमरकण्टके । वर्षकोदिशतं सार्धं  
रुद्रलोके महीयते ॥ मत्स्य. 186. 53-54.

1604. The northern branch of the Narmadā where the island Omkāra is situated is called Kāverī (Bom G vol. 9 p. 295). Vide in the list under Omkāra

Many sub-tirthas are enumerated, out of which two or three may be mentioned here. One is Maheśvara-tirtha (i. e. Omkāra) from where Rudra is said to have burnt down with an arrow the three cities of Bānāsura (Matsya 188. 2 ff, Padma I, 15 2 ff), Śukla-tirtha (highly praised in Matsya 192. 3 ff about which it is said that the *rājarsī* Cānakya <sup>1605</sup> attained perfection there), Bhrgutirtha (at the very <sup>1606</sup> sight of which a man becomes free from sin, a bath in which leads to heaven and death at which ensures non-return to *samsāra*), the Jāmadagnya-tirtha (where the Narmadā <sup>1607</sup> falls into the sea and where Lord Janārdana secured perfection). The mountain Amarakantaka is a tirtha that dispels all sins including brāhmana-murder and it is one yojana all round in extent (Matsya 189. 89, 98). The most important place on the Narmadā is, however, Māhismatī, about the exact location of which scholars have differed. The general consensus of opinion is that Māhismatī is to be identified with Omkāra Māndhātā, an island in the Narmadā about 40 miles south of Indore. It has a long history. Moggaliputta Tissa is said in Buddhist works to have sent missionaries to several countries in the reign of Aśoka (about 247 B. C.), one of which was sent to Mahisamandala. Dr. Fleet in his paper 'Mahisamandala and Māhismatī' (in J. R. A. S. for 1910 pp. 425-447) assigns cogent reasons for identifying Mahisamandala and Māhismatī. Māhismatī was well-known to the Mahābhāṣya, <sup>1608</sup> from a passage in which it follows that by a forced march a person starting from Ujjayinī could reach Māhismatī the next morning. Kālidāsa describes it as surrounded by Revā (Raghuvamśa VI 43). Māhismatī is mentioned as being on

1605. शुक्लतीर्थे महापुण्यं नर्मदायां व्यवस्थितम्। चाणक्यो नाम राजर्षिः सिद्धिं तत्र समायत. ॥ मत्स्य 192. 14 = पद्म. I 19. 13-14 (reads चाणिक्यो). शुक्लतीर्थे is about 10 miles to the east of Broach. राजर्षिः probably means here राज्ञः ऋषिः and not राजा चांसौ ऋषिश्च.

1606 उपासते भुगोस्तीर्थे वृष्टौ यत्र महेश्वरः। दर्शनात्तस्य तीर्थस्य सद्यः पापान् हृच्छते।.. तत्र स्नात्वा दिवं याप्ति ये मृतास्तेऽनुनर्भवाः ॥ मत्स्य 193 49-50, 52.

1607 ततो गच्छेच्च राजेन्द्र नर्मदोदधिसङ्गमम् ॥ जामदग्न्यग्निते ख्यात सिद्धौ यत्र जनार्दनः ॥ मत्स्य 194. 34-35.

1608. चित्रीकरणे माप्यर्थे कृदन्ताणिञ् वक्तव्यः।... उज्जयिन्या प्रस्थितो माहिष्मत्यां सूर्योद्गमनं सम्भावयते घृयं शुद्धमयतीति। महाभाष्ये on वार्तिक 10 (चित्रीकरणे प्रादि) on श. III. 1 26. चित्रीकरणे means when surprise or wonder is to be conveyed. It is surprising if a man were to say that starting from Ujjayinī on foot he would reach Māhismatī the next day at sunrise. The distance between the two would be more than 60 miles

the Narmadā or Revā in Udyogaparva 19. 23-24, 166. 4, Anuśāsana 166. 4, Bhāgavata X. 79. 21, Padma II. 92. 32.

Another ancient city is Bharukaccha or Bhrgukaccha (modern Broach) for which the entry in the list may be consulted.

## GODĀVARĪ

No mention of Godāvari has so far been found in the Vedic Literature. In Buddhist works there are traditions about Bāvāri, who was a purohita of Mahākosala and then of Pāsenadi, who resided in Assaka's territory in the vicinity of Alaka on the Godāvari and who is said to have sent several disciples to Buddha at Śrāvastī (vide Suttanipāta, S. B. E. vol. X part 2 pp. 184 and 187). The *Vārtika* 'Sankhyāyā nadi-godāvari-bhīyam ca' on Pān. V. 4. 75, expressly mentions Godāvari and has in view 'Saptagodāvāra'. The two Epics and Purānas contain numerous references to it. The Vanaparva<sup>1609</sup> mentions it as a holy river in the south, abounding in gardens and full of water and resorted to by hermits performing austerities. The Aranyakāṇḍa of the Rāmāyana (13.13 and 21) speaks of the country well-known as 'Pāñcavati' frequented by herds of deer which is near the Godāvari and about two yojanas from Agastya's hermitage. It is in the Brahmapurāṇa that the Godāvari and the subsidiary tirthas on it have been lauded at great length in chapters 70-175. The Tirthasāra (a part of Nrsimha-prasāda) quotes about 60 verses from chapters 89, 91, 106, 107, 116-118, 121, 122, 128, 131, 144, 154, 159, 172 of the Brahmapurāṇa, which fact shows that the chapters on Gautamī in the present Brahmapurāṇa were part of the Brahmapurāṇa at least some centuries before 1500 A. D. Vide my paper in J.B.B.R.A.S for 1917 p 27-28. The Brahmapurāṇa generally refers to the Godāvari as Gautamī.<sup>1610</sup> It is stated by the Brahmapurāṇa that the Ganges to the south of the Vindhya mountain is called Gautamī and to its north Bhāgirathī. The Godāvari is said to be 200 yojanas long and there are three crores and a half of

1609. यस्यामारुह्यायते पुण्या दिशि गोदावरी नदी । चदारामा बहुजला तापसाचरिता शिवा ॥ वनपर्व 88 2. इतो द्वितीयने तात बहुसुलफलोदकः । देवो बहुसुग. श्रीमान् पञ्चवत्यभिख्युत । ... गोदावरी. समीपे च मैथिली तत्र रस्यते ॥ रामायण III 13. 13 and 21.

1610. विन्ध्यस्य दक्षिणे गङ्गा गौतमी सा निगद्यते । उत्तरे सापि विन्ध्यस्य भागीरथ्यभिधीयते । ब्रह्म 78. 77 g. in तीर्थसार p. 45

tirthas on it.<sup>1611</sup> Dandakāranya is said to be the seed (source or cause) of dharma and *mukta* and the country embraced by the Gautamī is specially the holiest.<sup>1612</sup> A verse occurring in several purāṇas states 'These countries (of Madhyadeśa) are immediately next to the mountain Sahya: thereon is Godāvarī and that country is the most charming in the whole world. There is Govardhana there which is (like) Mandara and Gandhamādana'.<sup>1613</sup> Brahmapurāṇa (chapters 74-76) narrates how Gautama brought the Ganges from the matted hair of Śiva to Brahmagiri where he had his hermitage and how Gaṇeśa helped in the task by means of a ruse. The Nārada-purāṇa (uttarārḍha 72) narrates that no rain fell for 12 years while Gautama practised *tapas*, that owing to famine all sages came to Gautama's hermitage, that he brought Gangā to his hermitage, that he sowed śālī grains in the morning and reaped the crop by midday, that this went on till there was plenty of rain and crops, that Śiva appeared to him, that Gautama prayed that Śiva should stay near his hermitage and that hence the hill on which Gautama had his hermitage came to be called Tryambaka (verse 24). Varāha (71. 37-44) also says that Gautama brought Jahnvi to Dandaka and the river became Godāvarī. The Kūrma (II. 20. 29-35) mentions a long list of rivers and other sacred places and winds up by saying that the Godāvarī is pre-eminently a place for performing śrāddha. It is stated in the Brahmapurāṇa that for the removal of all kinds of distress two alone are declared (as the means) viz. the holy river Gautamī or Śiva who is full of compassion.<sup>1614</sup> The Brahmapurāṇa describes about a hundred tirthas on the Godāvarī, such as Tryambaka (79.6), Kuśāvarta (80, 1-3), Janasthāna (88.1), Govardhana (chap. 91), Pravarāsangama

1611. तिरः कोट्योऽर्धकोटी च योजनानां शतद्वये। तीर्थानि सुविशालं सम्भविष्यन्ति गौतम। ब्रह्म 77. 8-9.

1612. धर्मबीजं मुक्तिबीजं दण्डकारण्यमुच्यते। विशेषाद्गौतमोऽस्मिन् देशे। पुण्य-तमोऽभवत्॥ ब्रह्म 161.73.

1613. सहायानन्तरे चैते तत्र गोदावरी नदी। पुण्यस्यापि कृत्वाया स मदेसो मनोरमः॥ यत्र गोवर्धनो नाम मन्दरो गन्धमादनः। मत्स्य 114.37-38 = वासु 45.112-113 (reads सहाय्य चोत्तरार्धे तु and नाम सुरराजेन निर्मितः) = भाष्ये 54. 34-35 = ब्रह्माण्ड II. 16.43 (सहाय्य चोत्तरान्तेषु and तत्र गोवर्धनं नाम पुरं रामेण निर्मितम्). ब्रह्म 27 43-44 read सहाय्य चोत्तरे यस्तु and गोवर्धनपुरं रम्यं भार्गवस्य महात्मनः।

1614. सर्वदुःखापनोदाय ह्यमेव प्रकीर्तितम्। गौतमी वा पुण्यनदी शिवो वा कण्णा-कूरः॥ ब्रह्म 124, 93.



(106) and Nivāsapura<sup>1615</sup> (106. 55), Vañjarāsaṅgama (159) but they have to be passed over from considerations of space. A few words must, however, be said about Nasik, Govardhana, Pañcavatī and Janasthāna. Nasik must have existed at least 200 years before Christ. An Inscription on one pillar of the railing at Bharhut *stūpa* (about 200 B. C.) records the gift of Gorakṣitā of Nasik, the wife of Vasuka.<sup>1616</sup> This is the earliest certain historical reference to Nasik discovered so far. The Mahābhāṣya<sup>1617</sup> speaks of Nāsikya as a city. The Vāyupurāṇa (45,130) mentions Nāsikya as a country. The Nasik Inscriptions in the Paṇḍulēnā caves (Bombay Gazetteer vol. 16 pp. 544-639 and E. I. vol. VIII pp. 59-96 edited by Senart) establish that Nasik was a prosperous place in the centuries before and after Christ. Ptolemy (about 150 A. D.) mentions Nasika (Ptolemy p. 156). It is not possible for reasons of space to go into the detailed history of Nasik, its bathing places and pools, its temples, pilgrimages and rites of worship. For these one may consult the Bombay Gazetteer, vol. 16 (for Nasik District). That volume states that there are about 60 temples in Nasik (pp. 503-512) and 16 in Pañcavatī and one on the left bank of the Godāvarī (pp. 512 ff). But hardly any really old temple has survived. In 1680 A. D. twenty-five temples at Nasik were destroyed by the Deccan Viceroy of Aurangzeb. Almost all the large temples that adorn Nasik were built during the times of the Peshwas of Poona (1750-1818). Three temples are specially worthy of mention, viz. the the Rāmji temple in Pañcavatī and Nāro Shankar's temple (or Bell temple) on the left bank of the Godāvarī near the first crossing and that of Sundara-nārāyaṇa in Āditwar Peth at Nasik (p. 503). The Sītā-gumpha (Sītā cave) in Pañcavatī close to some very old and tall Banyan trees that are believed to have sprung from the five trees that gave the name to the

1615. शिवशायनोपेतस्तस्मिन्निवासोऽभूत्सनातन । अतो वदन्ति कुन्वयो निवासपुर-  
मित्यदः । प्रवराया घुरा देवाः सुमीतास्ते वराद् ददुः ॥ ब्रह्म. 106 53-54. निवासपुर is  
Newasa on the Pravara which falls into the Godāvarī at the sacred place  
called Toka. The great Marathi poet and saint Jñāneśvara wrote his commen-  
tary on the Gītā at Newasa.

1616. Vide Bharhut *stūpa* (by Cunningham) p. 138 'नासिक-गोरक्षितय  
धर्मो दानं बहुकृत भारियाय' (No 87).

1617. नासिक्यं नगरमिति सङ्ख्यशास्त्रिणो पाठः करिष्यते । महाभाष्य vol III p. 42  
on पा VI 1. 63, सङ्ख्याश occurs as one among many *ganās* in पा IV. 2. 80.  
नासिक्य is derived from नासिका (nose) and was probably so named because  
the nose of Śūrpanakhā was cut off by Lakṣmaṇa there.

place is a much frequented place. Not far from the Sitā-gumpha is the temple of Kalā Rāma, one of the finest modern temples in Western India. There are numerous bathing places and sacred pools (*kundās*) between Govardhana (6 miles to the west of Nasik) and Tapovana (1½ miles to south-east of Nasik). Vide Bombay Gazetteer vol. 16 pp. 522-526 The holiest spot in Nasik is the Rāmakunda near the left bank of the Godāvari where it takes its first bend to the south. For the Kālārāma daily services and the rites pilgrims have to perform at Nasik, vide Bombay Gazetteer vol. 16 pp 517-518 and 529-531 respectively. Rāmanavami is one of the great religious festivals at Nasik.

Govardhana town occurs several times in the long and famous Nasik Inscription of Usavadata (No. 10 in Bombay Gazetteer vol. 16 p. 569-70).<sup>1618</sup> As regards Pañcavati the place still goes by the same name. It is to be noted that in the Rāmāyaṇa III. 13. 13 Pañcavati is styled a *deśa* (country). Janasthāna was in Dandakāranya according to the Śalyaparva 39. 9-10, Rām. III. 21. 19-20, Nāradiya-purāṇa II. 75. 30 and Agni 7. 2-3<sup>1619</sup> and Pañcavati was part of Janasthāna. Janasthāna is said to be four yojanas in extent, and it is further stated that it was so called because kings of the Janaka line secured *mukta* there through the favour of the Godāvari.<sup>1620</sup>

A bath in the Godāvari when Jupiter enters the sign of Leo has been regarded even up to the present day as very

1618. Nasik Cave Inscription No 20 is नासिककनं धर्मिकगणन दारं (gift of Dhambbhika village by the inhabitants of Nasik). Vide Bom. G. vol. XVI p. 590, E. I. vol. VIII at p. 72. Inscription No 22 is तद्वसतनमुलं कन्दे राजानि नासिककेन समणेन महामातेण लेण कारितं 'this cave was caused to be constructed by the great minister who is (now) a śramana, an inhabitant of Nasik, in the reign of King Kṛṣṇa of the Sātavāhana family.' Vide Bom. G. vol. 16 p. 592. These two are the oldest inscriptions in the Pāṇhite-caves dating from at least 100 B. C. राज्ञः सहस्रात्सयः सप्तपत्यः नद्यनस्य जामात्रा दीनीकपुत्रेण उपवदातेन... भस्कुच्छे दशहुरे गोवर्धने शोर्षणे च चतुःशतस्यमयमयश्रित-प्रदेन... गोण्डीतकावदे गोवर्धने सुवर्णहुरे शोर्षणे च चतुःशतस्यमयमयश्रित-सहस्रप्रदेन गोवर्धने त्रिरादिमु पर्वतेषु धर्मात्मना इदं लेण कारितम् (Jas. No. 10 in Bom. G. vol. 16 pp. 569-70 and E. I. vol. VIII at p. 78. गोवर्धन is at present a village near Nasik. Vide Bom. G. vol. 16 p. 636 for a note on गोवर्धन.

1619. (राम.) धनुः च समाप्य दण्डकारण्यगणन. ॥ जनस्थाने पञ्चावति तिथये गोदावरीतटे ॥ अग्नि 7. 2-3.

1620 तथा जनकराजानो बहवस्तत्र कर्मणा ॥ सुक्तिं प्राप्नुमहाभागो गौतमाश्रमादत्र ॥ ततः प्रयति वत्तीर्थं जनस्थानेति विश्रुतम् ॥ जनस्थानं यज्ञसदो जनस्थानं प्रतीत्यम् चतुर्षोऽजनिस्तीर्थं स्मरणात् सर्वपापहृत् ॥ ब्रह्म. 89. 22-24.

meritorious.<sup>1621</sup> The *Brahmapurāṇa* says that three crores and a half of tirthas that exist in the three worlds come for a bath in the Gangā when Jupiter is in Leo and that bathing in the Bhāgirathi (every day) for sixty thousand years (is equal) to bathing only once in the Godāvari when Jupiter is in the Zodiacal sign Leo.<sup>1622</sup> It is stated in the *Varāhapurāṇa* that when a man repairs to the sacred Godāvari in *simhastha* year, takes a bath and offers *tarpana* (and *śrāddha*) to his pitrs the latter go to heaven if they are in hell and they attain final release if they are already denizens of heaven. Jupiter is in Leo for one year once in twelve years. Crowds of pilgrims throng at Nasik in their thousands from all parts of India in the *simhastha* year.

### KĀŅCĪ (modern Conjeeveram).

Kāñcī is one of the seven holy cities of India (vide p. 678 n. 1535 above) and one of the most ancient towns in southern India. If we rely on the tradition recorded by Hiouen Tshang who stayed in Kāñcī about 640 A. D. it would follow that Buddha frequented the region around Kāñcīpura and that Kāñcī had a *stūpa* about 100 feet high built by Aśoka-rāja (Beal's B. R. W. W. vol. II, p. 230). Hiouen Tshang informs us that Kāñcī was 30  $\frac{1}{2}$  (or about 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  miles) in circuit, that in his day there were eighty Deva temples and that there were many heretics called Nirgranthas (Beal's B. R. W. W. vol. II, pp. 228-229). The next important datum is the mention of Kāñcī-puraka (resident of Kāñcīpura) in the *Mahābhāṣya* on *Vārtika* 26 to Pan. IV. 2 104 (Kielhorn, vol. II, p. 298). Several early records relating to the ancient history of the Pallavas of Kāñcī (of about 250 to 350 A. D.) have been published, such as the Mayidavolu plates of Yuvamahārāja Śiva-skandavarman (E. I. vol. VI p. 84), the Hirahadagalli Inscription of the 8th year (E. I. vol. I, p. 2), and the Talgunda Pillar Inscription of Kadamba Kākusthavarman (E. I. vol. VIII p. 24). The

1621 अत्र सिंहस्थे शुभे गोदावरीस्नानं कन्यागते कृष्णास्नानं महापुण्यम् । गोदावर्यां यात्रिकाणां सुखनोपवासावावश्यकौ न तु तत्तीरवासिनाम् ॥ धर्मसिन्धु p 7.

1622 तिस्रः कोट्योर्धकोटी च तीर्थानि भुवनत्रये । तानि स्नातुं समायान्ति गङ्गाया सिंहस्थे शुभे ॥ पटिर्बर्षसहस्राणि भागीरथ्यवगाहनम् । सकृद्गोदावरीस्नानं सिंहस्थके बृहस्पते ॥ ब्रह्म= 175 83-84, vide also ब्रह्म. 152. 38-39; सिंहस्थे च शुभे तत्र यो गच्छति समाहितः । स्नात्वा च विधिना तत्र पितृस्तर्पयते तथा ॥ स्वर्गं गच्छन्ति पितरौ निरये पतितौ यदि । स्वर्गस्थाः पितरस्तस्य शुक्तिभाजो न संज्ञय ॥ बराह 71 45-46,

Allahabad Prasasti of Samudragupta (Gupta Inscriptions ed. by Fleet p. 7) states that Samudragupta vanquished Visnugopa, king of Kāñci (Kāñcīyaka), in the first half of the 4th century A. D. In the 'Mañimekhalai' there is an elaborate description of the town of Kāñci where Mañimekhalai ultimately attained to enlightenment (vide S. Krishnaswami Aiyangar's 'Mañimekhalai in its historical setting' p. 20). It is not necessary for the present purpose to refer to the numerous inscriptions about the Pallavas and Kāñci and the large number of papers contributed to learned Journals. Reference may, however, be made to the careful and scholarly work 'History of the Pallavas of Kāñci' by R. Gopalan (1928), which brings together all relevant data published up to the date of its composition.

Let us now turn to some passages from the Purāṇas about Kāñci. The Brahmāṇḍa asserts.<sup>1623</sup> 'The two cities of Kāñci and Kāñci are the two eyes of Lord Śiva; Kāñci is a famous Vaisnava ksetra but it also brings about the presence of Śiva'. It is stated in the Bārhaspatya-sūtra (III 124) that Kāñci is a Sakta-ksetra and in the Devībhāgavata (VII 38, 8) it is said to be a Devīsthāna called Annapūrnā. The Vāmana-purāṇa<sup>1624</sup> observes: the Jāti is the best among flowers, Kāñci the best among towns, Rambhā among women, the householder among persons of (the four) āśramas, Kuśasthali is the best among cities and Madhyadeśa among all countries.

Kāñci is full of temples and shrines. The most famous are the Vaikuntha Perumal temple of Viṣṇu and the Śaiva temple of Kailāsanātha built by Pallava Rajasimha. This latter has a large hall supposed to contain 1000 columns.<sup>1625</sup> There is an old Jaina temple also.

### PANDHARPUR

This is one of the most popular places of pilgrimage in the Bombay State. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims visit it

1623 नेत्रद्वयं महेशस्य काशी-काञ्चीपुरद्वयम् । विख्यातं वैष्णवक्षेत्रं शिवसंनिध्य-कारकम् ॥ ब्रह्माण्ड IV, 19. 15.

1624. उल्लेख्य जाती नगरेषु काञ्ची नारीषु रम्भाश्रमिणां श्रेष्ठतया । कुशस्थली श्रेष्ठतया । उरेषु वैशेषु सर्वेषु च मध्यदेशः ॥ वामन. 12. 50. Vide 'South Indian Inscriptions' vol. I, pp. 8-24 for Inscriptions in Pallava characters of the 6th century A. D. in the Kailāsanātha temple at Kāñci

1625 W. S. Canine in his 'Picturesque India' p. 491 remarks that the pillars are only 540 when counted

every year. The Bombay Gazetteer vol. 20 (for Sholapur District) devotes pp. 415-482 to Pandharpur. This sacred place cannot claim very great antiquity. On the materials so far available it is difficult to decide when the shrine of Vithobā was established, but there is sufficient evidence to enable one to say that it was certainly in existence in the middle of the thirteenth century A. D.<sup>1626</sup> The Padmapurāṇa (Uttara-khaṇḍa 176. 56-58) mentions the image of Vitthala Viṣṇu on the bank of the Bhimarathi, which has only two arms and is called Bindu-mādhava. The difficulty is about the date of this part of the Padmapurāṇa. In my opinion it is a late addition and cannot be placed earlier than about 1000 A. D. The modern town of Pandharpur lies along the right bank of the Bhīmā river. The chief temple in Pandharpur is that of Vithobā in the centre of that part of the town which is considered holy. The Bombay Gazetteer vol. 20 describes at some length (pp. 417-424) the main temple of Vithobā and its adjoining parts. Behind the temple of Vithobā is the temple of Rakhumāl, the consort of Vithobā. There is a large staff of priests and attendants in the temple of Vithobā, the chief of whom are those called Badves (who are the most numerous body of the staff and who once claimed to be owners of the temple, but who are now held to be the trustees and guardians of the temple property and of the god's jewels under a scheme of management framed by the High Court of Bombay).<sup>1627</sup> Except the Badves all

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1626 Vide Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar's 'Vaiṣṇavism, Saivism' pp. 87-89.

1627. In *Gangaram Babaji Badve v. Baij Shankar and others*, Printed Judgments of the Bombay High Court for 1891 p. 182 at p. 186 the High Court declared that the Badves are not owners of the temple, idol and property and that they are the chief priests, managers, overseers and guardians of the idol, the temple and the property belonging thereto and that they are bound to keep order and to bid the *Sevādhāris* perform the duties which belong hereditarily to those priests. In *Sakharam Bhīmaji Benare and others versus Gangaram Babaji Badve and others*, Printed Judgments of the Bombay High Court for 1896 p. 644, the position set out above was accepted by both sides and a scheme of management was framed by the High Court (pp. 649-651) which provided for the creation of a Vithobā Fund, for the appointment of a committee of management consisting of five Badves to be elected every year, for the keeping of accounts by the Badves, and for the auditing of these accounts by a Devasthan committee and declared that any cash offering exceeding Rs. 500 was not to be appropriated by the Badves for their own use, but was to be expended for ornaments for the image and to be added to the Vithobā fund, if not so required.

other attendants are called *sevādhāris* and they are of various grades, viz. the *pujāris* (who take the principal part in the worship of the God), *Benaris*<sup>1628</sup> (who repeat mantras and hymns at different services), *paricāraṅkas* (who bring in a large silver dish the water with which the *pujāri* washes the image of the God and brings the lamp for waving it before the image at the evening and night services), *harīdās* (who sings generally five verses in honour of the god at the morning, evening and night services), the *dingres* (who hold a mirror before the God at the early morning service after the god has been dressed and before the lights are waved), the *dvites* (the torch-bearers) who hold a lighted torch when the last night ceremonies are over and carry the slippers of the god in torch-light processions three times a year on the Full Moon days of Āsāḍha and Kārtika and on the *Dasrā* night), the *dange* (who stands with a silver or gold-plated mace outside the ante-chamber at the morning, evening and night services). The goddess *Rakhumāi* has only one set of priests known as *Utpāts*, of whom there are over a hundred families.

The Bombay Gazetteer describes at length (pp. 427-430) the ordinary and special services in the temple of *Vithobā* which are passed over here. Their essence is that the god is treated as if he were some high human person requiring bath, dress, songs, sleep against fatigue and so on. One thing, however, may be noticed that no women singers or dancers are connected with this temple of *Vithobā* in contradistinction to many temples in the Deccan and South India.

The image of *Vitthal* or *Vithobā* in the temple is about three feet and nine inches high and together with its base seems to be cut out of one block of trap. Its rough appearance is probably due to the effect of time. The image is standing with its arms *akambo* and hands resting on the hips; the left hand holds a conch and the right a *caltra* (discus). On the image are carved but so slightly as to be hardly noticeable except on close examination a waist cloth and round the waist a waist-band the end of which hangs on the right thigh. The ornaments consist of a necklace and in the long ears are ear-rings which touch the shoulders. On the head is a long round-topped cap. Mr.

1628. In *Gangaram Babaji and others v Narayan Annaji*, Printed Judgments of the Bombay High Court for 1891 p. 148 the High Court laid down with minuteness the rights, privileges and duties of the *Benaris* (the hymnists).

Kantak, the writer of the note on Pandharpur in the Bombay Gazetteer vol. 20, remarks (p. 424): "The dress and ornament of the image belong to a (time) little later than the Guptas, probably not later than the 5th or 6th century after Christ. As far as is known no other existing Vaisnava temple in India has an image of Viṣṇu like the Pandharpur image, but there are two similar images of the third century after Christ in the Udayagiri brahmanical caves near Bhilsā .... Like the Pandharpur image these are both standing figures with arms *akimbo* and hands resting on the hips and a conch and discus in the hands". Formerly pilgrims used to embrace the image and also touched the feet of the image. But since about 1873 the feet alone are allowed to be touched.

The Bombay Gazetteer (vol. 20 p. 431, note 2) states that the image of Viṭhobā was removed to various places at different times to save it from sacrilege by fanatic Moslem invaders and rulers. About 500 yards east of Viṭhobā's temple in the bed of the Bhīmā river is the temple of Puṇḍlik, one of the most favourite places of worship in Pandharpur. This last temple is not that of a god. It only marks the spot where Puṇḍlik, a great devotee of Viṭthal, spent his last days and died. Puṇḍlik was probably a brāhmana from Pandharpur, originally an undutiful son who ill-treated his parents, but who later repented on seeing the dutiful cobbler Rohidās, changed his ways and became a very dutiful son, so much so that tradition says that god Viṭhobā came to visit him. Viṭhobā and Puṇḍlik have become so much coupled together that all pilgrims before beginning to dine and on other occasions shout the cry 'Pundalika varade Hari Viṭthal'<sup>1629</sup>. The Bom. G. vol 20 (pp. 432-434) describes the temple of Puṇḍlik and narrates the traditional story about him

1629. The writer in Bom. G. vol 20 translates the words पुण्डलीकरदे हरि विठ्ठल as 'O' Pundalika, grant us a boon, Hari Viṭthal'. This translation does not appear to me to be correct. The cry is also in the form 'पुण्डलीकरदा हरि विठ्ठल' (which is the correct one) In my opinion हरि विठ्ठल is only a vocative and the correct form is पुण्डलीकरदा (for 'वरदा') and the whole cry means 'O Hari Viṭthal' that didst grant a boon to Pundalika'. Mr. A. K. Priyolkar kindly pointed out to me an *abhangā* from श्री ज्ञानेश्वरनारायणजीची गथा (ed. by Śrī Vināyakbuvā Sākhare, 1927) which runs as follows 'रखुना देवीवर तो। पुण्डलीकरद तो ने वरदा॥' (p. 48) and another of Kāṇhopātrā (from 'Śrī-santa-gāthā' edited by Śrī Nāṇāmahārāja Sākhare, 1831) 'अगा पुण्डलीकरदा। अगा विष्णु तूं गोविंदा॥' (p. 142)

Pages 434-468 of Bom. G. vol. 20 describe the several temples and shrines at Pandharpur such as those of Visnupada, Trimbakesvara, Candrabhāgā, Janabai's cell, which are all passed over here. The river Bhīmā is styled Candrabhāgā within Pandharpur limits and its water is believed to possess sin-purifying power.

Several important and controversial questions arise in relation to Vithobā's temple at Pandharpur; viz. the date when the image of Vithobā was installed in the temple at Pandharpur, whether the present image is an old one or a substitute, what the ancient name of Pandharpur was, the derivation of the word 'Viṭthal'. As regards the first question it may be stated that there is not enough evidence to establish with certainty the time when the image was established <sup>1630</sup>. But some of the items of evidence may be briefly set out here. In I A. vol. 14 pp. 68-75 Prof. K. B. Pathak published an inscription on a copper-plate found at Bendigere (about eleven miles south-east from Belgaum), the inscription being dated in *śaka* 1171 (1249 A. D.), in which Pandharpur is called Paundarikaksetra on the Bhīmarathī (at p. 74) and Vithobā is called Visnu and which records the grant of a village in Venugrāma district (Belgaum) to a number of brāhmanas by a minister of Yādava king Kṛṣṇa (or Kanhara in the inscription) in the presence of god Visnu (p. 74) i. e. before the image of Visnu or Viṭthala. Dr. R. G. Bhandarkar in 'Vaiṣṇavism, Śaivism &c', (p. 88) and in 'History of the Deccan' (2nd ed. p. 115-6) refers to an inscription on stone dated *śaka* 1192 (1270 A. D.) in Pandharpur itself, in which Bhānu, son of Keśava, is represented as having performed the Aptoryāma sacrifice in Pāndurangapura 'on account of which crowds and Viṭthala were greatly pleased'. There is another earlier inscription in the temple of Vithobā on three sides of a stone beam in a *śopā* beyond the *mandapa* (porch) of 16 pillars, the script being Devanāgarī and the language being partly Sanskrit and partly Canarese. It was issued in *śaka* 1159 (1237 A. D.) by Hoysala king Someśvara and records the grant of an agraḥāra to God Viṭthaladeva who resides in a great village called Pandarage situated on the Bhīmarathī river and who

<sup>1630</sup>. Besides the Sholapur Gazetteer (Bom. G. vol. 20) the following may be consulted. I. H. Q. vol. 11 pp. 771-778 (paper by Prof. B. A. Saleore on 'the Antiquity of Pandharpur'), Mr. G. H. Khare's monograph in Marāṭhī on 'श्रीविठ्ठल मंदिर पंढरपुर', and Dr. Krishna's Archaeological Survey Reports of Mysore for 1929 pp. 197-210



made the heart of sage (*muni*) Pundarika expand (with devotion). Vide Bom. G. vol. 20 pp. 419-420 and pp. 4-6 of Mr Khare's monograph (on medieval references). The Mysore Archaeological Survey Report for 1929 (pp. 197-210) publishes a copper-plate inscription issued by the Rāstrakūṭa king Avidheya which records a grant of Pāṇḍaranga-palli and four other villages situated to the east of Mahādeva hill to a brāhmana named Jayad-viṭṭha. This grant was confirmed about 820 A. D. by Rāstrakūṭa king Śarvārasa (i. e. Amoghavarasa I). The editor Dr. Krishna is of opinion that the date of the inscription must be 516 A. D. (*ibid.* p 203). Therefore the important conclusion follows that Pandharpur was known to Canarese people as Pandarage and was also called Pāṇḍarangapalli. This inscription does not expressly refer to god Viṭṭhala, but the donee's name Jayad-viṭṭha contains the part Viṭṭha which is most probably an early form of Viṭṭhala.

In a work called 'Viṭṭhalabhūṣana'<sup>1631</sup> by one Gopālācārya about eleven verses are quoted from Hemādri on Tīrtha which are quoted below<sup>1632</sup>. Briefly they state an excellent tīrtha ex-

1631. This was printed in *Śaka* 1808 (1886-87 A. D.) at the Bombay City Press. For Pundlik's story, vide Bom. G. vol. 20 p. 433.

1632 तीर्थहेमाद्रौ—भैरवाश्चैव तटे देवि दक्षिणे तीर्थमुत्तमम् । अस्ति क्षेत्रं देवतं च सर्वोत्कृष्टं सुदुर्लभम् । पौण्डरीकमिति ख्यात तत्तीर्थं क्षेत्रप्रजितः । पाण्डुरङ्गश्च तत्रास्ते मूर्तिमान् देवतोत्तमः । पुष्करात्त्रिगुणं पुष्पं केदारात् पङ्कजं भवेत् । वाराणस्या दशगुणमनन्तं श्रीगिरेरपि । पट्टिर्षसहस्राणि दिव्यदैवतदर्शनात् । तत्फलं लभते मर्त्यं सङ्कदेव हि तत्फलम् । अष्टाविंशतिमे कल्पे द्वापरान्ते च पण्मुख । पुण्डरीक इति ख्यातस्तपस्तेषु सुदारुणम् । भक्त्या पित्रोश्च शुश्रूषां कुर्वन्शुनिवारं सदा । तस्यैवं कुर्वन् पूजा पित्रोरहरहः श्रिये । परितुष्टोऽभवद्देवो गोपीजनमन-मियः । गोवर्धनगिरौ रम्ये चारयन् गोगणं विशु । गोपतिं धारयन्त्याच्छत्रोऽञ्जलितकङ्कणम् । नानास्ननभोगैर्द्वापि-शिक्षयमोलिविराजितः । अतीव सुन्दरं सौम्यो रत्नाङ्कितमहाङ्गदः । दिग्वासाश्चातिसौम्येन सुहृत्सूत्रेण वेदितः । त्रिहृतेनाष्टकालेन कटिबन्धेन (कटिबन्धेन?) राजितः । कटिमालम्ब्य तिष्ठन् त्रिहृद्वल्या च संयुतः । तत्रैव कूर्मपुराणे । पुण्डरीके महातीर्थं ब्राह्मणैरुप-सेवितम् । तत्राभिगम्य शुक्लात्मा पुण्डरीकफलं लभेत् ॥

I am highly obliged to Pandit Balacharya Khuperkar of Kolhapur for sending to me these verses from the copy in his possession. In the T S p 7 the verse पुण्डरीकं महातीर्थं is quoted from the Kūrmapurāṇa, on p 9 of T S. verses भैरवाश्चैव ..तत्फलम् are quoted from the Skandapurāṇa, as also verses अष्टाविंशतिमे ...संयुत occur on pp 12-13 of the Tīrthasāra with a few variant readings such as वेत्रोद्धृतकङ्कण (which is a very good variant, for छत्रो-कङ्कणम् and शक्तिमोलिविराजित for शिक्षय- and दिव्यसङ्गीति सौम्येन for दिग्वासाश्चातिसौम्येन. In a ms. of पौण्डरीकमाहात्म्य kindly lent to me by Pandit Lakṣmanācārya of Wai 'अन्तःसूत्रेण वेदितः' कटिबन्धेन राजितः' and सुहृत्काशिक्षयनद्वाभ्यामूर्ग्या चाव-शोभितः are the readings. In a ms of पाण्डुरङ्गमाहात्म्य in the possession of Pandit Khuperkar, the same verses occur with a few additions. That ms

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ists on the southern bank of the river Bhaimi and there is also a rare but fine image there; it is called Paundarika-ksetra and the greatest of gods viz. Pāduranga worshipped by the whole ksetra resides there. It is three times holier than Puskara, six and ten times holier than Kedarā and Vārānasi respectively. Pundarika practised severe austerities at the end of Dvāparayuga in the 28th Kalpa and always devotedly attended upon his parents. God Kṛṣṇa who was making a herd of cows graze on Govardhana hill became pleased with him for his devotion to his parents, Kṛṣṇa who wields a stick for driving cows, who has bracelets rendered bright by (the colour) of the umbrella <sup>1633</sup> (shade), who is adorned with a head-gear (*mukuta*) and a *śikya* (a loop) scintillating with the lustre of many jewels, who was very charming and had armlets studded with jewels, who does not (appear to) wear any *dhoti*, but has his loins covered with nickers, who is set off by a girdle of three strings tied on his waist and who stands with arms akimbo and appears possessed of three lines on his belly. Though a ms. of the Tirtha portion of Hemādri's work has not yet been recovered, there is no reason to doubt that the verses were taken by Gopālācārya from Hemādri's work, particularly when almost all those verses are quoted by the T. S. (about 1500 A. D.) from the Skandapurāna and Kūmapurāna. As Hemādri composed his work about 1260 to 1270 A. D. and as the verses quoted by him are cited from the Skandapurāna, it follows that several centuries before 1260 A. D. Pandharpur was known as a tirtha, that the devotee and saint Pundarika (Marāthi 'Pundlik') also was so known then and that the image of Vithobā was essentially the same in appearance as it is now. That Pandharpur had risen in sanctity and importance in the 15th century follows from the fact that both the great Vaiṣṇava saints, Caitanya and Vallabha, visited it. Vide Prof. S. K. De's 'Vaiṣṇava faith and movement in Bengal' p. 71 for

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reads अन्तःसूत्रेण for शुद्धसूत्रेण, विद्वद्ब्रह्मीकृतेनेशः कटिबन्धेन राजितः and शुद्धकाशिवय-  
नद्धम्यासूत्रम्या चातिशोभितः. विद्वतेनाङ्गकालेन—makes no sense. It has to be noted  
that शुद्धसूत्रेण or अन्तःसूत्रेण is mentioned separately from कटिबन्धेन and there-  
fore शुद्धसूत्र or अन्तःसूत्र was something different from कटिबन्ध (waist-band).  
Probably the original reading was दिग्वासाश्चातिसूत्रेण शुद्धसूत्रेण for दिग्वासा-  
श्चातिसूत्रेण, where सौम्य conveys very little sense.

<sup>1633</sup>. This probably is a reference to the silver shade under which the  
image of Vithobā stood (Bom. G. vol. 20 p. 423).

Caitanya's visit and 'Śrī Vallabhācārya' by Manilal C. Parekh (pp. 56-59) for Vallabhācārya's visit.

It has been already shown from the Bombay Gazetteer that there is a tradition about the image having been removed several times and brought back. On pp. 16-25 of his work Mr. Khare cites various passages from medieval writers in Sanskrit, Marathi and Canarese and comes to the conclusion that the present image is not only not the ancient one but that it was not there in the 17th century, since the characteristics of the present image do not tally with the description contained in the poems of saint Tukārām. I do not agree with his conclusions. He has overlooked several weighty considerations. He has relied upon inferences drawn from the presence of Afzul Khan and the bigoted emperor Aurangzeb in the Deccan. I have cited above (pp. 632, 692) references to the demolition of North Indian temples and images on the orders of Aurangzeb, but Mr. Khare has been unable to show any direct reference to the demolition of the temple or the image of Vithobā on the orders of any Moslem king or officer.<sup>1634</sup> We cannot rely on mere inferences or not properly authenticated letters or verses. Besides, the present image is so much worn that unless one very carefully

1634. It may, however, be stated that there is some evidence that efforts were made to demolish the temple of Vithobā by some Moslem king of Bidar and that the Badves (the guardians of the Pandharni temple) fearing destruction of the image removed it and concealed it somewhere else. In a Marāṭhi work called 'महाराष्ट्रमहोदयाचा पूर्ववर्ण' by Mr. Narayan Krishna Gadre (1905) p. 168 verses are cited from a life (completed in śake 1667 i.e. 1745 A.D.) of one Chāṅgā Mudheśa (who died in śake 1427 i.e. 1505 A.D.) written by his descendant Shamji Gosāvi Vajjarkhede (who was 11th in descent from Chāṅga Mudheśa). The Marāṭhi verses are: वेदरीचा राजा बामणी पातझर। ब्राह्मणासी बहु छळियेले॥ हिंदुधर्म जितुके तितुके बर्जियेले॥ राऊळ विध्वंसिले पदरीचे॥ केलीसे मशीद महाद्वार मोडून। सातमास पूर्ण झाले यासी॥ मूर्ती सिंहासनाह्नि आच्छादिली। सुत हो ठेविली बह्व्यानी॥ verses 52-55 of the 7th chapter of the life. This was written two hundred and forty years after the alleged vandalism. Besides the same work mentions in verse 94 (chap. 7) that Chāṅgadeva thought that the mosque should be demolished and a new temple (a complete replica of the old one) should be built. Similarly, in शिवचरित्रसहित्य part I p. 68 (published by the Bhārata-itihāsa-saṁśodhala-maṇḍala of Poona) there is a letter dated in 1581 śake (i.e. 1659-60 A.D.) in Marāṭhi which states that Shivaji killed Afzal Khan who had removed the image of Vitthal at Pandharpur and that at Tuljāpur. The letter is not properly authenticated and is not a reliable piece of evidence. I am obliged to Mr. G. H. Khare of Poona for drawing my attention to these two pieces of evidence.

scrutinizes, it would be difficult to pronounce what articles it holds or what dress it wears. Therefore, there is great scope for differences of opinion on the characteristic features of the present image. Conceding for argument that the tradition about the removal of the idol is true, that does not establish that the present image is different from the one that existed in the 13th century or before. The present image has an elongated head dress which some may construe as a simple *mukūṭa* (crown) with a rim: but the *pūjaris* and common people regard it as a *Śivaliṅga* and the rim as the rope of the *śiṅga* that is carried on the back (by cowherds). The present image has ear-rings (as Mr. Khare admits) but they are so long that they rest on the shoulders. The present image has *aṅgadas* (armlets) on the upper arms (and that is the description in the *Skanda-purāṇa* quoted by Hemādri). The present image has ornaments on the wrists (which the passage from the *Skandapurāṇa* also mentions). There is a girdle with three strings on the waist of the present image (in *Sk.* also we have '*trivṛtenānukālena kaṣṭhābaddhena* or *kaṣṭhābandhena rajitaḥ*'). The present image <sup>1633</sup> does not clearly show that a *dhoti* was worn (and therefore one reading of the *Skanda* says that it is '*digvāsāḥ*') but the *Skanda* adds that the image has arms akimbo. In my opinion the description in the *Skanda-purāṇa* (which must be held to be at least not later than about 1000 A. D.) tallies in essential particulars with the present image; therefore it follows that sufficient evidence has not been adduced to show that it is comparatively a new image and the proposition of Mr. Khare that it is a different one from the original should be held *not proved*. In the descriptions given by *Tukārām* and others (p. 22 of Mr. Khare's book) actual, legendary and ideal elements are mixed up. For example, *Tukārām* states that the god has 16000 wives (Mr. Khare's book

1633. Persons not familiar with ancient images or statues in stone might think that an image or statue is naked (*digvāsāḥ*) when as a matter of fact the sculpture itself shows that the image wears a *dhoti* and 'waist band' and yet its private parts are shown as visible, probably because it was the intention of the sculptor to indicate that the garment was made of the finest texture and was transparent. For example, in 'History of Fine Art in India and Ceylon' by Vincent Smith, there is a figure of a *Bodhisattva* (on p. 143 No. 94) which is clearly draped in a *dhoti* and waistband and the private parts of which are yet visible. The *Vaṣṭu* image from Mathurā (Plate VI) in a paper on Gupta Art in *Journal of U. P. Historical Society*, vol. 18 pp. 101-134 shows similar characteristics.

p. 22 'Bailā solā hajāra' &c.). But Tukārām, does mention the facts that the arms are akimbo, that there is no dhoti (*digambara*), and mentions the existence of a *śikya*, a stick, also a girdle and ornaments. Lastly, Mr. Khare does not attach sufficient importance to two facts, one being that about 1873 two Gosavis damaged the image which was later re-installed and pilgrims were forbidden from embracing it. It is quite possible that some of the features already indistinct were lost in these happenings (vide Bom. G. vol. 20 p. 430). Besides, for hundreds of years the image has been washed with pañcāmṛta (milk, curds, ghee, honey and sugar) and water at least once every day and sometimes several times a day. It is not difficult to imagine that the characteristic marks became blurred by these continual baths.

Some other matters require to be dealt with. The image is variously called viz. Pāṇḍuranga, Pāṇḍhari, Vitthal, Viṭṭhalanātha and Viṭhobā.

Visnu assumes in Prakrit the forms Vinhu, Vinnu, Venhu, Vetha and others. In Canarese Visnu becomes Bitti, Bittiga, Vitta &c. The changes in names do not necessarily follow the rules laid down in Prakrit or Canarese grammars, which rules themselves are often based on meagre data and Mr. A. K. Priyolkar in his learned paper on 'Bhagat Namdeo of the Sikhs' in the Journal of the University of Bombay vol. VII part 2 (1938) points out (p. 24) that in the Ādi Granth of the Sikhs, in the hymns of Namdeo, God is addressed as 'Bīthal' or 'Bīthalu' (p. 24), that, in the Gujarati poems of Narsinh Mehta and Mirabai, God is addressed as Vitthala (p. 35) and Viṭṭhala is employed by these saints meaning only Visnu and not the deity at Pandharpur. The learned Kāśinātha Upādhyāya, author of *Viṭṭhala-rn-mantrasāra-bhāṣya*, derives the word Viṭṭhala as (*Vi + tha + la*)<sup>1636</sup>.

As regards the name of the ksetra it appears that originally it was called in Canarese Pandarage, of which Panduranga is a sanskritized form. When Puṇḍlik, the devotee of Viṭṭhal, became famous the sacred place came to be called Pundarikapura (as in Kūrma) and Pāundarikapura (as in Skanda). Vide note 1632 above

1636 'विद् वेदनं ज्ञानं तेन हाः श्रूयाः ताव लाति स्वीकरोति'. Vide विठ्ठलसङ्ग्रह-सारभाष्य, D. C. ms. No 100 of 1869-70 dated śake 1731 (1809 A. D.) quoted in H. of Dh. vol. I p. 464 n. 1161.

The pilgrims to Pandharpur may be divided into two classes, regular visitors and occasional visitors. The first class comprise those called *Vārkaris* (lit those who keep the fixed times). The *Vārkaris* are of two sorts viz those who attend every month and those who attend twice a year (on the 11th of Āśāḍha-sukla and Kārtika-sukla). This cult of *vārkaris* has been a great leveller. In theory and to a large extent in practice it ignores caste exclusiveness. A brāhmana *vārkari* falls at the feet of a śūdra *vārkari*. There are certain observances binding on all *vārkaris* (for which, vide Bom. G. vol. 20 p. 471). The *vārkari* carries a rosary of Tulasi (basil) beads, foregoes flesh-eating, observes a fast on *ekādaśī*, carries an ochre-coloured *patākā* (swallow-tailed banner) and is to speak the truth (and not to cheat) when engaged in his daily occupations.

Some people think that the image of Vithobā is really Buddhist or Jain. There is hardly any evidence for this. When such Marāṭhi poets and saints as Ekanātha, and Tukārām speak of Vithobā as Bauddhāvatāra they have Viṣṇu in mind,<sup>1637</sup> whose 9th avatāra was Buddha according to the Purāṇas and medieval writers.

The question of the attitude that modern Hindus should adopt towards holy places and pilgrimages will be briefly dealt with at the end of the next chapter on the list of *tīrthas*.

1637. One of *Ekanaṭha's* *abhang* is 'मववा चैते स्थिररूप । तया नाम बौद्धरूप ॥ सन्त तया द्वारी । तिष्ठताति निरन्तरी । पुण्डलीकासार्दी उभा । घन्य घन्य विठलसोभा ॥' in *Ekanaṭha-mahārāja's abhangācī gāthā* (published by Rajaram Tukaram, Bombay, 1903) p. 344 No 1048, 'बौद्धरूपवतार साक्षिया अहदा । सौम्यमुखे निष्ठा धरियेली ॥' No. 4160 of the *Tukārām-mahārāja's abhangācī gāthā* p. 522 (published by Bombay Govt., 1950). Vide H. of Dh. vol. II pp 720-723 for discussion about the time when Buddha came to be looked upon as an *avatāra* of Viṣṇu.

## CHAPTER XVI

### LIST OF TĪRTHAS

This is merely a list of tīrthas from the point of view of Dharmaśāstra and *not* a treatise on the Ancient Geography of India. The result is that many countries and towns that have no importance or claims as tīrthas have been altogether omitted. Bauddha and Jain works on tīrthas have only rarely been referred to. Many of the Purānas enumerate the mountains and rivers of *dīpas* and *varsas* other than those of Jambudvīpa and Bhārata-varsa such as Harivarsa, Rāmyakavarṣa, Krauñcadvīpa, Śālmālidvīpa, but they have been excluded from this list. The Brahmapurāna (chap. 26 verses 8-83) contains a string of over 520 tīrthas without hardly any certain indication of their location and the Bhīmaparva in chap. 9 mentions about 160 rivers with practically no indication about their location in most cases. Similarly, the Garuda (I. 81. 1-31) enumerates about 200 and Padma (VI. 129) contains 108 tīrtha names. In Banaras alone I have listed about 350 sub-tīrthas. But there are about 1500 shrines and temples in Banaras alone. These have not been included. Each great tīrtha has numerous sub-tīrthas as in the Varāha-purāna under Mathurā, in Brahma-purāna under Gautamī, in Vāyu-purāna under Gayā. Through sheer weariness or inadvertence some of these must have been left out by me and some were left out purposely on account of the absence of any importance. Besides, several tīrthas that are regarded as sacred by modern people are not so treated in the Epics or purānas and are not even mentioned in them; many of these have been omitted in this list. Our authorities are often very vague about the location or extent of tīrthas. Moreover, a number of tīrthas scattered in different parts of India bear the same name (e. g. vidē under Agnitīrtha, Kotitīrtha, Cakratīrtha, Varāhatīrtha, Somatīrtha). I am under great obligations to Cunningham's 'Ancient Geography of India' (ed. of 1872) and to Nundo Lal Dey's 'The Geographical Dictionary of Ancient and Medieval India' (1927). I have had occasions to differ from both, particularly from the latter. But, the space at my disposal being very limited, I could not enter into even brief discussions

in support of my views. It would look ungrateful to find fault with the work of Dey; but it must be said that he relies too much on rather old and antiquated authorities and has not cast his net over a wide area. Often times he mentions no original authorities (vide, for example, Cakratīrtha on p. 43). He is very vague in his references. He hardly ever cites the number of the verse on which he relies and often omits to specify even the part or section of the work relied upon. For example, at p. 13 as regards Avanti he mentions Pāṇini IV. 176, which should be IV. 1. 176. Further, he has omitted several well-known tīrthas (e. g. Daśāśvamedhika). He is sometimes wrong in what he says. On p. 54 he states that Kiskindhā-kāṇḍa 43 refers to Devadāruvana as a proper name, but there the context ('lodhrapadmaka-sandesu devadāruvanesu ca' in verse 15) shows that what is meant is 'forests of Deodar trees'. On p. 73 he says Bharatavarṣa was 'first' called Haimavata-varṣa, but the passage of the Līṅgapurāṇa (I 49. 7) on which he relies (idam haimavatam varṣam Bhāratam nāma viśrutam) does not bear that out. There is no reference to a prior account here and all that is meant is that Bhāratavarṣa is connected with Himavat, as a previous passage (I 47. 23 Himādrer-daksinam varṣam Bhāratasya nyavedayat) expressly states that Bhāratavarṣa is to the south of Himālaya. In Śālya 44. 52 Sarasvatī is called Haimavatī, but that does not mean that Haimavatī was the name of Sarasvatī in far-off ages. It simply means that it 'rises in Himavat range.' Only a comparison of the list prepared by me with Dey's work will show the difference in details between the two. I should not undertake that task and leave it to scholarly readers.

I have carefully read the two Epics and most of the Purāṇas. But I do not cite exhaustive references to all the texts where a particular tīrtha is mentioned. I feel satisfied with mentioning two or three. Owing to the several restrictions imposed upon myself this list cannot claim to be thoroughly exhaustive. But I hope that it is comprehensive enough and far larger and more informative than any list of tīrthas presented by any scholar so far. There is ample scope for industrious scholars to improve upon and to add to this list. I have included important tīrthas from Kashmir and given copious references to the Nīlamata-purāṇa, the Rāja-taranginī and the Hara-carita-cintāmaṇi. I am highly obliged to the Kashmir Report of Dr. Bühler (published as a special number for 1877



by the B B R A S), to Stein's notes in his translation of the *Raja-taranginī* and his memoir on the Ancient Geography of Kashmir published separately (and also embodied in the 2nd volume of the translation of Kalhana's work). All the names of tirthas are transliterated into the English alphabet and arranged according to the English mode of spelling. For the Mahābhārata references are given to the oblong Bombay edition and by citing names of *parvāns*, but in the case of the Rāmāyana Roman figures I to VII are employed for the Bāla, Ayodhyā, Aranya, Kiskindhā, Sundara, Yuddha and Uttara kāndas respectively. For the Rāmāyana I have used the edition brought out by the Madras Law Journal Press in 1933. Among Purānas the Ānandaśrama editions of the Agni, Brahma, Brahmapurāṇa, Matsya, Vāyu and Padma have been relied upon and as to the rest of the Mahāpurānas the Venkatesvara Press editions have been used (except in the case of the Nrasimhapurāṇa of which the edition of Messrs. Gopal Narayan & Co. and the Bhāgavatapurāṇa, of which the Nīrṇayasāgara edition of the bare text have been referred to). The Skandapurāṇa has been a source of great trouble and labour. Owing to the limited time at my disposal I have not been able to digest thoroughly the ninety thousand and odd verses of that purāṇa, though I have very carefully gone into the Kāśikhanda and some other khandas. Besides, there are two separate recensions of the Skanda and large portions of it appear to be apocryphal and later additions. The seven big sections of the Skanda viz Mahēśvarakhandā, Vaisnava, Brāhma, Kāśi, Āvantya, Nāgara, Prabhāsa are indicated by Roman figures from I to VII and the sub-sections by Arabic figures. Some of these sub-sections have further sub-divisions into Pūrvārdha and Uttarārdha.

I have made endeavours to locate the tirthas as far as possible. Inscriptions have been drawn upon in several cases for locating the tirthas and for their antiquities and history. The principal Sanskrit authorities (except Kalhana) are often very vague as compared with even foreign writers like Hiouen T'sang, Alberuni and Abul Fazal. Where I was not myself sure I have given references to the texts alone, and in some cases to the views of Cunningham, Dey, Pargiter and others. If the same name happens to be given to different tirthas located at different places, I have indicated the several different places bearing the same name by employing the capital letters

A, B, C and so on; I may state that I have hardly ever remained content by borrowing references to Sanskrit authorities given by my predecessors, but have seen personally each reference to Sanskrit works except where I expressly state from whom I borrow a particular reference. Sorensen's Index of the Mahābhārata and the Vedic Index of Macdonell and Keith have been used in several places. I have also derived material help from the volumes of the Imperial Gazetteer and from the several volumes of the Bombay Gazetteer. The same may be said about Wilson's translation of Visṇupurāṇa (ed. by Hall, 1864-1877), Pargiter's notes to his translation of the Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa, Dr. B. C. Law's paper on the 'mountains and rivers of India' in the Journal of the Department of Letters, Calcutta University, vol. 28 and Dr. Hemchandra Raychaudhuri's 'Studies in Indian Antiquities' (1932), and the paper on 'Ancient towns and cities in Gujarat and Kathiawad' in I.A. vol. 54. I have consulted only a few Mahātmyas of tirthas. Recently, Prof. V. R. Ramchandra Dikshitar of Madras has published a useful work 'The Purāṇa Index' (volumes I and II covering over 1400 pages) which collects material from five Purāṇas only viz. the Bhāgavata, Brahmāṇḍa, Matsya, Vāyu and Viṣṇu. The two volumes reach up to the Sanskrit letter 'ma' only. I, for my part, do not agree with much that he says about the age of the Purāṇas in general and of the five Purāṇas (which he has digested) in particular, but this is not the place to go into that question. Besides, his work has to be used with some caution. In several places the work is misleading. To take only a few examples. On p. 547 he lists 'Godhūma', makes the remark 'fit for śrāddha' and cites four references from the Visṇupurāṇa alone. One may *prima facie* think that Godhūma is here some place fit for śrāddha. As a matter of fact in all the references from the Visṇupurāṇa 'Godhūma' means 'wheat' and nothing more, which no doubt is fit food for śrāddha. But other fit things such as 'ikṣu' (declared to be fit for śrāddha by Vāyu 78. 7-8) are not included at all. On p. 123 Āśokavana is not a proper name, but only a forest of Āśoka trees, as the preceding word 'drākṣāvana' (in Vāyu 38. 68) indicates. So also Kamalāprabhava (not 'prabhava' as printed on p. 316 of vol. I) is not a river (in Matsya 163. 62, Ānandaśrama ed.) but is only an adjective of the word Śona that follows. On p. 316 of vol. II he states that the river Parā rises from Rṣyavān, but the Matsya 114. 24 on which he relies says it springs from Pāṇyātra. On the same page he gives the entry 'Pārāvāratata sacred to

Matā'. This makes no sense. Pārāvāratata would mean 'the shore of the sea'. What is really meant is that Devī is styled or worshipped as Pārā on the bank of the Pārā river (Pārā Pārātate matā). He does not compare the readings of the several printed editions of the five purānas. Besides, the information furnished is very meagre. If the whole had been printed in a compact form far more information could have been given in the same number of pages.

In some places I have indicated the rewards promised for bathing in the tīrthas; but I have not done so in every case. The purānas promise one or more of the following rewards viz, the same merit as the performance of Āśvamedha or Vajapeya or other solemn Vedic sacrifices or reaching the highest worlds such as those of Brahmā, Visnu or Śiva, the destruction of the gravest sins such as brāhmana murder, the same merit as arises from gifts of a thousand cows &c.

Many of the doubts and difficulties about the identification of several tīrthas can, if at all, be solved only by means of actual journeys to various places and investigations on the spot. That is a task which would require for its proper accomplishment a team of workers. A single individual can hardly attempt such a task with his own resources.

This list will, it is hoped, be of some use in elucidating several problems such as the questions about the relative antiquity of the purānas, the dates of several Sanskrit works which mention the tīrthas and the questions about borrowing on the part of purānas among themselves and from the Mahābhārata.

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## Abbreviations employed in this list alone

- AC.—Abhidhāna-cintāmaṇi of Hemacandra (ed. by Böhtlingk, 1847).  
 Ad.—Ādiparva of the Mahābhārata  
 Ag.—Agnipurāṇa.  
 A. G.—Ancient Geography of India, by Cunningham (1871).  
 A. I.—Ancient India as described by Megasthenes and Arrian (Mc Crindle).  
 Ain. A.—Ain-i-Akbari by Abul Fazal, translated by Blochmann and Jarrett in three volumes (1873-1894).  
 Al.—Alberuni's 'India' translated by Dr. E. C. Sachau, 2 volumes, 1886 (London).  
 Anu.—Anuśāsana-parva of the Mahābhārata.  
 A. S. R.—Archaeological Survey of India Reports.  
 B.—Brahmapurāṇa.  
 Bār. S.—Bārhaspatya-sūtra edited by Dr. F. W. Thomas.  
 Bh.—Bhāgavatapurāṇa.  
 Bhav.—Bhaviṣyapurāṇa.  
 Bhī.—Bhīṣmaparva of the Mahābhārata.  
 Bom G.—Bombay Gazetteer volumes.  
 Br.—Brahmāṇḍapurāṇa.  
 Br. S.—Brhatsamhitā with Utpala's com., edited by Sudhākara Dvivedi.  
 BV.—Brahmavaivarta-purāṇa.  
 C. I. I.—Corpus Inscriptionum Indicarum; vol. I. Inscriptions of Aśoka, vol. III. Gupta Inscriptions.  
 Dey.—Nundolal Dey's 'Geographical Dictionary of India' (1927).  
 G.—Garudapurāṇa.  
 Go.—Godāvarī river  
 h.—hill  
 HC.—Haracaritacintāmaṇi of Jayadratha (Kāvyamālā ed.)  
 I. G. I.—Imperial Gazetteer of India volumes.  
 J. U. P. H. S.—Journal of the United Provinces Historical Society.  
 K.—Kūrmapurāṇa.  
 Kal.—Kāhlīpurāṇa.  
 K. R.—Bühler's Kashmir Report (extra number of BBRAS Journal for 1877)  
 l.—lake  
 L.—Līṅgapurāṇa  
 m.—Mountain  
 M.—Matsyapurāṇa  
 Mb.—Mahābhārata  
 Mbh.—Mahābhāṣya of Patañjali (ed. by Kielhorn in 3 volumes).  
 Mār.—Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa  
 N.—Nārāyaṇa-purāṇa or Nārāyaṇa-purāṇa.  
 NM.—Nīlāmata-purāṇa ed. by Prof. Bhagavad-datta.  
 Nr.—Nṛsiṃha or Naraśiṃha-purāṇa.  
 P.—Padma-purāṇa.  
 Pargiter.—Translation of Mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇa with notes.  
 Ptolemy.—Mc Crindle's 'Ancient India' as described by Ptolemy with notes by Majumdar Sastri (Calcutta, 1927)  
 r.—River.  
 R.—Rājatarāṅgī (edited and translated by Dr. Stein).  
 Rām.—Rāmāyaṇa.  
 S.—Sabhāparva of the Mahābhārata.  
 Sal.—Salyaparva of the Mahābhārata.  
 Śān.—Śāntiparva of the Mahābhārata.  
 SK.—Skandapurāṇa  
 SM.—Stein's Memoir on maps illustrating the Ancient Geography of Kashmir.  
 T. K.—Kalpataru on tirthas (G. O. S.)  
 T. P.—Tīrthaprakāśa of Mitrāmśra, part of Vīramitrodaya  
 T. S.—Tīrthasāra, part of Nṛsiṃha-prasāda (Sarasvatībhaṇa series, Benares).  
 U.—Udyogaparva of the Mahābhārata  
 V.—Vanaparva of the Mahābhārata.

Va —Vāyupurāṇa

Vām.—Vāmanapurāṇa.

Var —Varāhapurāṇa.

VD —Viṣṇudharmottara-purāṇa

V. Dh. S.—Viṣṇudharma-sūtra (ed.  
by Jolly).V<sub>1</sub> —ViṣṇupurāṇaVik —Vikramāṅka-deva-carita of  
Bilhaṇa (ed. by Bühler)

V. S.—Vārāṇasī.

Wilson—Translation of Viṣṇupurāṇa,  
edited by Dr. Hall (1864-1877)

## LIST OF TĪRTHAS

### A

- Abjaka—(under Go.) B 129 137 (it is the heart of Godāvārī)
- Acalā—(r. in Kāśmīra) HC 10 256 (near Anantabrada and Kārkatabrada)
- Acalesvara—L I, 92. 165
- Acchodā—(r. rising from Acchodaka lake) M 121. 7, Vā 47 6, Br II 18. 6 and III. 13. 80
- Acchodaka—(a l. at the foot of mount Candraprabha) Vā 47. 5-6 and 77. 76, M 14 3 and 121. 7, Br III 13. 77
- Aciravati—(r. falling into Sarayū) one of the ten great rivers mentioned in 'Questions of Milinda' (SBE vol. 35 p. 171) It is Raptī in Oudh on which Śrāvastī was situated Var. 214. 47
- Acyutasthala—Vām 34. 47. Vide under Yugandhara.
- Ādarśa—held to be same as Vinasāna by many scholars Vide under 'Vinasāna' The Kāśīlā on Pān. IV. 2 124 (Janapadatadavadhyośca) appears to hold Ādarśa as a Janapada and Br S 14. 25 does the same
- Ādipāla—(a h. under Gayā). Vā 108. 65 (Ganeśa is there in the form of an elephant across Mundaprstha), 109 15
- Adititīrtha—(under Gangā) N II, 40. 90
- Ādityasya āśrama—V 83 184, P I. 27 70
- Ādityatīrtha—A (on Sarasvatī) Sal 49 17, Devāla q by T K p 250. B (on r Sābhramatī) P VI 167 1 (near confluence with sea)
- Ādityāyatana—(under Narmadā) M 191 77, K II 41 37-38, P. I 18 5 and 72.
- Ādityeśa—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 5
- Agastyapada—(under Gayā)—Ag 116 3, Vā 111 53
- Agastyasaras—V 82 44 It may be noted that Agastya is the reputed author of the Tamil language and the teacher of the author of the Tolkāppīyam, the oldest grammatical work extant (on Tamil). Vide JR 18 vol 19 pp 558-559 (New series)
- Agastyāśrama—Vide Dey p 2 (eight places so called (but he does not state authorities for all) A (or r Durjayā) V 96 1 (where demon Vātāpi was killed by Agastya), B V. Dh S 85. 22, P I 12 4, V 19. 198 (near Puskara); C (near Prayāga) V 87. 20, D (near Gokarna) V 88. 18, E (near Janasthān and Pañcavati about five yojanas from Sūtilāśnāśrama) Rām. III. 11 38-42, Raghu XIII 36 There is an ancient shrine of Agastya about one mile from Alola village in Nagar District beyond the Pravara river, F (near the sea in Pāndya country) Ādi 216. 3, 88 13, 118 4, 130 6—one of the five Nārītīrthas), Rām. IV. 41. 16 (on Malaya) and Bh 79. 167
- Agastyatīrtha—(in Pāndya country) V 88 13
- Agastyavata—Vā 215 2
- Agastyeśvara—A (under Narmadā) 11. 191 5, B (laga in VS) I q b, T K p 116
- Aghoreśvara—(under Vā) L q by T. K. p 60
- Agnidhārā—(under Gayā) V 84 146, Ag 116 31.
- Agnikundā—(on Sarasvatī) Vām. 31 22, Var. q by T. K p 215.
- Agniprabha—(under Gayā) Vā 145 52-55 (its water is hot in winter and cold in summer.)

Agnipura—Anu 25 43 Dey p 2 says it is Māhismatī. Vide Raghuvamśa VI. 42

Agnisaras—A (under Kolāmukha) Var 140 34-36, B (under Lohārgala) Var. 151. 52

Agnisatypada—(under Badarī) Var. 141. 7

Agnisīras—(along the Yamunā) V. 90. 5-7

Agnīśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K pp 66, 71

Agnitīrtha—A (on the southern bank of Yamunā) M 108 27, P. I 45 27; B (under VS) K I. 35 7, P. I 37 7; C (under Go) B 98 1; D (on Sarasvatī) Śal 47. 13-14, P. I. 27 27. E (on north bank of Sābhramatī) PVI. 134. 1; F (under Kubjāmraka) Var 126 63

Ahah—V. 83. 100

Ahalyāhrada—(near Gautama's āśrama) V 84 109, P. I 38 26

Ahalyātīrtha—A (under Godāvarī), B 87 1, B (under Narmadā) P I 18 84, M 191 90-92, K II 41. 43

Ailāpatra—A dīpālā-nāga (guardian of western quarter) in Kāśmīra. NM 1118 (modern Ailapatur)

Airāvati—(The Hydraotes of Arrian, A I p 190, Rāvi in the Punjab?) A r. on the border of Madradeśa rising in the Himālaya. M 115 18-19, 116 1 and 6 and Devala q by T. K p 249 Dey p 73 is wrong in taking (in M 116 1) Haimavatī as a proper name, since in M 116 6 the same river is called 'the eminent daughter of Himavat'

Ajabila—(under m Sripavata) L. I. 92 153

Ajatuṅga—Vā 77. 48 (śrāddha here is highly efficacious and here the shadow of gods is seen on *parvan* days)

Ajeśvara—(a līṅga in VS) L. I 92 136

Ajṛavatī—a r. referred to in Pān VI 3. 119. Probably the same as Acīravatī above

Ālāśa—(under VS) K I 35 3, P I 37 3  
 Alāśagaṅgā—A (under Gayā) Vā 112. 25, Ag 116 5; B (on m Sahya) Nr 66 35 (sub-tīrtha of Āmalaka)

Ākāsalinga—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 51

Akrūra—(under Mathurā) Var 155 4-5 (name of a hamlet between Mathurā and Vrndāvana)

Aksavāla—(modern Achabal, a large village at west foot of a ridge which lines the Kutahar Pargana in Kāśmīra) R I 338, SM p. 180 (it has five springs) NM has the name Aksipāla

Aksayyakarana Vata—(in Prayāga). Vide p 614 above and AG p. 389 for Hiouen Thsang's reference to it. V 87 11, P VI. 25 7-8 (Visnu is supposed to lie on its leaf at the end of the *kalpa*)

Aksayyavata—A (in Gayā, about half a mile from Visnupada) V. 84 83, 95. 14, Vā 105 45, 109 16, 111. 79-82 (Visnu in the form of a child lies on its end when the whole world is one mass of water), Ag. 115 70, P I 38 2, B (under Go to the north of Vindhya) B. 161 66-67, C (on Narmadā) BV, III chap 33, 30-32 (where Pulastya performed *tapas*).

Alābutīrtha—(under Virāja) B. 42. 6.

Alakanandā—Ādi 170 22 (Gangā is so called among gods) Acc to Vā 41 18, K I. 46 31, V<sub>1</sub> II. 2 36 and II. 8. 114 it is one of the four streams of the Ganges and reaches the sea with seven mouths. Ādi 170 19 speaks of the seven mouths. N. (II. 66. 4 ff) states that the Ganges is called Alakanandā after it reaches the earth and begins to follow Bhagīratha's chariot Bh. IV 6 24 and V 17 5. The Bhāgīrathī is joined by Alakanandā at Deva-prayāga and the combined stream is then called Gangā N. II. 67. 72-73 say that Bhāgīrathī and Alakanandā meet near Badarikā.

- śrama. According to I. G. I vol XV p. 60 there are five sacred confluences of the Alakanandā with other rivers viz. with Bhāgīrathī (Devaprayāga), Nandaprayāga, Karnaprayāga (confluence with Pindar river), Rudraprayāga (confluence with Mandākinī), Visnuprayāga Vide U. P. Gazetteer for Garhwal, vol. 36 pp 2 and 140.
- Aleśvara—see Brahmeśvara
- Alitīrtha—(under Narmadā) K II. 42. 37.
- Āmalaka—A (under Stutasvāmī in U. P.) Var 148. 67 ff, B (between Brahmagiri and Vedagiri peaks of the Sahya m) TS p. 78.
- Āmalakagrāma—(on m Sahya) Nr. chap. 66. 7 ff q. by T. K p. 254. Dey p 4 suggests that it is on the north bank of the Tāmrāparnī
- Amarakabhrada—(under VS) L. q by T K. P. 53.
- Amarakantaka—(m. in the Bilaspur District of Central Provinces) Vide p. 705-6 above Vā (77. 10-11 and 15-16), V, Dh S 85.6 highly eulogise śrāddha on this m. M 188 79, P. I. 15. 68 69 state that the 2nd of the three *phirās* of Bāna burnt by Śiva fell on this m K II 40 36 (high merit of visiting it when there is an eclipse of the sun or moon)
- Amarakeśvara—Linga (under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 53
- Āmardaka—Vide T. S. pp. 21-30 quoting SK. It is a Śivakṣetra, one of the twelve jyotirlingas and is so called because sins are crushed here (āmardeyāni pāpāni tasmād-āmaradakam matam). On p 22 of TS there is quotation from SK that in the four yugas it was respectively called Jyotirmaya, Mukti, Sparśa and Nāgeśvara. It is said to be a līnga on p. 22. Vide Victor Cousins' 'Medieval temples of the Dakhan' pp. 77-78 for a description of the temple of Nāga-nātha and plates CXIII-CXV for the front of the great temple and portions of the wall and pillars of the porch and of the Hall) This is probably the same as Āvandhyā Nāga-nātha (Aundha in Survey of India maps) about 25 miles north-east of Parabhani in the Hyderabad State.
- Amareśa—A (on Narmadā) M. 186 2, B (linga in VS) L. I 92 37
- Amareśvara—A (on m. Nisadha) Vām. q. by T. K p 236; B (under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92 151; CNM 1535, Rāj. I. 267 (yātrā to famous cave of Amāranātha where Śiva is worshipped in linga-shaped ice-block. This pilgrimage is now most popular in Kāśmīra. Ain A. vol. II p 360 describes it and states that from New Moon the image increases in size for 15 days and decreases with waning moon)
- Ambājanma (to east of Sarala) V. 83. 81 (it is Nārada-tīrtha)
- Ambarīśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p 118
- Ambikātīrtha—L. I. 92. 166
- Ambikāvana—(on r Sarasatī) Dh A. 34 1-2
- Amliu—(a very holy r in Kurukṣetra) Vām. 34. 7
- Amohaka—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 105, P I 18 96-99 (Tapeśvara was so called and there were boulders as big as elephants)
- Āmrātakeśvara—(under VS) M. 22 51, 181 28, Ag. 112 3
- Amśumati—(r). Rg VI. 11. 96 13-15 (on which stayed an *asura* called Kṛṣṇa) According to Brhad-devatā (VI 110) it was in the Kuru country, Rām. II 55 6 (near Yamunā)
- Ānanda—Vide under Nandīstata.
- Ānandapura—(under VS) K I 35 15, P. I. 37. 18
- Ananta—a Vairava-ṣṣetra acc. to Bārhaspatyaśūtra III 120, Br. III. 13. 58.
- Anantabhavana or Anantatirada—II C X. 253, 256 (now called Ananta nāga, about one krośa from Maṇḍana-



- varanāga in the middle of the Vitastā river in Kāśmīra
- Anantanāga—(not far from Punyodā). NM 1401-2 It is called Islamabad now and is at the foot of the western extremity of the Mārtānda plateau in Kāśmīra SM p 178
- Anantāśayana—(Padmanābha in Travancore) P. VI. 110 8, VI. 280 19
- Anantatīrtha—(under Mathurā) Var 155. 1
- Anaraka—A (under Kuruksetra) Vām. 41 22-24, B (under Narmadā) M. 193 1-3, K. II. 41. 91-92; C (to the west of Yamunā) also called Dhamarājatīrtha—K I. 39 5, P I 27 56
- Anarakeśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p 113
- Anāśāla—Var 215 89
- Anasūyā-linga—(north of Goprekṣa, under VS) L q by T K p 42
- Andha—(a *nada*) Bh V 19 18, Devī Bhāgavata VIII 11 16 (andhaśonau mahānadau), Dey (pp 7 and 47) says it is the river Chāndan or 'Andhelā' which falls into the Gangā in Bhagalpur
- Andhaleśa—(under VS) L q. by T K. p 65
- Andhona—(under Narmadā). P I. 18, 110-113
- Angabhūta—(a tīrtha sacred to pitrs) M. 22 51
- Angārakūṇḍa (under VS) L q by T K p 56
- Angāravāhikā—M. 22 35
- Angāreśvara—A (under VS) L q. by T. K pp 55 and 98, B (under Narmadā) M 190 9, P I. 17 6
- Angāraleśvara—A (under Gayā) Ag 116 29, B (under Narmadā) K II 41 6
- Angāreśa (under Narmadā) M. 191.59 (probably the same as above)
- Angirasatīrtha (under Narmadā) K. II. 41. 31-33, P. I 18 50
- Angiraseśa (under VS) L q. by T. K. p 117
- Anitabhā (r) Rg V 53 9
- Añjalkāśrama—Anu 25 52
- Añjana (a m near Brahmagiri, under Go) B 84 2 Vide under Pañcatīrtha, Br S 14 5 says Añjana is m in the east
- Añjasī—(r) Rg I 104 4
- Ankola (under Narmadā) highly praised in M 191 118-122 Probably modern town of Ankleśvar in Broach District A G p 322 identifies Akreśvara with Ankleśar on left bank of the Narmadā. Vide I A. 54 pp 11-12
- Anluśeśvara (under Narmadā) M. 194 1
- Annakūta (under Mathurā) Var. 164, 10 and 22-23 (Govardhana was called Annakūta)
- Antakeśvara (under VS) L q by T K. p 75
- Antarvedi (holy land between Gangā and Yamunā) SK. I. 1 17. 274-275 (where brahmahatyā due to the killing of Vṛtra fell)
- Antaśilā (r rising in Vinḍhya) Vā. 45 103
- Antikeśvara (under VS) N II 49 6-9
- Anūpā (r rising from Rkṣavat m) Br. II 16.28
- Anyatah-plakṣa—name of a lotus lake in Kuruksetra (Śat Br. in SBE, vol 44 p 70)
- Āpagā—one of the seven (or nine) very holy rivers under Kuruksetra—V. 83. 68, Vām 34 7, P. I. 36 1-6 and Vām. 36. 1-4 (one krośa to the east of Mānusa), NM 158 Is it the same as Āpayā? Vide A G. p 185 where it is identified with the Ayak Nadi, a small stream rising in Jammu hills to the north-east of Sialkot Cunningham (ASR of India, vol XIV pp 88-89) says that Āpagā or Ogahvalī is a branch of the Chitang.
- Āpām-prapatana—Anu 25 28
- Aparanandā—(near Hemakūta) Ādi. 215 7, 110 1, Anu 166 28 Dey (p 9) says it is the same as Alakanandā
- Āpastambatīrtha (under Go.) B 130.1

- Tpayā—(a r. probably a tributary of the Sarasvatī between it and Drsadvatī) Rg. III. 23 4. Thomas suggests that it is the same as Augbavatī (JRAS vol. 15 p. 362 n. 5)  
 Apsaras-kunda—(under Mathurā and Govardhana) Var. 164 19  
 Apārcā—(under Narmadā) M. 194 16, P. I 21 16, h. II 42, 24  
 Apsaroyugasāhgama—(under Go) B. 147.1  
 Arantula—n. dīrapāṭa, V. 83. 52 (ide p. 683 note 1551).  
 Aravinda—(a h. under Gayā) Vā. 109, 15, N II. 47.83 (reads Aravindavara)  
 Arbuda—(m. Abu in the Aravalli range in the Sirohi State) V. 82 55-56 (there was Vasistha's āśrama), V. 22 38, P. I 24.4, N II. 60 27, Ag. 109. 10. It is one of the five sacred hills of the Jāinas, the other four being Satruñjaya, Samet, Śikhara, Gurnar and Candragiri. It is identified with Ptolemy's Apokopa (p. 76). There was a fire-pit thereon from which arose a warrior Paramār, founder of the Paramāra dynasty of Malwa. Vide E. I vol. IX p. 10 (of Vikrama 1099) and E. I vol. 19 Appendix p. 22 No 133 of *śāhīnāt* 1116  
 Arbudasarasvatī—(r. sacred to pitrs) M. 22.38  
 Ārcikaparvata—V. 125 16 (where Cyavana and Sukanyā dwell)  
 Ardhacandra—(under Mathurā) Var. 169. 3.  
 Ardhakila—founded by Darbhā near Sarasvatī-arunā-sangama V. 83. 153-157  
 Arghyārtitha—G. I. S1 7  
 Aristakunda—(under Mathurā) Var 164. 30 (where Arista was slain)  
 Ārjikiyā—(r.) Rg. X 75 5 Nfr IX. 26 sintes that the river was called Vipās (modern Beas) and Vipās was originally Uruñjirā  
 Arjuna—(a tirtha sacred to pitrs) M. 22. 43.  
 Arjunīyā (r.) Devatā q. by T. K. p. 249, Prof. K. V. R. Arjangan (T. K. p. 283) following Dey p. 11 holds it identical with Bābudā, but the passage from Devala (on T. K. p. 249) shows that Arjunīyā and Bābudā are separately enumerated  
 Arkaksetra—same as Konārka  
 Arkasthala-kunda (under Mathurā) Var. 157 11, 160 20  
 Ārsabha—see under Rsabha  
 Ārstisenāśrama—Ann. 25. 55  
 Arunā-sarasvatī-sangama—three miles to the north-east of Prthūdaka-P. I. 27. 39, Śal. 43.30-31 and 42, Vām. 40.43  
 Aruna—(m. on the other or west side of Kailāsa where Bhava dwells) Vā. 47 17-18, Br II 18 18  
 Arunā—A. (r. between Sarasvatī and Drsadvatī near Prthūdaka) Śal. 43 30-35. Sarasvatī joined itself to Arunā to cleanse the rāksasas of suns and Indra of brāhmana murder, B. (a branch of the Kauśiki) V 84 156, vide Journal of A S of Bengal, vol. 17 pp 646-649 on the seven Kosis in Nepal of which the Arunā is the most important, C (under Go) B 89 1, P VI 176 59, Vide Bom G vol XVI p. 463 for Arunā stream.  
 Arunā-varunā-sangama—(under Gautamī) B 89 1 and P VI 176 59  
 Arundhati-vata—V 84 41, P I 32 6  
 Arunīśa—(under VS) L q by T K p 60  
 Āryāvarta—The Amarakośa speaks of it as the holy land (punyabhūmi) between the Himavat and Vindhya mountains Vide H of Dh vol II. pp 11-16 for detailed discussion of the extent of Āryāvarta according to different works and at different times  
 Āśādha—linga (under VS) L q by T K p 93  
 Āśādhātirtha—(under Narmadā) M. 194 30  
 Āśālinga—(under Śrīparvata) L I 92 148  
 Asī—(r. under Banaras) also called Suskanadī. Vide pp. 627, 637 above.

- Asiknī—(a r. now called Chenab) Rg VIII. 20 25, X 75 5 Nirukta IX 26 observes that it was so called because its water was dark-coloured, later it was called Candrabhāgā This was the Acekines of the Greeks. Vide Bh V 19. 18
- Asikunda—(under Mathurā) Var. 163 13, Var chap 166 deals with the efficacy of Asikunda
- Asita—(a m in the west) V 89. 11-12 (on this m Cyavana and Kalsasena had their āśramas).
- Asitā—(r where yogācārya Asitā dwelt). A place fit for śrāddha. Vā 77 39, Br III 13 39
- Asitagiri—(where yogācārya Asitā dwelt) Br III 13 39
- Āśmanvatī—(r) Rg. X 53 8 The Āśv gr (I. 8 2-3) provides that the first half of the verse is to be employed as a mantra when a newly married girl boards a boat and the latter half when she crosses the river and gets down Dey p 13 says that it is the river Oxus He assigns no reasons and I do not accept his view
- Āśmaprsthā—(a holy stone slab in Gayā, even now called Pretasīlā). Anu 25 42
- Āśokatīrtha—(near Sūrpāraka) V. 88 13
- Astamana—(under Mathurā) Var q by T. K p 191
- Astavaakra—(four miles from Haridvārā) Anu 25 41 Vide Dey p 12
- Asthīpura—(under Kuruksetra) P. I. 27 62 It is to the west of Thāṇesvara and south of Aujaśa-ghāt Here the bodies of the warriors slain in the Bhārata war were collected and cremated Vide A. S. R. vol. 14 pp 36-106 and A. G. p. 336 where it is mentioned that Hiouen Tshang was shown bones of very large size
- Āśurīśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 67
- Āśvamedha—(under Prayāga) Ag. 111. 14
- Āśvaśiras—(in the story of Nala) V 79. 21
- Āśvatīrtha—A (not far from Kānyakubja) V 95 3 Anu 4 17, V. I. IV 7 15 (where sage Roṣika gave 1000 horses as bride-price to Gādhi for the latter's daughter Satyavati), Kālikā 85 51-57; B (under Narmadā) M 194 3, P. I 21 3, C (on Go) B '89: 43 (where the two Āśvins were born)
- Āśvatthatīrtha—K. II. 35 38—where Nātāyana resides in the form of Hayaśiras (location is not clear)
- Āśvinī—Anu 25 21 (on the Devikā river)
- Āśvinos-tīrtha—(under Kuruksetra) V. 83 17, P I 26 15 (same words as in V)
- Āśvīśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 52
- Ātavītīrtha—(under Narmadā) P. I. 21. 30
- Atibala—(Mahābalesvara in Satara District) P VI 113.29
- Ātmatīrtha—(under Go) B 117 1
- Ātreyatīrtha—(on north bank of Go) B 140 1
- Ātri's āśrama—(after Citra' ūta) Rām II. 117.5
- Ātrīśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 43
- Āttahāsa—A (m. in Himālayas) Vā 23 191, B (a tīrtha sacred to pitrs) M. 22.68, C (a linga in VS) L. q. by T. K p 47
- Āuddālakatīrtha—V 84 161
- Audyānalatīrtha—P. I. 38 68
- Aujasa—(under Kuruksetra) V. Dh S. 85 52, Vām 22 51 and 57 51
- Āupamanyava—(under VS) L. q. by T. K p 97
- Ausaja—A—V Dh S. 85 52 (Sūrpāraka, acc to com Vaijayanī) Jolly (SBE, vol 7 p. 259 gives a different reading Aujasa, and queries whether it may not be Ausīja; B (a boundary of Samantapañcala) Vām. 22. 51 (Rantukād Aujasam cāpi)

**Aśānasa**—(an eminent tīrtha on Sarasvatī) same as Kapālamocana. V. 83 135, M 22 31, Śal 39 4 and 16-22, P. I 27. 24-26, Vām, 39 1 and 14 (where Uśānas got siddhi and became planet Venus), 42 24

**Auśīraparvata**—Vā 77.29

**Avadhūta**—(under VS) L, q by T. K. p. 93

**Avakīrṇa**—(under Kurukṣetra and Sarasvatī) Vām 39 24-35 (story of Bala Dālbhya who begged of Dhrtarāstra and when condemned by the latter made the whole of Dhrtarāstra's country an *āhuti* in Prthūdaka), Śal. 41 I, P. I 27 41-45 (where it is Darbhya who is mentioned as bringing the four seas)

**Avantī**—A country of which Ujjayinī was capital) Pān IV. 1.176 ('striyām—*avantī*—kuntī—kurubhyaś-ca'), Raghuvamśa VI. 32; S 31. 10 (Vindānuvindhāvāntyau), Udyoga 166 6 (same words as in S), B Avantī (river starting from m Pāriyātra) Vā 45 98, M 114.24, Br II 16 29, C (the capital of Mālava, Ujjayinī) B 43 24, Ag 109.24 (Avantī paramam tīrtham), N. II 78 35-36 (several names such as Viśālā, Amarāvati, Kuśasthali, Kanakaśrīgā, Padmāvati, Kumudvati, Ujjayinī) Vide also L I 92. 7-8 and B 194.19 (Sāndīpani, teacher of Kṛṣṇa, dwelt in Avantipura) The Meghadūta (I 30) speaks of Ujjayinī as Viśālā, Kāśīkhanda 7 92 'pāpād-avantī sā viśvam-avantitū nigadyate i yuge yugeśānyanāmnī kalāvuḥjayanitū ca). Vide under Mahākalā

**Avatodā**—(r) Bh. V. 19 18

**Avighnatīrtha**—(on north bank of Go.) B 114.25

**Avimukta**—(same as Kāśī) V 84. 79-80, Vi. V 34.30 and 43. Vide pp. 618-642 above

**Avimuktesvara**—(linga in VS) L. I. 92 6 and 105, N. II 49. 53-55 (where cocks are honoured)

**Ayodhyā**—(in Fyzabad District in U P) on the Ghāgrā One of the seven holy cities (vide p 678n above) It is also a place of pilgrimage for Jains, as some of their saints were born there Atharvaveda X 2. 31 and Tai, A. 1 27 2 (astācakrā nava-dvārā devānām pūr-Ayodhyā) tasyām hīranyayah kośa svargo loko Jyoti-sāvrtah), V 60. 24-25 and 70 2 (capital of king Rūpama and of Rāma), Br IV 40. 91, Ag 109.24 (Ayodhyā pāpanāśanī) According to Rām. I. 5. 5-7 the country of Kosala had Sarayū flowing through it, Ayodhyā, 12 yojanas long and three broad, was Kosala capital founded by Manu Kosala was one of the 16 *mahājanapadas* of India in ancient times (vide Aṅguttara Nikāya, vol. IV p 252). Later on, Kosala was divided into two, viz. Uttara Kosala and Dakṣiṇa Kosala divided by the Sarjū or Ghāgrā river. The Raghuvamśa holds Ayodhyā to be capital of Uttarakosala (VI 71 and IX 1) Vide also Vā 88. 20 ff. for a long line of kings of Ayodhyā from Ikṣvāku and P VI. 208. 46-47 (for Dakṣiṇa Kośalā and Uttara Kośalā). Sāketa is generally identified with Ayodhyā Vide T P p 496 (gives its boundaries from SK) and under Sāketa Dr B C Law contributes a well-documented and learned paper on 'Ayodhyā' to J. of the Ganganath Jha R. Society, vol I pp 423-443

**Ayogasiddhi**—(under VS) L q by T K p 98

**Ayonisangama**—(under Narmadā) P I 18. 58

## B

**Babhrutīrtha**—(where the Mahī river falls into the sea) SK I 2. 13. 107

**Badarī**—(a holy place on Gandhamādāna where there was the hermitage of Nara and Nārāyaṇa) V 90 25-32, 141 23, 177 8, Śānti 127 2-3, Bh. IX. 3. 36 and XI. 29 41 (Nārāyaṇa-

- śrama), M 22. 73 (very fit for śrāddha), P. VI. 2 1-7 (there is no *pīṭh* in Dakṣiṇāyana as the mountain is covered with snow). Also called Viśālā. Vide I G I. vol. VI pp 179-180 for description. The temple of Badrināth is on the right bank of the Alakanandā.
- Badarikā—A Vām. 2 42-43; B. (near Mahendra m), P I 39 13, V 85. 13; C. (somewhere in southern Gujarat) Vide E I. vol. 25 Ellora plates of Dantidurga (pp 25, 29)
- Badarikāśrama—A. (Badrināth in Garhwal, U P) Var. 141 (7 verses from it are quoted in T K pp 215-216); Parāśarasmr̥ti 1. 5 states that Parāśara, father of Vyāsa, resided in this āśrama, M. 201. 24 says Mitra and Varuna practised *tāpas* here, V<sub>1</sub>. V. 37. 34 (this āśrama was on Gandhamādāna and was the abode of Nara-Nārāyaṇa), Br. III 25 67 (same as in V<sub>1</sub>), N II. 67 (describes it at length and specifies the sub-tīrthas), N. II. 67. 26 (says it is on Viśālā river), Bh. VII 11.6, B (at a short distance from Madhuvana on Yamunā) P VI. 212 1 and 43
- Badarīvana—P. I 27. 66
- Badarīpācana-tīrtha—V. 83. 179, Sal. 47. 33 and 48. 1 and 51 (Vasistha had his āśrama here).
- Bagalā—(a Devisthāna). Vide under Vaidyanātha.
- Bāhūdā—(a river near Sarasvatī). Anu. 165, 27, P. I 32 31, N. II. 60 30, B. 27 26, M 114 22 and Vā 45 95 (say it rises in Himavat) V. 84. 67 and 87. 27. Vide Dey. p. 16 for differing views on identification and Fargiter (pp. 291-292 note), Vā 88. 66 states that Yuvanāśva cursed his wife Gaurī who became Bāhūdā Amarakoṣa gives Sairavāhinī as a synonym of Bāhūdā and Kṣīrasvāmīn comments that it was brought down by Kārtavīrya (who was called Bahuda, one who donated much).
- Bahulavana—(under Mathura) Var. 157 8
- Bahunetra—(a tīrtha on the Narmadā to be visited on trayodaśī) M 191 14
- Bāhyā—(r rising from Sahya) Br. II. 16. 35.
- Bakulāśhāgama—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 133. 27
- Bakulavana (or Bahulao)—(5th vana out of 12 under Mathurā) Var. 153. 36 Vide p 690 above
- Balabhadrahīṅga—(under VS) L q by T. K p 46.
- Balālā—Anu 25 19 (kanyākūpa upaspr̥śya Balākāyām krtodakāh)
- Bālakesvara—(under VS) L. q, by T K. p. 43
- Balākesvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191 19
- Bālāpa or Bālāpendra—(on bank of Sābhramatī) P. VI. 145 1, 24 and 37 (a Raviksetra)
- Balesvara—(under Srīparvata) L. I. 92 148
- Bahkunda—(under VS) L. q by T K. p 76
- Bānagaṅgā—(under Sālagrāma) Var. 144 63 (Rāvana exposed it by shooting an arrow to the south of Someśvara)
- Bānatīrtha—A (under Go) B. 123. 214, B (under Narmadā) K II 41. 9-10
- Bāṇeśvara-ḥīṅga (under VS) SK, Kāśīkhanda 33. 139, L. q. by T K p 48
- Baṇjūlā—(probably same as Vāñjūlā, which see) Br. II. 16. 31 (Baṇjūlā from Rīsa), Br. II 16. 34 (B. from Sahya), Br. II. 16. 37 (B from Mahendra)
- Bārhaspatya-tīrtha—(under Go) B. 122. 101
- Bhadrā—A (one of the four branches of the heavenly Ganges) V<sub>1</sub> II 2. 34, Bh. V. 17. 5, Vām 51.52, B (the river on which Haribara is situated) Nr. 65. 18
- Bhadradoha—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 52

- Bhadrakāleśvara**—(śrāddha here leads to highest goal) M. 22, 74
- Bhadrakālī**—Acc. to Bār. S. III. 128 she dwells on Vindhya
- Bhadrakālīhrada**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 87
- Bhadrakarnahrada**—Ag 109, 17
- Bhadrakarṇeśvara**—(a fit place for śrāddha) V. 84, 39, K II. 20, 35, SK VII. 1 Arbuda-khanda—chap. 8, 1-2 (linga on a pool of that name on Arbuda m)
- Bhadratīrtha**—A (under Narmadā) P. I 18, 54; B (under Go.) B. 165 1, M 22, 50
- Bhadratūṅga**—V. 82, 80
- Bhadravana**—(6th out of 12 vanas of Mathurā) Var. 153 37, 161 7
- Bhadravata**—V. 82 50, P I. 12 10, Var. 51 2 (on the north side of the Himālaya) and 98 6
- Bhadrāvati**—(one of the four original streams of the Ganges, the other three being Sitā, Alakanandā and Sucakṣuḥ) Br. III. 56, 52
- Bhadreśvara**—A (on north bank of Narmadā) M 22 25, K II. 41, 4, B (under VS) L. I. 92 136, L q. by T. K. pp 52, 68
- Bhagavat-padī**—The Ganges Bh V. 17 1-9
- Bhāgīrathī**—M 121 41 (which is one of the seven streams that started from Bindusaras and which following Bhāgīratha's chariot reached the sea)
- Bhairava**—(a tīrtha) M 22 31
- Bhairaveśvara**—(under VS) L. I. 92, 137
- Bhāndahrada** (under Mathurā)—Var. 157, 10
- Bhāndūra**—(under Mathurā) Var. 153, 43 (the 11th out of 12 vanas), 156, 3—vide p 691 above
- Bhāndiraka Vata**—(near Vrndāvana) Bh X. 18 22, X. 19 13
- Bhaṅgatīrtha**—(under Narmadā) M. 191, 52
- Bhānūtīrtha**—(under Go.) B. 138 1, 168, 1
- Bhārabhūteśvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 93
- Bhārabhūti**—(under Narmadā) M. 194, 18, K. II. 42, 25, P I 21, 18
- Bharadvājāśrama-Rām** II 54, 9-10, VI 127, 1 and 17, V 102 5-6, Vide Citrakūṭagiri. For a discussion of the real site of this āśrama, vide Journal, Ganganath Jha R. Institute, vol. III pp. 189-204 and 433-474 (Shri R. M. Shastri)
- Bharadvājatīrtha**—(see Agastyatīrtha) Ādi 216, 4
- Bharatasya-āśrama**—A (under Gayā) Br III. 13, 105, M. 13 46 (Devī is here called Lakṣmī-Anganā), Vā 77, 98, 108, 35, and 112 24, B (under Kausāli) K. II 37, 38, P I, 38 48
- Bharatesa**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 66
- Bhārgaveśa**—(under Narmadā) M 192, 1, P. I. 19, 1
- Bhartīsthāna**—V 85, 60, P. I. 39, 56 (where god Mahāśena is 'nityasan-nibhita'). Same words in both V and P
- Bhārundavana**—(in the country of Matsya) Rām. II. 71, 5
- Bharu-laccha**—(modern Broach) S 51 10 (the inhabitants of Bharu-laccha brought as presents to the Pāṇḍavas horses from Gāndhāra i. e. the country about Peshawar). Ptolemy and the Perplus call it Bāry-gaza. It was called Bhrgupura and Bhrgu-laccha also (the latter in SK, Kāśikhaṇḍa 6.25). A Valabhi copperplate of Dharaśena IV in Valabhi samvat 330 (648-9 A. D.) was issued from a camp at Bharu-laccha. There is a Suppāraka Jātaka, No 463 where Bharu-laccha is mentioned as a seaport (ed. by Cowell)
- Bharmagātraka**—L. I 92, 177

- Bhasmakūṭādrī**—(under Gayā) Vā 109. 15
- Bhāskarakesetra**—(Konārka) Mit on Yāj. III 17 quotes a verse 'Gaṅgāyām Bhāskarakesetre &c' (q. on p. 574 above), T. C. p 16 and Prāyaścittatattva (p 493) say that Prayāga is Bhāskarakesetra, while T.S. p 20 says it is Konāditya or Konārka. This is the correct view M 111. 13 and K I 36. 20 say 'Prayāga is Prajāpatikesetra' Vide p. 574 above. Dey p 32 simply follows Prāyaścittatattva
- Bhāvatīrtha**—(under Go.) B. 153 1
- Bhedādevī**—(near Gaṅgodbheda)—the modern Budabror, west of Śrīnagara, in Kāśmīra, NM 1522
- Bhedagiri**—(sanctified by the Gaṅgodbheda spring) R. I. 35, SM. pp. 186-187
- Bhūlatīrtha**—(on south bank of Go.) B 169 1
- Bhīmā**—(r)—same as Bhīmarathī, rising from Sahya m and tributary of Kṛsnā) Devala q by T K p 250. Its source is adorned by the temple of Bhīmāśankara, one of the twelve Jyotir-lingas and it falls into the Kṛsnā river 16 miles north of Raichur
- Bhīmādevī**—(modern village Brān in Phāk Pargana on east shore of Dal lake in Kāśmīra) R. II 135, HC. 4. 47
- Bhīmarathī**—same as Bhīmā. M. 22 45, 114.29, B 27 35, P. I. 24.32, Bhī 9. 20, V. 87. 3, Vām. 13. 30. The Vakkaleri plate of Kīrtivarma II in Śake 679 (757 A. D.) mentions Bhīmarathī (E. I. vol. V. p 200 at p. 204)
- Bhīmasvāmīn**—Rock in Kāśmīra worshipped as embodiment of Gaṇeśa, SM. p. 148
- Bhīmātīrtha**—Ag. 109.12
- Bhīmājāh sthānam**—V. 82. 84, Dey p. 33 identifies it with Takla-i-Bahai, 28 miles to the north-east of Pesha-war
- Bhīmeśvara**—(tīrtha sacred to Pitrś under Narmadā) M. 22, 46 and 75. 191. 5, K II 41 20 and II 44 15, P I 18 5
- Bhīmacandika**—(under VS) M 183. 62
- Bhīmeśvara**—(under VS) L q by T. K p 66
- Bhogavatī** or **Vāsukītīrtha**—A (under Prayāga) It is called the altar of Prajāpati, V 85 77 (tīrtham Bhogavatī caiva vedir-eṣā Prajāpateh), M 106.46 and 110 8, Ag. 111 5, N II. 63 95, B capital of Kakustha of the Ikṣvāku race, Kal. 50 4
- Bhrgu-āśrama** (on the north bank of Narmadā) SK I 2.3. 2-6
- Bhrgukaccha**—(on the north bank of Narmadā), vide under Bharukaccha. Here Bah performed Aśvamedha, Bh VIII. 18 2
- Bhrgukunda**—(under Stutasvāmīn) Var. 148.48
- Bhrgutīrtha**—(under Narmadā) M 193. 23-60, K II 42. 1-6, P I 20 23-57. Dey p. 34 says it is Bheraghat containing temple of 64 Yoginīs, 12 miles to the west of Jabalpur, V 99 34-35 (at this place Paraśurāma regained his energy taken away by Rāma)
- Bhrgutunga**—(an āśrama on a mountain where Bhrgu practised penance) A—Vā 23 148 and 77 82, V 84 50, 90. 23, 130. 191, B V.Dh.S. 85 16, K. II. 20.33, M. 22 31 (a place very fit for śrāddha), which is near Amarakan-taka acc to Nanda Pandita and acc. to others in the Himālaya; C (on the eastern bank of the Gandak) Var 146 45-46, D (in Gurjaradeśa) SK, Kāśīkhanda 6 25, E (near Vitastā and Himavat) Vām 81 33
- Brhaspatīkunda**—(under Lohārgala) Var. 151 55
- Bhrāgīśvara-līṅga**—(under VS) SK. Kāśīkhanda 33. 129 and L. q by T, K p 84
- Bhūmicandēśvara**—(under VS) Ag. 112.4
- Bhūmitīrtha**—Ag. 109 12

- Bhūtālayatīrtha**—(under Sābhramatī) P VI. 158.1 (where r Candanā becomes *prāci*) Vām 34.47 mentions it, but its location is uncertain
- Bhūteśvara**—A (in Kashmir, now called Buthiser) NM 1309, 1324, 1327, R. I. 107. II. 148, HC 4.85 This is included in Nandiksetra Bhūteśa Śiva's residence is on a mountain spur which stretches south-east from Haramukha peaks An. A. vol II, p.364 refers to it, B (under VS) K I. 35.10, P I. 37 13, C (under Mathurā) Var. 169.19
- Bhuvaneśvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T K. p. 56
- Bilapatha**—(from where the Vitastā or Zhelum starts) HC 12. 15-17. Vide under Nīlakunda
- Bilvācala**—A Vaisnava-ksetra acc. to Bār. S III. 120
- Bilvaka**—[a very fit place for śrāddha] V. Dh S. 85.52, M. 22 70, K. II 20.33, Anu 25 13, N II 40.79
- Bilvapatraka**—P. VI. 129.11 (one of the 12 tīrthas of Śiva)
- Bilvavana**—(10th out of the 12 *vanas* of Mathurā) Var 153.42
- Binduka**—V Dh S. 85 12 (some editions read Bilvaka)
- Bindumādhava**—(in VS) M. 185 68, SK IV. 83. 148, N. II 29 61, P VI. 131. 48
- Bindusaras**—A (on Maināla m. near Badarī) V. 145 44, Bhī. 6 43-46, Br. II. 18. 31, M. 121 26 and 31-32 (where Bhagiratha, Indra and Nara-Nārāyana practised *tapas*), Bh III. 21-33 and 39-44 (description), B (under VS) Śiva bathed in it and the *kapāla* of Brahmā that had stuck to his hand dropped from it and it became Kapālamocana-tīrtha) N. II 29. 59-60, C (under Ekāmra) B 41. 52-54 (it is so called because Rudra collected drops of water from all holy places and filled it therewith), D (in Kāśmīra) it is a *śikpāla* in the east of the country. according to NM 1116-1117.
- Bindutīrtha**—same as Pañcanaśa, which see
- Bodhitaru**—(the Bo tree at Buddha Gayā) P VI. 117 30 Vide under Mahā-bodhitaru At the Bharhut stūpa (about 200 B C) there is a bas-relief showing the Vajrāsana throne of Buddha with the view of the Bodhi tree and an inscription 'bhagavato Sakamunino Bodhi'; vide 'Mahābodhi' by Cunningham, p. 3 The Bodhi tree is said to have been cut down by king Śaśāka of Bengal in 600 A D, but restored about 620 A.D. by king Pūrnavarman Vide A. G pp. 453-459 for Bodhi Gayā and p 459 for Bodhitaru.
- Brahmagiri**—A (m. from which Godāvarī rises on which Gautama had his hermitage) B. 74. 25-26, 84. 2, P. VI. 176 58, B (the highest peak of Sahya and as a tīrtha under Kṛṣṇa-venyā) T S p 78
- Brahmabrada**—Bh. X. 28. 16-17 (probably used in a secondary sense), Br III. 13. 52
- Brahmaksetra**—(Kuruksetra) V 83 4 6, Vā 59. 106 and 107 and 97. 5
- Brahmakunda**—A (under Badarī) Var 141 4-6; B (under Lohārgala) Var. 151. 71 (where four Vedadhārās fall from Himālaya), C (under Gayā) Vā 110.8
- Brahmakūpa**—(under Gayā) Vā 111 25 and 31, Ag. 115. 37
- Brahmanadī**—(Sarasvatī is so called) Bh. IX. 16. 23
- Brahmanakundikā**—(a tīrtha in Kāśmīra) NM. 1499, 1501
- Brahmanas-tīrtha**—V. 83. 113, P. I. 27.2 (Brahmanas tīrtham), P. I. 38. 20
- Brahmanī**—(probably the Bāmanī, that falls into the Chambal) V 84. 58
- Brahmanikā**—(near Nalmisa forest) P. I. 32.22
- Brahmānuśvara**—(under Kuruksetra) P I. 26 67



Brahmapada—(under Goniskramana) Var. 147 36

Brahmaputra—same as Laubhitya, which see

Brahmāranya—(under Gayā) P. I 38 5

Brahmasaras—A (near Thanesar) Vā. 77 51, M. 22. 12, Vām. 22 55-60

and 49, 38-39. This lake is known by various names, viz. Brahmasaras, Rāmahrada or Pavanasaras &c ; B (under Gayā) V. 84 85 (dharmānyopasobhita) and 95 11, Anu 25, 58, Ag 115. 38, Vā. 111. 30, C (under Kokāmuḥha) Var. 140 37-39, D (under Sānandūra) Var. 150 20

Brahmasaras—(under Gayā) K II. 37. 38, N II. 44. 66 (there is Brahmāyūpa there)

Brahmsthāna—V 83. 71, 85. 35, P I. 27. 2

Brahmsthūnā—P. I 39 33

Brahmatāreśvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K. p 88

Brahmatīrtha—A (under VS) K I. 35. 9, II. 37. 28, P. I 37. 9-12 (Viṣṇu established it in the name of Brahmā), B (under Gayā) P. I 38. 69, N II 45. 102, Ag. 115. 36, C (under Go) B. 113. 1 and 23, Br. III 13 56, D (on Sarasvatī) Bh. X. 78 19

Brahmatunga—Ag 109 12, P. I 24 28

Brahmatundahrada or Brahmatungahrada—Br. III. 13. 73, Vā. 77. 71-73 (śrāddha, japa, homa yield inexhaustible results here)

Brahmavallī-tīrtha—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 137. 1

Brahmavālulā—V. 82. 106, P. I 25 13

Brahmāvarta—A (holy land between Sarasvatī and Drsadvatī) Manu II 17, Kal. 49 71 The Meghadūta I. 48 (Nir ed.) shows that Kuruksetra was part of Brahmāvarta. It is a holy tīrtha, V 83 53-54, 84 43, M 22. 69, Ag. 109 17; B (under Narmadā) M. 190. 7, 191. 70, P. I 17. 5

Brahmayoni—A (on Sarasvatī)—same as Prthūdaka, Vam 39 20 and 23,

B (under Gayā) V. 83. 140 and 84 95, P. I 27 29, N. II. 47. 54, Vā. 108. 83 (brahmayonim praviśyātha nirgacched yastu mānavah | param brahma sa yātīha vimukto yonisaṅkatāt). Vide AG p 458 which states that a small temple now occupies the site of Aśoka's stūpa and p. 646 note 1470 above.

Brahmayūpa—(under Gayā) Vā. 111. 31-33, Ag 115. 39

Brahmeśvaralīṅga—A (under Sripārvata) K. II. 41 18, L I 92 159-160 (also called Aleśvara); B (under VS) L. q by T. K p. 115

Brahmodara—Vām 36. 7-8

Brahmodaya—(to the south of Vāgmatī) Var 215 102

Brahmodbheda—Var. 215 91

Brahmodumbara—V. 83. 71

Bṛhadvana—(near Gokula where Nandagopa kept his cattle) Bh. X 5. 26, X 7. 33

Budbudā—(r rising in the Himālaya) Br II. 16 25-26

Budhesvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K pp. 55, 97

## C

Caitraḥa—M 110 2

Caitraratha—(a *vana*) Vā. 47. 6 (on the banks of the Acchodā river), Br II. 18. 7. Here Devī is called Madotkatā, M. 13 28

Cakra—(near Sarasvatī) Bh X 78. 19

Calradhara—(Viṣṇusthāna in Kāśmīra, now known in a corrupt form as Tskdar or Chāldhar) R I 38. It is a tīrtha of great sanctity, about a mile to the west of Bījbror (ancient Vijayēśvara). Vide K. R. p. 18 and SM. p. 171 (Calradhara and Vijayēśvara are two images located close to each other). HC calls it Cakratīrtha (7 61) and also Cakradhara (7 64)

Calrasthita—(under Mathurā) Var. 169. 3

Cakrasvāmīn—(under Śālagrāma) Var. 145, 38 (cakrāṅkulatāṣa-tatra dr-śyante)

Cakratīrtha—A (under Saukaratīrtha) Var. 137, 19, B (under Āmalakagrāma) Nr. 66, 22, C (under Setu) SK. III Brahmakhandā, chap 3-5; D (in Kāśmīra) also called Cakra-dhara (which see), E (on Go.) B. 86 I, 109, 1, 134, 1 (6 miles from Tryambaka)—though thrice mentioned, it appears to be one tīrtha; F (under Mathurā) Var. 162, 43, G (under Sarasvatī) Vām, 42 5, 57, 89, 81, 3; vide A, G. p. 336 and under Asthipura; H (under Dvārakā) TP. pp. 536-537, Var. 159 58

Cakravāla—(a tīrtha sacred to *pitṛs*) M. 22 42

Calārvatīa—(under Mandāra) Var. 143, 36-38 (a deep lake)

Cakresvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 52

Caksus—(r. from Himālaya, a branch of Gaṅgā) M. 121, 23, Vā 47 21 and 39, Br. II. 16, 20, Bh. V 17, 5. Dey p. 43 holds that Caksus is the river Oxus or Amu Daria and relies on Matsya 120-121 (of Ānandāśrama edition), which however does not help at all. It is strange that Dey on p. 13 also holds that Aśmanvatī is the river Oxus

Caksus—tīrtha (on south bank of Go.) B. 170, 1

Camasa or Camasodbheda—A (where Sarasvatī appears again after disappearing in the desert) V. 82 112, 130, 5 (esa vai Camasodbhedo yatra dr-śyā Sarasvatī), P. I. 25 18; B (under Prabhāsa) Sal. 35, 87, V 88, 20

Camathārāpura—(same as Ānandapura in modern Ahmedabad District) SK. VI. chap 1-13

Campā—A (city on the Bhāgīrathī four miles to west of Bhagalpur and one of the six great cities of the times of the Buddha) V. 84, 163, 85, 14, 308, 26, P. I. 38, 70; M. 48, 91 (originally it was

called Mālīnī but later was called Campā after king Campa) According to the Mahāpatanibbāna-sūta the six great cities are Campā, Rājagṛha, Śrāvastī, Sāketa, Kauśāmbī, Benares (SBE vol. XI. p. 99 and p. 247), Vām, 84, 12 mentions Cāmepeya brāhmanas Campā is in the Varanāśī-gaṇa (Pāṇ. IV. 2, 82), B (river sacred to *pitṛs*) M. 22, 41, P. V. 11, 35 (between Anga and Magadha, acc to Dey p. 43) It was the capital of Lomapāda and of Karna

Campakāranya—(modern Champaran in Bihar) V. 84, 133, P. I. 38, 49 Vālmīki's hermitage was near Sangrampur in the Champaran District

Campakatīrtha—(where Gaṅgā flows to the north) N. II. 40, 86

Campalavana—(under Gayā) Vā. 37, 16-22

Cañcalā—(r. rising from m. Rāvayati) M. 114, 26

Candavegā—(r. sacred to *pitṛs*) M. 22 28

Candavegāsambheda—M. 22, 28, K. II. 44, 16, P. VI 131, 67

Candesa—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI, 162 1

Candikesvara—L. I. 92, 166, Vām. 51, 50

Candrabhāgā—(A) the river rises in the Himālayas in two streams, one is called Candrā (which issues from a large snow-bed on the south-east side of Bāra Lācha at a height of over 16000 feet), the other called Bhāgā rises on the north-west slopes of the pass. The two join at Tandi and the united stream is known as Candrabhāgā or Chenab. The five rivers of the Panjab are: Vistatā (Jhelum, the Hydaspes of the Greeks), Vipāśā (Beas, Hypasis of Greeks), Satadru (Sutlej), Candrabhāgā and Irāvati. In 'Questions of Milinda' (SBE vol 35 p. 171) Candrabhāgā is one of the ten great rivers

- of India V.Dh S 85. 49, S. 9. 19, M. 13. 49, Anu. 25. 7, N. II. 60 30, NM. 159 and 162, HC. 12.44. Vide Asiknī, B (under Narmadā) M. 191 64, K. II. 41, 35, P. I. 18. 61, C (joins Tāpī) P. VI. 70.44; D (r. that joins Sābhramatī) P. VI. 148. 12, 149.1; E (same as Bhīmā, a tributary of the Kṛṣṇā)
- Candramas-tirtha—(on Ārcikaparvata) V. 125 17
- Candrapāda—(under Gayā) Br. III. 47. 18-19
- Candrapura—(a city in Kāśmīra) NM. 1138 and 1156-7 (Mahāpadma Nāga flooded that city and there came into existence a lake, one yojana in length and breadth)
- Candratirtha—A (at source of Kāverī) K. II. 37.23; B (under VS) P. I. 37. 14, K. I. 35.11; C (under Narmadā) M. 193. 75, K. II. 42 15, Br. III 13. 28
- Candravaśā—(r.) Bh V. 19.18
- Candratatī—(r. in Kāśmīra) NM 310 (Diti became this river, as Yamunā became Vitastā)
- Candresvara—A (on Candrabhāgā river and to the east of Dugdhesvara, on Sābhramatī) P VI 149 1, B (under VS) L q. by T. K p 49
- Candrikā—(r. Candrabhāgā, modern Chenab) M 22 63
- Carmākhyā—(under VS) K I 35.4
- Carmanvatī—(r. modern Chambal that rises about 9 miles south-west of Mhow and falls into the Yamunā 25 miles south-west of Etawah town) Ādi 138 74 (Dṛupada ruled over southern Pañcāla up to Carmanvatī), V. 82. 54, Droṇaparva 67 5 (the name is due to the heaps of the hides of animals killed in Rantideva's *yajñas*), P. I 24 3, Meghadūta I. 45 (refers to Rantideva), the word Carmanvatī occurs in Pān. VIII. 2 12
- Carmakota—M 22 42
- Catuhsamudra—(a *kūpa* under VS) L q. by T K p 89
- Catuhsāmudrika—(a *kūpa* under Ma-  
rārā) Var. 158. 41
- Catuhsrota—(under Badarī) Var 141. 17
- Caturmukha—(under Sarasvatī) Vām. 42 28
- Caturthesvara—(under VS) N II 49 65
- Caturvedesvara—(under VS) SK, Kāśi-  
khanda 33 130
- Chāgalānda—(a very fit place for śrā-  
ddha) M. 13 43 (where Devī is called  
Pracandā), 22 72
- Chāgalesvara—(under VS) L q by T.  
K p 119
- Chāyāsetra—(sacred to Lakṣmī) Br  
IV. 44 100 (town park of Mahā-  
lakṣmīpura is so called)
- Chinnapāpaksetra—(on Go) P VI.  
174 15
- Ciccikatirtha—(under Go) B 164 1
- Cidambara—(see under Minākṣi) Devī-  
bhāgavata VII 38. 11. It is famous  
for its great Śiva temple and con-  
tains the 'air *linga*' i e no *linga* is  
actually visible but a curtain is hung  
before a wall and when visitors  
enter the curtain is withdrawn and  
the wall is exhibited The temple  
has a hall of more than 1000 mono-  
lithic pillars
- Cintāngadesvara—(under VS) P I. 37.  
14
- Cīramocanātirtha—(in Kāśmīra) R. I.  
149-150 (mentions the Kanaka-  
vāhinī, Nandīśa and this tirtha to-  
gether) It is the confluence of the  
Kanakavāhinī and the river Sind,  
NM 1538-1545 (so called because the  
seven sages left their bark garments  
here and then went to heaven),  
SM p. 211
- Citābhūmī—(Vaidyanātha or Deoghar  
in Sonthal *parāṇa* containing the  
temple of Vaidyanātha, one of the  
twelve *Jyotrlīṅgas*) Śivapurāṇa  
I 38, 55. Vide Dey p. 50
- Citraguptesvara—(under VS) L q by  
T K. p. 102

- Citrakūta—(hill, 65 miles south-west of Prayāga in Banda District of Bundelkhand and a railway station on Jhansi-Manikpur branch) V. 85, 58, Rām. II. 54. 28-29 and 93 8 (ten krośas from Bhāradvājāśrama) Rām. II. 55.9 (it is pitrīrtha), II 56. 10-12, M. 22 65 and Anu I. 25. 29, N. II. 60, 23 and 75, 26, Ag. 6. 35-36 (near Mandākinī r.) and 109, 23, P. I. 39. 54, Raghuvamśa XIII 47; Meghadūta calls it Rāmagrī.
- Citrakūṭā—(r. rising from Rīksapavata) Vā. 45. 99, M. 114. 25 (where Mandākinī and this r. are both mentioned as rising from Rīksavat)
- Citrāṅgadātīrtha—(under VS) K. I. 35.11, Vām 46 39 (Citrāṅgadesvara-lūga)
- Citrāṅgavadana—(under the Sābhramatī) P. VI. 141. 1
- Citrēśvara—(under VS) L. q. by K. T p. 97
- Citropalā (r.) B. 46 4-5 (rising from Vindhya and called Mahānadī)
- Citropalā—(probably same as the preceding) Bhī. 9. 34, M 114. 25 (rising from Rīksavat), B. 27. 31-32 (rising from Rīksapāda)
- Cyavanasyāśrama—A (under Gayā) N. II. 47, 75, Vā. 108. 73 In Rg I. 116.10 Cyavana is said to have been rejuvenated by Aśvins, Sat. Br. 1 5.1-16 (SBE vol. 26 pp 272-276 he married Sukanyā, king Saryūta's daughter and became young by a bath in a pool), B (under Narmadā) V 89. 12, 121. 19-22; V. chapters 122-124 contain the story of Cyavana, Sukanyā and the Aśvins V. 102, 4 narrates that the Kāleyas devoured one hundred *muns* here. Dey p. 51 gives four different places as Cyavana's hermitage. Cyavana was son of Bhrgu and the Bhrgus are often associated with the region about the mouth of the Narmadā
- Cyavaneśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p. 66
- D
- Dadhīcatīrtha—V 83.186, P.I. 27.73-74 (where Sārasvata stayed and became prince of perfect men, Siddhūrāt)
- Dadhīceśvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K. p 43
- Dadhīkarnēśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T K p 94
- Dākinī—(Bhūmāśankara) see note 1536
- Dakṣaprayāga—N II 40 96-97
- Dakṣatīrtha—(under Kurukṣetra) Vām 46 2 (to the south of Sthānavata), Vām 34 20 (Dakṣāśrama and Dakṣeśvara)
- Dakṣeśvara (under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 75
- Dakṣina-gaṅgā—A (Godāvarī in B. 77 9-10, 78 77, B Kāverī in Nr 66 7), C Narmadā in SK, Revāhanda 4. 24; D Tuṅgabhadrā in Vik. 4.62)
- Dakṣina-Gokarna—Var. 216. 22-23
- Dakṣina-Mānasa—(a tank under Gayā) N II. 45 74, Ag. 115. 17
- Dakṣina-Mathurā—(Madurā in the Madras State) Bh. X 79 15
- Dakṣina-pañcanada—V Dh. S 85 51 (the com. Vaijayanti says that the five rivers are Kṛṣṇā, Venā, Tuṅgā, Bhadrā and Konā)
- Dakṣinaprayāga (known as Molsaveni in Saptagrāma in Bengal) 'tat-Dakṣinaprayāgam tu Gaṅgāto Yamunāṣṣgaṭā | snānāt tatśāyamaṇnyam Prayāga' iva labhyate' quoted by Gaṅgāvākyāvali p 296, which is itself quoted by T P. p. 355. Dey p 52 says that it is Triveni on the north of Hughly in Bengal.
- Dakṣina-sindhu—(a tributary of the Chambal) V 82 53, P I 24. 2, Meghadūta I 30
- Dālhyāśrama (hermitage of Baka Dālhyā, half a yojana from where Rāma and Lakṣmaṇa were in the company of Sugrīva and his hosts P VI 46. 14-15
- Dāmin (masculine noun) V 82. 71-75
- Dāmodaranāga—a spring in Kāśmīra, which is the upper hamlet of village

- Khunamah (Khonamusa), the birth-place of poet Bilhana. Vide SM p. 166.
- Damstrāṅkura (under Kokāmukha) Var. 140. 68-70.
- Danda—V 85. 15.
- Dandaka (name of a territory, location being vague and probably it means no more than Dandakāranya) Rām. II. 9 12 (dāśam-āsthāya Kaikeyī dakṣiṇām Dandakān prati).
- Dandakāranya or Dandakavana—V. 85 41, 147. 32, Var 71. 10 (where Gautama performed *tapas*), B 88. 18, 110. 96 (Gautamī is in Dandaka), 123. 117-120 (Gautamī was five yojanas from the beginning of D), 129. 55 (quintessence of the world), 161. 73 (D. is the seed of dharma and of mukti), Śal 39. 9-10 (Janasthāna is in D.), Rām. II. 18. 33 and 37, III. 1. 1, Vām. 84 12 (refers to Dandakāranya brāhmanas) and 43, P V 34. 58-59 (origin of name). Vide my paper on the 'Ancient Geography of Mahārāstra' in JBRAS for 1917 at pp. 14-15 and the note and Pargiter in JRAS for 1894 on 'the Geography of Rāma's exile' p 242. Dandakāranya probably comprised all forests from Bundelkhand or Bhopal in Central India right down to Godāvarī or to Kṛṣṇā Br. S. XI. 56 says that a malignant comet in Hasta nakṣatra kills the chief of Dandakāranya.
- Dandakhāta (under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 90
- Dandīśvara (under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 90.
- Dardura or Durdura (Nilgiri Hills) V. 282. 43, Mār. 54. 12, Var 214. 52, Raghuvamśa IV. 51 (near river Tāmtaparni), Br. S. 14. 11.
- Dāruvana—K. II. 39. 66, same as Devadāruvana, which see
- Darvisāṅkramana—V 84 45, P. I 32. 9.
- Daśakanyātīrtha—(under Narmadā) P. 1. 21. 14.
- Daśārnā—(r. rising in m. Rīkṣa, on which śrāddha, japa, dāna most efficacious) M. 22. 34, K II 37. 35-36, Vā. 45 99, 77, 93. Wilson (vol. II. p. 155) says that it is now called Dasān, which rises in Bhopal and falls into the Betwa. Mbh. cites Vārtukas 7 and 8 on Pān VI. 1. 89 which explain the formation (vol. III p. 69). Daśārnā is a word meaning a country having ten forts or 'a river (Daśārnā) having ten waters' The Vārtukas are 'pra-vat-satara-kambalavasañātām carne' and 'rnadaśābhyām ca'. Meghadūta I. 23-24 show that the capital of the Daśārnā country was Vidīśā (modern Bhilsā) and the Vetravati (Betwa river) was near it. It is the Dosaron of Ptolemy (p. 71) Br. S. 10. 15 says that Saturn in Uttarāśādhā destroys Daśārnas.
- Daśāśvamedhika or-medhaka or-medha—A (a tirtha on the Gaṅgā) V 83. 14, 85 87, Vā 77. 45, Br. III. 13. 45, K II 37 26, M. 185 68 (in VS); B (under Prayāga) M 106 46; C (under Gayā) Ag. 115. 45, N. II. 47. 30, D (under Narmadā) M. 193. 21, K II 41, 104, P. I. 20 20, vide Bom G. vol II. p. 348 for its sanctity, E (under Mathurā) Var. 154. 23, F (under Kurukṣetra) P. I. 26 12; G (under Go) B. 83. 1; H (under VS) L q by T. K. p 116.
- Ḍattātreyā-jūga—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p. 113.
- Daurvāsika—(under VS) K I 35. 11
- Devadāruvana—A (in the Himālayas near Badrināth) Anu 25 27, K. II. 37 53-60, II. 39. 18 and 66, M. 13. 47 (Devī is called Pustī here); B (Aundha in the Nizām's dominions) P. VI 129 27, C (near Vijayeshvara in Kāśmīra) HC. 10 3
- Devāgama—(under Go) B. 160 1
- Devagiri—(a hill under Mathurā) Var 164. 27, Bh V 19 16

Devahradā—A (under Gandakī) Var. 143, 71, Anu 25 44, B (under Kṛṣṇa-Venā) V. 85, 37

Devahradā—(r. in Kāśmīra) NM 146

Devakūta—(sacred m) V. 84, 141, P. I 38, 57.

Devalasvara—(under VS) L q by T K p. 92

Devaparyāta—(probably Aravali hills)

Devala q by T K p. 250

Devapatha—V. 85 45, P. I 39 42

Devaprabha—(under Gandakī) Var. 145, 59

Devaprayāga—in Tehri State. Vide Alakanandā above (it is confluence of Bhāgirathī and Alakanandā), vide U. P. Gazetteer for Garhwal, vol. 36 p. 214

Devāranya—(a forest on r. Lauhitya) Vā. 147, 11 (devāranyam isokam na tasya tīre)

Devasīla—(Visnu is worshipped under name of Trivikrama here) Nr 65, 15 q. by T. K. p. 252

Devatīrīṇā—A (on north bank of Go) B. 127 1; B (under Narmadā) M 191, 24, 193, 81, K. H. 42 16, P. I. 18 24; C (under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 161, 1

Devesā—(under VS) P. I. 37, 9

Devesvara—(under VS) L q by T K p. 65

Devikā—A (rising in Himālaya and being after Sindhu and Pañcanada and before Sarasvatī) V. 82 102-107, 222, 22 (4 yojanas in length and one-half yojana in breadth), B 27 27, Vā. 45, 95; Anu 165 19, Vām. 81, 5; The VI. IV 24 69 says that Vratyas, Mlecchas and Śūdras will rule over the banks of the Sindhu, Dāvikorvī, Caudrabhāgā and Kāśmīra. Here 'Dāvikorvī' means, as Śrīdhara says, the country on the Devikā, B (r. that joins Gandakī) Var. 144, 83, 112-13 (Devikā nāma devānām prabhāvāca tapasyatām i nuy amārthā samu-

dbhūtā Gāndalyā mihūā śubbā), Var. 214 48; C (under Gayā) Vā 112 30, 77 41 (Vṛsa-kūpa for śāddha on), Br III. 13 41. Anu 25, 21 and 165, 19, K II 37 25, P I 25 9-14, N. II 47, 27, Vā II 15 6, Vām. 78, 37—all these extol Devikā, but it is not clear what river is meant. NM 152-153 say that it is holy like Īrāvātī, is identified with Umā and located in Madra, i. e. between Rāvi and Chenab. Pān (VII.3 1) expressly mentions the river Devikā and the Mbh thereon gives the illustration, 'Dāvikākūlāh śālayah' (paddy grown on the banks of the Devikā is so called). Pāminī probably mentions some river in the Panjab. Dey p. 55 says that the southern portion of Sarayū is called Devikā or Devā. Vām 84, 12 refers to Devikā-tīrtha brāhmanas. SK VII Prabhāsa-māhātmya, chap. 278 66-67 speak of Mūlasthanā (modern Multan) as situated on the Devikā, P I, 25 9-14 (5 yojanas long and 1/2 yojana wide). In VI. II 15 6 the city called Vīranagara is said to be situated on the bank of the Devikā and as founded by Pulastya. Devikā is not Sarayū, as in the Anu 165, 19 and 21 they two are separately named. Br. S. 11 35 says that a certain malignant Ketu would strike down even Devikā in the north, Pargiter (tr of Mār, p. 492) identified it with the river Deeg or Degh in the Punjab, Dr. V. S. Agrawala with the Vular lake in Kashmir (J. U. P. H. S. vol. 16 pp 21-22) and Mr. Jagannātha (in J. U. P. H. S. vol 17 part 2 p. 78 supports Pargiter. With respect I agree with Mr. Jagannātha

Devikā-tāta—(Devī is called Nandini here) M 13, 38

Devipūthas—eight are enumerated in Kāhikā-pūrāṇā 64, 89-91

Devikūta—Kal. 18 41, where the feet of Sati's corpse fell

Devīsthāna—Devī-Bhāgavata VII 38 5-30 (enumerate numerous Devīsthānas such as Kolāpura, Tulajāpura, Saptasrīga). The Matsya (13.26-54) enumerates 108 Devīsthānas

Dhauaḍeśvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 70

Dhanuhpāta—(under Āmalakagrāma) Nr. 66, 33.

Dhanvatīrūpā—(r. rising in Pāriyātra m') M 114 24.

Dhānyātīrtha—(under Gomatī) B 120 1 Dhārā—(r.) P I 28. 26, M. 22. 38

Dhārānūtīrtha—(śrāddha most efficacious here) M 22, 70.

Dhārāpatānaka-tīrtha (under Mathurā) Var. 154 8

Dhārātīrtha—(on north bank of Narmadā) M. 190. 6

Dharmahrada—(under VS) N. II 51 14

Dharmānada—same as Pañcanada, which see.

Dharmaprastha—(under Gayā) V. 84 99

Dharmaprastha—(4 miles from Bodh-Gayā) P V 11. 74, N. II. 44. 54-55 and 78, K II 37. 38

Dharmarājatīrtha—(on the western bank of Jumnā near Prayāga) M 108 27, P I 45 27

Dharmāranya—(under Gayā) V. 82 46, Anu 166 28-29, Vā 111 23, Vām. 54 12 (brāhmanas of Dharmāranya), Ag 115 34, N. II 45 100, vide Dr Barua on 'Gayā and Buddhagayā' vol. I, pp. 16-17 for the view that it is part at least of the precincts of the Bodhgayā temple representing the jungle of Uruvelā or Uruvilvā of Buddhist Literature Rām I 32. 7 states that Dharmāranya was founded by Asūrtarajas, a son of Kuśa, son of Brahmā; vide p 661 about Gayā, B (near Mahākālā) P I 12. 6-8, B. S. 14 2 mentions it, but location is uncertain

Dharmasāstreśvara—(under VS) SK IV 33. 133

Dharmasīlā—(under Gayā) Vā. chap 107 and Ag 114. 8-28 Vide above pp 657-58 for the story

Dharmatīrtha—(under VS) P. I 35 4, Ag 109 16, K I 35 10, P VI 135 17

Dharmāvatī—(river that falls into Sābhramatī) P VI. 135. 16

Dharmesvara—A (under VS) L. q by T. K p 53; B (under Gayā) N II 45 103, Vā 111. 26

Dharmodbhava—(under Kokāmukha) Var. 140. 44-46

Dhautapāpa—vide Pāpapraṇāsana Dhautapāpā—(r. rising in Hīmalaya) M 114. 22

Dhautapāpeśvara—linga (under VS) SK IV. 33. 156

Dhavalesvara—(on north bank of Sābhramatī) P. VI. 144 7 ff (supposed to be established by Indra)

Dhenuka—(under Gayā) V. 84. 87-89, P. I. 38. 7-10, N II. 44. 68

Dhenukāranya—(under Gayā) Vā. 112. 56, Ag. 116. 32

Dhenuvaṭa—(under Kokāmukha) Var. 140. 40-43

Dhruva-tapovāna—P. I. 38 31

Dhūmāvatī—V 84. 22, P. I. 28 23 (Dhūmavantī)

Dhundhi-Vināyaka—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 126 and SK. IV. chap. 57. 33 (give the etymology of Dhundhi); for 56 Gaṇeśas, vide p. 638 above

Dhūtāpāpa or Dhautapāpa or Dhautāpura—A (on Narmadā) M. 22. 39, 193. 62, K. II. 42. 9-10; B (at Gokarnā) Br. III. 13 20 (Kudra practised tapas here); C (under Gayā) Ag 116. 12, N II. 47. 35 D (under Stutasvāmin) Var. 148 58 (less than five krosas from Stutasvāmin), T K. p. 223. AG. p 401 says that Dhōpāpura is on the right bank of the Gomatī (popularly

(Gurati)—18 miles to the south-east of Sultanpur; E (near Saṅgameśvara in the Ratnagiri District) vide I.G.I. vol. XXII. p. 50

Dhūtāpāpā—A (r. in VS); vide p. 636 above; B (r. rising in Himālaya) Vām. 57. 80, Br. II. 16. 26

Dhūtāvāhinī—(r. rising in Rśyavanta m) M. 114. 26

Dīṇḍipūyakara—(śit for śrāddha, 'probably in Deccan) M. 22. 77

Dīpeśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191 38, K. II. 41. 25-27 (it is Vyāsa-tīrtha-tapovana)

Dīptoda—(probably the same as Bhrgu-tīrtha) V. 99. 69 (where Bhrgu, great-grand-father, and the father of Paraśurāma performed most severe penance)

Dīrghasattra—V. 82 108-110, P. I. 25. 15-16

Dīrgha-Visau (under Mathurā) Var. 163. 63

Divākara—lūga (under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 65

Divaukah—puskarinī V. 84. 118, P. I. 38. 35

Drona—(m. in Bhārata-vara) M. 121. 13, Bh. V. 19. 16, P. VI. 8 45-46

Droṇaśarmapada—Ann. 25. 28 q. by T. K. p. 256. (reads Dronadharmā)

Droṇeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 66,

Droṇī—(r) M. 22. 37 (śrāddha on it inexhaustible).

Drumakṣetra—L. I. 92 129 (probably near Kurukṣetra)

Dhruva-tapovana—P. I. 38. 31

Dhruvatīrtha—(under Mathurā) Var. 152. 58 and 180 1

Draśvatī (r. ). Vide p. 682 above In Rg. III. 23. 4 it is mentioned along with Āpayā and Sarasvatī as a holy river for the worship of Agni. V. 90. 11, Manu II. 17 (calls it *devanadī*), N. II. 60. 30, Bh. V. 19. 18. It is identified by some with the Ghaggar and by others with

the Chittang (Cambridge History of India, vol. I. p. 80). No trace of the river appears in any modern name Cunningham's identification of it with Rākshī river 17 miles to the south of Thāṅesar has much to recommend it (A. S. of India, vol. XIV. p. 88).

Drumacandēśvara—(a lūga in VS) L. I. 92. 136

Dugdheśvara—(under Sābhrmatī) P. VI. 148 1 (to the south of Khadga-dhara). Vide Bom. G. vol IV p. 6

Durdhareśvara—(on Sābhrmatī) P. VI. 146. 1 ff.

Durgā—(acc. to Bār S. III. 128 Durgā dwells on Vindhya).

Durgā—sābhrmatīsaṅgama—P. VI. 169. 1.

Durgā—(r. rising from Vindhya) Vā 45 103, Br. II. 16. 33.

Durgatīrtha—A (under Sarasvatī) Vām. 42. 14-15, B (under Go) B. 132. 8.

Dvādaśāditya-Luṇḍa (under Badarī) Var. 141. 24

Dvaita-vana—Sat. Br. XIII. 5. 4. 9 (Dvaita lake named after King Dvaitavana of the Matsyas, V. 11. 68, 24. 10 (commentary gives a fantastic etymology), 237. 13 (it had a lake), Śal. 37. 27 (visited by Balarāma on Sarasvatī), Vām. 22. 12, 47. 56 (it was near Sānnibatya pool)

Dvārakā—A—the name of this holy city does not occur in the Vedic Literature but the references to it in the Mahābhārata and the Purāṇas are plentiful. It is one of the seven holy cities Vide p. 678 It appears that there were two Dvārakās, one more ancient than the other. The ancient Dvārakā was situated near Kodanar. A little mound which rises on the sea-shore between the mouths of the rivers Somat and Singāvra



three miles from Kodinar is surrounded by the ruins of a temple which popular Hindu belief declares to be the original Dvārakā, where Kṛṣṇa resided and whence transferred himself to Dvārakā in Oḥhamandala. Vide Bombay Gazetteer, vol. VIII. (on Kathiawar) pp. 518-520 for Kodinar and p. 552 for Mūla Dvārakā. It was founded by Kṛṣṇa (with Rāivataka as a park and Gomanta as a hill) owing to constant invasions and harassment by Jarāśandha; it was two *yojanas* long and one *yojana* broad. Vide *Sabbhāparva* 14. 49-55. The Var. (149. 7-8) makes it 10 *yojanas* long and 5 broad. Vide p. 688 above under Mathurā. B (14. 54-56) says that the Vṛṣṇis and Andhakas left Mathurā through fear of Kālayavana, took counsel with Kṛṣṇa, ran to Kuśasthali and built up Dvārakā: Vi V. 23. 13-15. B 196 13-15 say that Kṛṣṇa begged of the ocean a strip of twelve *yojanas*, built Dvārakā with large parks, mansions and strong walls and established the people of Mathurā there. When Kṛṣṇa passed away, the city was flooded by the sea and swept away, as stated in a prophetic vein by *Mausala-parva* 6.23-24 and 7. 41-42. B 210. 55 and 212. 9. Vide also Vi. V. 38. 9 (the whole of Dvārakā except Kṛṣṇa's palace was swept by the sea) and BV IV. 129. 44 (except Rukmiṇi's palace). It is called the capital of Ānarta (*Udyoga* 7. 6) and was first called Kuśasthali (*Sabbhā* 14. 50) Vide M 69. 9 = P. V. 23. 10, B. 7.29-32 and Ag 273. 12 (Kuśasthali being the earlier name of the capital). The present Dvārakā is near Oḥhā in Kathiawar. The *Harivamśa* II (*Viṣṇu-parva*) chapters 58 and 98 deal with the founding of Dvārakā. Some ancient Jain works like the *Uttarādhyāyasūtra* (SBE. vol. 45 p.115) mention Dvārakā and Rāivataka park

(Girnār). The *Jātakas* also refer to Dvārakā. Vide Dr. B. C. Law's work on 'India as described in early texts of Buddhism and Jainism' pp. 102, 239. The *Prabhāsakhaṇḍa* of the SK has a sub-section on Dvārakā in 44 chapters and over 2000 verses for the glorification of Dvārakā. It says 'the reward that is secured by (pilgrimage to) Vārāṇasī, Kurukṣetra and Narmadā can be secured at Dvārakā in half a twinkling (4. 52)'; 'Pilgrimage to Dvārakā is the 4th means of *mukṭi*. Man secures *mukṭi* by acquiring correct knowledge about Brahman or by dying at Prayāga or by mere bath in Gomatī near Kṛṣṇa" (SK. VII. 4. 4. 97-98). The BV. (*Kṛṣṇajanma-khaṇḍa*, *Uttarārḍha* chap. 103) has a hyperbolic description of the creation of Dvārakā, which is said to have been one hundred *yojanas* in extent. There is a work called *Dvārakā-pattalaka* compiled by Binābhāyī (the only Ms. of which is the one at B. O. R. I. in Poona) which has been published by Dr. J. B. Chaudhuri (1940). The Ms is dated *samvat* 1574 (1518 A. D.). It summarises the Dvārakā-māhātmya in SK. A pilgrim on reaching Dvārakā first worships Gaṇeśa, then Balarāma and then Kṛṣṇa; he visits Rukmiṇi's temple on the 8th, 9th or 14th *tithi*, then visits Calratīrtha, then Dvārakā Gaṇḍā, then Saṅkhoddhārā, then Kāthes in the Gomatī. The temple of Dvārakā-nātha is on the north bank of the Gomatī creek. The main temple has five stories, is about 100 feet high from the ground and is surmounted by a conical spire rising to about 150 feet. Vide Dr. A. D. Pusalkar's paper in the Dr. B. C. Law presentation volume I pp. 218 ff. for further information on Dvārakā;

\* B (there is Dvārakā in Indraprastha)  
P. VI. 202 4 and 62

Dvārakā—Kṛṣṇatīrtha—M. 22 39

Dvāravatī—Same as Dvārakā It contained the temple of Nāgeśa, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas The Kāśikhaṇḍa (7. 104-105) states: 'since in this city there are entrance gates for all the four varṇas it was named Dvāravatī by the learned Where even the bones of beings are marked with the sign of the wheel (discus), what wonder is there if the hands (of men) are marked with the figures of a conch or wheel?' In a Dvārakā-māhātmya stated to be taken from the Śāṇḍa-purāṇa (D. C. Ms. No. 49- of 82-83, copied in *sanvat* 1529 i. e. 1472-73 A. D.) it is stated that Mathurā, Kāśī and Avantī are easy of access (sulabha), but Ayodhyā, Māyā and Dvārakā are difficult of approach in the Kali age and in Ms. D. C. No. 63 of 1875-76 it is said at the end that the city is called Dvāravatī because it is the way to mokṣa. It is identified by Yule and others with Barak of the *Periplus* (Ptolemy pp. 187-188.)

Dvīdevakula—(under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92. 158

Dvīpa—(probably the island at the mouth of the Ganges) Nr. 65 7 q. by T. K. p. 251 (where Viṣṇu is worshipped as Ananta Kapila)

Dvīpeśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 193 80, P. I 18 38 and 23. 76

E

Ekādabhāra—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI 136. 12

Ekahansa—V 83. 20

Elāmra—(in Utkala, Orissa, about 20 miles from Cuttack) This is Rudra-tīrtha Elāmra is the ancient name, the modern one being Bhuvaneśvara. It was also called

Kṛttivāsa B (chap. 41. 10-93) describes and glorifies this tīrtha, all those verses being quoted in T. C. pp. 176-180 It is said to be the destroyer of sin, equal to Benares, and as having eight sub-tīrthas and it was so called because in former ages there was one mango tree (B. 34 6 and 41 10-93) Vide Hunter's 'Orissa' vol. I p. 231-241 and Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa' vol. II pp. 56-98 for history, description, daily services and festivals &c. The chief temple is 160 feet high from the base to the top of the *kalāśa*. In the Bhuvaneśvara Inscription (edited by Dr L. D. Barnett) in E. I. XIII p. 150 it is stated that Candrikā, daughter of the Gaṅga king Anāṅga-Bhīma and widow of Haihaya prince Paramardin, built a temple of Viṣṇu at Elāmra In that inscription among other matters there is a laudation of Utkalā, of the sanctuary of Ekāmra and of the lake Bindusaras (mentioned in B. 41. 53-54). The date of the inscription is doubtful. But it is between *śale* 1101-1200. There is a vast number of temples and shrines here, Vide Archaeological survey of India Report for 1902-3 pp. 43-44, Parusottamatattva (Jiv. I. p. 573) where Raghunandana quotes several verses of B. chap. 41. There is Ekāmrapurāṇa in five amśas (parts) and 70 chapters (vide Mitra's Notices vol. IV pp. 138-140 No. 1561 for detailed analysis of contents and Elāmra Candrikā which is a guide to pilgrims visiting Bhuvaneśvara and contains extensive quotations from Kapilasambhūti, Ekāmrapurāṇa, Śivapurāṇa and other works (vide Mitra's Notices, vol. IV, pp. 136-137 No. 1560 for analysis of contents)

Ekavirā—(under Go) B. 161. 3

Elāpura—(probably modern Ellora) M. 22.50 (a place very fit for śrāddha). A G. p 319 identifies Elāpura with modern Verāval in Kathiawar. Talegaon copperplates of Rāstrakūṭa Kṛṣṇarāja I dated śake 690 (768-769 A.D.) indicate that the king built the famous Kailāsanātha temple in imitation of the Kailāsanātha temple at Kāñci [E. I. XIII p. 275], vide also E. I. vol. XXV p. 25 (Ellora plates of Dantidurga of śake 663 i.e. 741-42 A.D.)

Erandīnarmadāsāṅgama—M. 194. 32, K.II. 41. 85 and II. 42.31, P.I. 18 41

Erandītīrtha—(r. tributary of Narmadā in the Baroda territory, called Uri or Or) M. 191. 42, 193 65, P. I. 18 41.

## G

Gabhastīā—(under 15) SK. VI 33. 154

Gabhīraka—(a l. under Māndāra to the south) Var. 143. 42

Gadākunda—(under Sālagrāma) Var. 145. 49

Gadālola—(a pool at Gayā on east side of Brahmayoni) Vā. 109. 11-13, 111 75-76, Ag. 115 69, see above p. 665

Gājābhaya—(same as Hastināpura) Svargā-rohanaparva 5 34

Gajakarṇā—(one of many pītītīrthas) M. 22. 38

Gājaksetra—a Sivaksetra acc. to Bār S. III 122

Gajasaila—(m. south of Mānasa lake) Vā 36 24

Gajasābhaya or Nāgasābhaya—(same as Hastināpura) Vi. V 35 8, 19, 30-32, Vām 78. 8, Bh I. 4 6 (com. explains 'gajena sahita ābhayo nāma yasya'), Br S 14. 4 calls it 'Gājābhaya.'

Gajeshvara—(under Sṛīśaila) L. I 92 156

Gālava—Vide Pāpaprāṇāśana

Gālavēśvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p. 98

Galkū—(r. same as Gaṇḍakī) P. VI. 76 2 (where the Sālagrāma stones are found), VI 129 14

Gambhīrā—A (a r. that joins Vitastā below Vijayēśvara) HC X. 192, SM. p 170. Stein in note on R VIII 1063 says that it is the name of the lowest portion of the Viśolā river before it falls into Vitastā, B (r. in Central India) Meghadūta I 40, Br. S 16.15 mentions Gāmbhīrākā r It falls into the Sīprā

Gṇapatyatīrtha—(near Sābhramatī on a hill called Visnu) P VI. 129. 26, VI 163.1.

Ganātīrtha—A (one of many tīrthas where śrāddha leads to highest goal) M. 22. 73; B (under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 133, 24

Gaṇḍakī—(rises in Himālaya and falls into Ganges at Sonapur in Bihar). It is the Kondochates of Arrian (A. I. p. 188) Ādī 170 20-21 (one of the seven great rivers that destroy sin), S 20. 27, V. 84. 13, V 222. 22 (Gaṇḍasābhayā is probably the same as Gaṇḍakī), P. I. 38, 30, IV. 20. 12 (it has pebbles marked with cakrā). The river is said to have sprung from the perspiration on Visnu's cheek in Var 144-106, Br II. 16. 26. Visnu gave a boon to it that he would always remain inside her in the form of Sālagrāma stone (Var. 144. 35-58) Gaṇḍakī, Devīā and a r. from Pulastyaśrama make Trivenī (Var 144. 84) It is known in Nepāla as Sālagrāmī and in U P. as Nārāyanī.

Gandhavatī—A (sacred r. near Ekām-raka, rising in the Udayagiri hills, though the Śivapurāṇa says it rises in the Vindhya). See 'Antiquities of Orissa' by Mitra, vol. II. p 98; B (a small tributary of Sīprā) Meghadūta I. 33

Gaṅgā—Vide pp. 588-596 above

Gaṅgādvāra—(the same as Handvāra) V. 81. 14, 90.21, 142 9-10, Anu 25 13, K I 15. 41 and 47 (here Dakṣa's sacrifice was destroyed by Virābhadrā), II. 20 33 (as one of the

- best places for śrāddha), V. Dh S. 85. 28, Ag. 4. 7 (Vāmana approached Bali here), P. V. 5. 3 and V. 26 103. It is a Śaivakṣetra acc to Bār. S III 129. M. 22. 10 (mentions Gaṅgādvāra and Māyāpurī separately in the same verse)
- Gandhakālī—(r.) Vā. 77. 74, Br III. 13. 76
- Gandhamādāna—(m. on which Badrīnāth is situated) Nr. 65 10 q by T. K. p. 252; Vi. II. 2. 18 (to the south of Meru), Mār. 51. 19, V. 140. 22, 158. 38, Vi. V 24. 5 (location of Nara-Nārāyaṇāśrama), M. 13 26
- Gandharvakūṇḍa—(under Mathurā) Var 163. 13
- Gandharvanagara—q. by T. K p. 247
- Gandharvatīrtha—(under VS) P. I. 37. 13, Sal. 37. 10 (near Gargaśrōtaḥ on Sarasvatī)
- Gaṅgā-Gaṇḍakī-saṅgama—T. P p. 357
- Gaṅgā-Gomati-saṅgama—T. P. p. 358
- Gaṅgāhrada—P. I. 27. 63 (under Kuru-ḷṣetra), V. 83 201, Anu 25. 34
- Gaṅgā-Kauśīki-saṅgama—T. P. pp. 357-358
- Gaṅgā-Mānuṣa-saṅgama—(near Kāśmīra) NM. 1457
- Gaṅgāvat—(under Narmadā) P. I. 20. 16 (near Ganeśvara)
- Gaṅgāsāgara-saṅgama—V Dh S 85.28, M. 22 11 (it is 'sarvatīrthamaya'), P. I 39. 4, T. P. pp. 355-356 (for Māhātmya)
- Gaṅgā-Sarasvatī-saṅgama—V. 84. 38, P. I. 32. 3
- Gaṅgā-Sarayū-saṅgama—Raghuvamśa VIII. 95, T. P. p. 357
- Gaṅgā-vadana-saṅgama—(under Narmadā) M. 193. 20
- Gaṅgāvarana-saṅgama—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 45
- Gaṅgā-Yamunā-saṅgama—(i. e. Prayāga, which see) V. 84. 35
- Gaṅgeśvara—A (under VS) N. II. 49. 46; B (under Narmadā) M. 193. 14
- Gaṅgodbheda—V. 84. 65, M. 22. 25, P. I 32 29, Ag 109, 18
- Gargasrōta—(on Sarasvatī) Sal. 37.14
- Gargeśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 82
- Gārhapatyapada—(under Gayā) Vā. 111. 50
- Garteśvara—(under Mathurā) Var. 169. 19, 176 6
- Gāruda—(under Go) B 90 1
- Garudaleśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 67
- Gaurī—(r.) Bhī 9. 25. It is probably the Gouraios of the Greek writers. Vide Ptolemy p. 111
- Gaurīśa—(sacred to Laṭṭā) Br. IV. 44. 98
- Gaurīśikhara—A—V. 84 151, M 22.76 (fit place for śrāddha), B (a tīrtha near Kāśmīra) NM 1448-1449 (where Umā who was in complexion like a blue lotus became fair by practising *tapas*)
- Gaurītīrtha—(under VS) M. 22 31, K I 35. 3, P I. 37. 3
- Gautama—(on Mandara m) P. VI 129 8
- Gautamanāga—(in Kāśmīra, to the north of Anantanāga and on the way to Bavan) S M p 178
- Gautamāśrama—(near Tryambakeśvara) P VI. 176 58-59
- Gautama-vana—V. 84. 108-110
- Gautameśvara—A (under Narmadā) M 22 68, 193. 60, K II. 42. 6-8, P. I 20. 58, B (under VS) L. q. by T. K p 115
- Gautami—(= Godāvarī). Vide pp. 707-711
- Gavām-bhavana—P. I. 26 46
- Gayā—A—see pp 643-679; B (one of the five dhārās at Badarikāśrama) N. II. 67. 57-58
- Gayākedāraka (under Gayā) Ag 115 53
- Gayānīskramana—Nr q by T. K. p. 252 (Viṣṇu's *guhya* name is Hari there).
- Gayāśūras—(hill named after *rājarsī* Gayā) V. 95 9, 87 11, Vā 105 29 (it is one krośa in extent), Vā 22 20

- (it is the eastern *vedi* of Brahmā), Ag. 115, 25-26 (it is called Phalgu-tīrtha). Acc. to Barua in 'Gayā and Buddhagayā' vol I p 7 it is the modern Brahmayoni hill. Vide p 646 note 1470 above.
- Gayāśīrsa—(a set of rocky hills near Gayā town) V.Dh. S 85.4, Buddha went to Gayāsīsa near Gayā with 1000 bhikṣus, vide Mahāvagga I. 21. 1 (S B E. vol XIII p 134) Vide pp 646 and 668 above
- Gayātīrtha—(under VS) P I. 37 5
- Gāyatrīsthāna—V, 85, 28
- Gāyatrīśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 70.
- Gāyatrītīrtha—(under Gayā) Va. 112. 21.
- Ghaṇṭābharanaka—(under Mathurā) Var 15+ 15
- Ghaṇṭākarnabhrada—(to west of Vyāseśa under VS) N II 49. 28-29, L. q. by T. K. p 86
- Ghanteśvara—M. 22, 70
- Gharghara or-rā (modern Gogra or Ghagra, a holy river that rises in Kumaon and is the great river of Oudh) P II 39 43, M 22. 35 and P V 11 29 (both the latter have the same words 'nadan tau Sona-Ghar-gharau') Vide TP p 502 for Sarayū-Gharghara-saṅgama The combined waters of Gogra and other rivers including the Sarayū are called Gogrā or Sarjū from Bahrampur. Vide I, G I vol 12 pp 302-303.
- Ghaṭeśvara—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 159 3
- Ghatotkaca—(under VS) K I 35 8, P. I. 37, 8.
- Ghṛtakulyā—(a r. under Gayā) V 105 74, 112 30
- Girīkarnikā—M 22 39 (Dey p 65 identifies it with Sabarmatī).
- Girīkuñja—P. I. 24. 34 (where Brahmā resides)
- Girīkūpa—(under Gayā) N. II. 47, 75.
- Girinagara—(modern Junāgad in Kathiawar). The hill near it was called Ujjayanta or Ūrjayanta in former times, but now it is called Girnar. Dey has a long note (pp 65-66) on it. The *pādūkās* (stone with footprints) of Dattātreyā are shown on a spur of the hill. As there are Aśoka's edicts engraved here it follows that it was a well-known place in the third century B. C. The Junāgad Inscription of Rudradāman (150 A. D.) mentions it in the very first line (E.I. vol VIII, p. 36 at p 42) Vide under Vastrāpatha
- Girivraja—Capital of the kings of Magadha from Jarāsandha and his son Sahadeva, called Rājagṛha in Buddhist times It is about 62 miles from Patna Dey has a very long note on it (pp 66-69), S. 21. 2-3 (it was surrounded and guarded by five hills called Vahāra, Vipula, Varāha, Vṛṣabha, Rṣigiri) Vide under Rājagṛha Rām. I 32 7 states that it was founded by Vasu, a son of Kuśa, son of Brahmā.
- Gobhuleśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p 94
- Gocarmesvara—(under Sripārvata) L. I 92 152
- Godāvarī—Vide pp 707-711
- Godhana—(m) Br II 16 22
- Gograha—(under Virāja in Orissa) B. 42 6
- Gokāmuka—(m) Bh V 19. 16.
- Gokarna—A (a place sacred to Siva on the western coast about 30 miles south of Goa in the Kumtā Talukā of North Kanara District) V. 85.24, 88. 15, 277. 55, Ādi., 217. 34-35 (ādyam paśupateh sthānam darsanādeva multidam), Vā 77 19, M. 22. 38, K. II 35. 29-32, Br. III 56. 7-21 (described as 1½ yojanas in extent in verse 7), Vām. 46. 13 (lūga set up by Rāvana), Br III. 57-58 and N. II. 74 (narrate story of its

- being flooded by the sea and of people going to Parāśurāma for succour. Vide Epi. C. vol. VII Shikarpur No 99 (of 1113 A. D.) where Cālukya Tribhuvanamalla's tributary is styled 'lord of Gokarnapura'. The Lingapurāna speaks of two Gokarnas (I. 92. 134-135), Kūrma II. 35 31 mentions Uttara-Gokarna and the Varāhapurāna (213. 7) mentions a southern and a northern Gokarna, B (on Sarasvatī) Var. 170.11, C (under Mathurā) Var. 171-173; D (under VS) L. q. by T. K p 113. M. 13 30 says that Devī is styled Bhadrakarnikā at Gokarna
- Gokarnahrada—V. 88. 15-16
- Gokarnesvara (on a peak of the Himālaya) Var 215 118
- Gokula—(a mahāranya) Vide Vraja P IV. 69 18, Bh II 7 31
- Gomandalesvara—(under Śrīparvata) L. I 92. 162 (established by Nanda and others)
- Gomanta—(a hill) A—M. 13 28 (Sati is called Gomati on Gomanta), B (a hill in the Sahya range near Karavīrapura, Krauñcapura and near river Venā) Harivamśa (Viṣṇuparva 39. 11 and 19-20), C (hill near Dvārakā where Kṛṣṇa and the Vṛṣṇis migrated from Mathurā through fear of Jarāsandha's attacks) S 14 54, V 88 15-17, N II 60 27. Pargiter's identifications (p 289 note) are unsatisfactory
- Gomati—(r) A. In Rg. VIII 24 30 and X. 75 6, it is invoked between Kubhā and Kṛmu (in X. 75 6), hence it is probably modern Gomāl a western tributary of the Indus, B (a river near Sarasvatī) V 87. 7, P I. 32 37, Vām. 63. 61 and 83. 2, C (near Dvārakā), SK, VII. 4 4 97-98 and 5. 32, P. IV. 17. 69-70 and VI 176. 35-36, D (the Gumti in Oudh, rising in Himālaya and falling into the Ganges below Benares) M. 114. 22, Br II. 16. 25, Rām. II 49. 11
- Gomati-gangā-sangama—P I. 32. 42, Bh V 19. 18, Ag 109. 19.
- Gopādri—(m. in Kashmir, in the immediate vicinity of Śrīnagara near its southernmost corner, now known as Takht-i-Sulaiman) SM p. 157, R I 341 (mentions Gopādri which is modern Gopāl on the Dal lake), vide K, R 17
- Goniskramana—(also Gosthalaka) Var. 147 3-4 and 52
- Gopīśvara—(under Mathurā) Var 157. 18 (where Kṛṣṇa sported with gopīs)
- Gopracāra—(a site under Gayā) Vā. 111 35-37 (where there is a grove of mango trees), Ag 116 6
- Goprātāra—(Guptar in Fyzabad in Oudh) V 84 70-71 (where Rāma gave up his physical body along with his army and servants), Vām 83.8, N II 75 71, Raghuvamśa XV 101
- Gopreksa—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 42, P. I 37. 16, N. II. 50 43 (Gopreksaka)
- Gopreksaka—(hūga under VS) L. I. 92. 67-68
- Gopreksesvara—(under VS) Sk q. by T K p 131
- Goraksaka—Var 215 93
- Gorabagiri—(in Magadhaksetra) S. 20. 30
- Gotūrtha—A (in Naimisā forest) V 95.3; B (under Prayāga) M 110.1, C (under VS) K I 35 13, D (under Narmadā) M 193 3 P I 20 3, E (under Sābhramati) P VI. 156 1
- Govardhana—A (a hill near Mathurā) M 22 52, K I. 14 18 (where Pṛithu practised austerities), P IV. 69. 39, Var 163 18, 164 1 and 22-23, Vi V. 11 16 Vide p 691 above, B (a town under Gautamī established by Rāma) B. 91.1, Br II 16 44 Inscription of Usavādāna near Nask mentions Govardhana several times (Bom. G vol 16 p.5C9). Vide p. 710 above.

Govindatīrtha—(under Go) B 122, 100, P. I 38 50 (appears to be near Campakāranya)

Grdhrakūta—A (a hill under Gayā) Vā 77 97, 108. 61, 111 22, Ag 116 12, N II 45 95 and 47. 78, B (on the confluence of Sarasvatī and Śuddhā, where Parasurāma's hand stained with blood became clear) NM 1394-5

Grdhravana—K II 37. 38

Grdhravata—A (on the Grdhrakūta hill of Gayā) V 84 91, Ag 116 12, P. I 38, 11 (bhasmanā snāna there), N. II 44. 72, Vā. 108 63; the tree does not now exist, B (under Sūkaraśetra where a Grdhra became a man) Var 137 56

Grdhreśvara-linga—(under Gayā on Grdhrakūta) Ag 116. 11, N, II 47 78

Guheśvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K. p 102

Gurukulyatīrtha—(on Narmadā) SK. I. 1. 18 153 (where Balī performed Aśvamedhas)

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Hamsadvāra—(near Kashmir) NM 1464

Hamsakūnda—(under Dvārakā) Var, 149 46

Hamsapada—(near Viśākhayūpa) Vām. 81 10

Hamsapratāna—(under Prayāga) V. 85 87, M 106 32 (to the east of Gangā and north of Pratiśthāna), K I. 37 24, P I 39 80, Ag 111 10

Hamsatīrtha—A (under Gayā) Ag 116. 30, N II 47 30, B (under Narmadā) M 193. 72, C (under Śālagrāma to its east) Var 144. 152-155 (explain why so called). Vide Yāsatīrtha

Hanūmat-tīrtha—(under Go. on north bank) B 129. 1

Hārakūnda—(near Hārapura) L I 92. 164

Haramukuta—(Harmukh in popular language in Kāśmīra) NM 1320, 1322, 1231, peak of the Himālaya

on the east of which is lake Kālodaka and which is itself near Uttaramānasa Vide H C IV. 87-88 and Vik. 18 55 Al (vol 1 p 207) says that the Jailam rises in the mountain Haramakot, where also the Ganges rises Vide Stein's note on R. III 448.

Haramunda—(a tīrtha near Kāśmīra) NM 1455

Haridvāra—(same as Gangādvāra and Māyāpurī) It is in the modern Saharanpur District in U. P. and on the right bank of the Ganges. It is one of the seven holy cities (vide pp 501 and 678) P. IV 17 66, VI 21.1, VI 22 18, VI 135.37 (Māndavya practised penance here) See Beal's BRWV vol I p. 197, where Hiouen Tshang states that men of the five Indies call it the Gate of Gaṅgā and that hundreds and thousands of people gather to bathe and wash. I do not agree with Cunningham (A G. p. 353) that Haridvāra is a comparatively modern name, since Alberuni mentions only Gangādvāra Both SK IV and P IV mention Haridvāra and it cannot be said that they both are later than Alberuni (i. e 1030 A D.). Probably Gaṅgādvāra was a more popular name in the 11th century than Haridvāra. Al (vol. I p 199) tells us that the source of the Ganges is called Gangādvāra

Haribara-ṣetra—A (on Tungabhadra) Nr 65 18 (q. by T. K p 253), P VI 176. 46 and VI. 183 3, Var. 144 145 (also called Devāṣa). It is on the boundary between Mysore State and Bombay State, B (the junction of the Gandakī with the Ganges at Sonapur, where Gajendramoksa took place) Var 144. 116-133 Vām. 85. 4-76 places the story of Gajendramoksa on mountain Trīkūta

Harikeśhvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 113

- Harikeśvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 84 (probably the same as above)
- Hariscandra**—A (tirtha under VS) M 22.52 (very fit place for śrāddha) 181 28, Ag. 112.3, B (on south bank of Go.) B 104 86 and 88
- Hariscandra**—(a m) Devala q. by T. K. 250
- Hariscandresvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. 117
- Hariparvata**—(hill in Śrinagara)—same as Sārikāparvata or Pradyumnāpitha K. R p 17, Vik 18. 15
- Hārīta-tīrtha**—(eminent place for śrāddha) M 22. 68 (beyond Vasisthatīrtha)
- Haritakivana**—Vide Vaidyanātha p. 678, and n. 1536 above
- Haritesvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. 120.
- Hariyūpiyā**—(a. r.) Rg. VI. 27. 5. Probably in Kuruksetra.
- Harodbheda**—(fit place for śrāddha) M 22. 25
- Harāpathā**—(Śacī at Kāśyapa's prayer became H. in Kāśmīra) N M 309
- Hastatīrtha**—(v. 1. Hamsatīrtha) K. II. 42. 13 (on Narmadā)
- Hāstinapura** or **Hastināpura**—(capital of Kurus, named after king Hastus, great-grandson of Bharata Daśyanti, ). It is to the north-east of Delhi Ādi 95. 34, Rām II. 68. 13 (Hāstinapura), Vi IV. 21. 8, Bh IX 22. 40. After it was swept away by Ganges, Nīlakan, grandson of Janamejaya, made Kauśāmbī his capital Pān. VI 2. 101 (na Hāstinaphalaka-mārdeyāḥ) appears to know it as Hāstinapura The Mbh (vol. I p 380 on Pān. II. 1. 16) offers the illustration 'anu-Gangam Hāstinapuram'.
- Hastipādesvara**—(a Sivaliṅga to the east of Sthānnavata) Vām 46 29
- Hastipādesvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. 76
- Hātala**—(removes sins of crores of murders) P. IV. 17, 67
- Hātakesvara**—Vām. 63.78 (on Saptagodāvara)
- Hayamuktī**—(under Mathurā) Var. 160, 23
- Hayaśiras**—(fit place for śrāddha) Br. III 13.46, Vā. 77.46
- Hayatīrtha**—M. 22 69
- Hemakūta**—(another name of Kailāsa, which see) Bhī. 6, 4, Br II 14.48 and 15 15 (Himavat and Hemakūta distinguished)
- Hetakesvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. 92
- Himālaya**—see Himavat
- Himavat**—In Rg. X. 121 4 and A. V. IV. 2. 5 the plural is used (Viśve himavantah) But in A. V. V. 4 2 and 8, VI. 24.1 the singular is employed. In Kenopanisad III. 25 Umā Haimavati is mentioned. In V. 158.19, Udyoga 11.12 and Pān. IV. 4 112 Himavat is mentioned and in K. II, 37 46-49 its length is given as 1080 yojanas. It is the Varsaparvata of Bharatavarsa and the other seven chief mountains mentioned in note 1260 are 'Kulaparvatas'. M 117-118 contain fine descriptions of trees, flowers, birds and beasts on it Himālaya occurs in non-vedic works, e. g. Gītā X. 25 Himavat meant the whole mountain range stretching from Assam in the east to the mountains west of Panjab. Mār 51.24 states that Kailāsa and Himavat stretch from east to west and are situated between two seas and that Himavat is to the north of Bharatavarsa (which has seas on south, west, and east) like the string of a bow (Mār 54.59)
- Himavat**—aranya-Devipūrāṇa q. by T. K. 244
- Hiranvatī**—(carried a girl to Kosala) Vām. 34 8 (one of seven or nine very holy rivers), 64 11 and 19.90, 32, Anu 166 25, Udyoga 152. 7 (in Kuru



- Isētra, where Pāṇḍavas pitched their camp), 160.1, Bhī 9.25
- Hiranyabāhu—(The Erannoboas of Greek writers, river Śona). Vide A.I. p. 68. It falls into the Ganges near Bankipore Arrian (A. I. p 186) regards Erannaboas and Sonos as distinct. It was called 'golden armed' probably owing to the colour of the sand in its bed or because particles of gold were found in it
- Hiranyabindu—(on m Kālāñjara) V. 87 21, Anu. 25.10
- Hiranyadvīpa—(under Narmadā) M. 193 68, P. I 20 66
- Hiranyagarbha—(a hūga under VS) K. I 35.13, L I 92 76, P. I. 37. 16, L q, by T. K. p 48
- Hiranyakaśipulīga—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 43
- Hiranyākṣa—M 22 52 (most efficacious about *dānas* here)
- Hiranyākṣeśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K 47
- Hiranyāsaṅgama—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI 135.1
- Hiranyavāha—same as Sona and as Arrian's Erannoboas, which was the third great river, the other two being Indus and Ganges (vide A. G p 452)
- Hiranyavati—(r. on which stood the Sāla grove of the Mallas and the Upavattana of Kusinārā) SBE, vol. XI. p. 85 It is the same as the Gandakī. Vide A. G p 453
- Hlādīnī—(r.) Rām II 71 2 (Bharata coming from Kekaya country crossed it first and then Śatadrū)
- Homatīrtha—(under VS) K. I 35 11
- Hṛīkeśa—(on the Ganges about 24 miles north of Haridvāra) Var 146 63-64 (Viṣṇu is deemed to stay there)
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- Iksu—A (r from Himavat) Vā 45. 96 Dey, p 77 identifies it with Oxus. He equates Aśmanvatī (p. 13) and Caksus (p 43) with Oxus Hence such identifications of his cannot be taken seriously; B (r. falling into Narmadā) M 191. 49
- Ikṣumatī—A (r. flowing through Kumaon and Kanoj). From Pān IV. 2. 85-86 (nadyām matup, madhvādibhyaś-ca) it follows that Pānini was aware of this river, as 'Ikṣu' is included in the madhvādrī-gana) Rām II 68. 17 (going from Ayodhyā one first meets Mālinī, then Gaṅgā at Hāstinapura, then Kurukṣetra and then Ikṣumatī), M 22 17 (favourite of the pitrs and falls into the Ganges), P. V. 11 13; B (r. of the Sindhu-Sauvīra country) Vī II. 13. 53-54 (there was Kapila's āśrama on it where the king of Sauvīra came and asked what is most beneficial in this *samsāra* which abounds in pain and sorrow), Bh. V. 10. 1
- Ikṣu—Narmadāsaṅgama—M 191. 49, K. II 41.28, P. I. 18. 47
- Ikṣudā—(r rising in m. Mahendra) M 114 31, Vā 45. 106 (reads Iksulā)
- Ilāspada—P I 26 73
- Ilātīrtha—(under Go) B 108. 1
- Ilvalapura—(same as Manimatīpurī) V. 96 4
- Indirā—(r) Vā 108 79
- Indradhvaja—(under Mathurā) Var. 164 36
- Indradyumnasaras—A (under Puruṣottama, vide pp 694-95, 700 above) B 51 29-30, B V 199 9-11, Ādi 119 50 (beyond even Gandhamādāna, where Pāṇḍu practised *tapas*)
- Indradyumneśvara—hūga of Mahākālā, SK I 2. 13. 209
- Indragrāmatīrtha—(on north bank of Sābhramatī) P VI 144 1
- Indrakūla—(m. beyond Gandhamādāna) V 37. 41-42, M 22 53 (sacred to pitrs), NM 1443, Bh, V 19. 16
- Indraloka—(under Badarī) Var 141. 10-13
- Indramārga—Anu 25. 9 and 16, P. I. 27 68
- Indranadī—(r.) Vā 43. 26

- Indrānīrtirtha—N. II. 40 93
- Indraprastha—(the modern village of Indrapat in Delhi District on the Yamunā, Old Delhi) Ādi 217. 27, Mausala 7. 72, Vi, V 38.34 (Yāda Vajra was crowned king here by Arjuna after Kṛṣṇa passed away), P VI 196. 5, 60, 75-76 (it extended up to four yojanas to the south of Yamunā), 200. 5 (it was in Khāṇḍavavāna), Bh X 58 I, XI 30 48, XI 31 25 Indraprastha is only one of five prasthas, the others being Sonapat, Pāṇipāt, Pīlpat and Bāghpat
- Indratīrtha—(under Go) B 96 1
- Indratoyā—(r. on Gandhamādana) Anu 25 11
- Indreśvara—A (under Śrīparvata) L I. 92.152; B (under VS) L q. by T. K 71
- Irāvati—(modern Rāvi river in Panjab called Hydroates by Greek writers) Nir IX. 26 notes that the river Parusnī invoked in Rg X 75. 5, was also called Irāvati, VDb.S 85. 49, M 22 19 (fit for śrāddha), Vā. 45. 95 (rises in Himālaya), Vām. 79 7.81.1, NM 149 (Irāvati tābhā punyā sarva-kalmasanāśinī) The city of Lahore stands on it. The Mbh. (vol I p 382 on Pān. II. 1. 20 cites as examples 'dvīrāvātiko deśah, trīrāvātiko deśah'. Vide under Candra-bhāgā.
- Irāvati—nadvalā-sangama—Vām 79 51
- Īśānādhyusita—V 84 8
- Īśāna-linga—(under VS) L I. 92.106 and 137 q. by T. K. p. 105
- Īśāna-śikhara—(under Kedāra) Devī-purāṇa q by T. K p. 230
- Īśatīrtha—(under Narmadā) P. I 20. 69
- J
- Jagannātha—see under Puruṣottama
- Jāhnavī—(name of Gaṅgā) Vā. 91. 54-58 (story of sage Jahnu), N II 41. 35-36 (Jahnu drank it and let it off through his right ear), Br III. 56. 48 (Jahnu let it off from his belly), III, 66. 28.
- Jahnuhrada—N. II. 40. 90
- Jaigīśavyaguhā—(under VS) L. I. 92. 53
- Jaigīśavyeśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K 91
- Jāla—a Śāltaksetra, acc. to Bār. S. III. 124
- Jalabindu—(under Kōlāmukha) Var. 140 16
- Jālandhara—A (hill) M 13 46 (Devī was called Viśvamukhī on it), 22 64 (hill sacred to pitrs), according to Kal chap 18 51 Devī is called Candī on Jālandhara hill, whereon her breasts fell when Śiva carried her corpse, B (a town on the Sutlej in the Panjab) Vā 104. 80 (Jālandhara pītha seen on the chest of Veda-purusa personified), one of the pīthas of Laṭhī is probably Jālandhara. P VI 4 19-20, Br. IV, 44. 95 (Jālandhra) Vide A. G. pp 136-139
- Jāleśvara—A (a Śivatīrtha, one of the eight sthānas) M 181. 28 and 30, K II 40 35, B (under Narmadā) M 186 15 and 38 (a hrada named Jaleśvara), K II. 40 22, P. I 14. 3. Its utpatti in M 187, C (Jaleśvara near Śālagrāma) Var 144. 139-140
- Jalpīśa—T P pp 602-603 quoting Kōlikāpurāṇa
- Jāmadagnya-tīrtha—A (where the Narmadā falls into the sea) M 194 34-35, P I 21 34-35 (calls it Jamadagnitīrtha), B M 22 57-58 (on Godāvari, very efficacious for śrāddha).
- Jāmbīra—campaka (under Mathurā) Var. q by T. K p 190
- Jambukeśvara—(under VS) K I 35 4, P I. 37.4, L. I. 92.107, N. II. 50.67 (where demon Jambuka was killed by Śiva)
- Jambulā—(r rising from Rkṣipāda) Vā 45 100
- Jambūmārga—A (an āyātana) Devaḥ q. by T. K. 250, Vi. II. 13 33 (on the Ganges), Devaḥ q by T. K. p. 250

- separately mentions Jambūmārga and Kālāñjara as āyatanas, B (near Kuruksetra) V 82 41-42, 89, 13 (on Asita m), Anu 25 51, 166 24, M. 22 21, Br. III 13 38, C (near Puṣkara) P. I, 12 1-2, Ag 109.9, Vā 77 38.
- Jambūnadī—(rising from Candraprabha lake on slopes of Meru-Mandara peak) Br II. 18 68-69, Bh. V. 16 19
- Janakakūpa—(under Gayā) P I 38 28, V 84 111
- Janakēśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K. 119
- Janasthāna—Vide p 710 above V 147 33, V. 277 42, Sal 39 9 (in Dandakāranya), Vā 88 194, B 88 1 (four yojanas in extent), Rām VI 126 37-39, III 21 20, III 30 5-6
- Janeśvara—(under Narmadā) P I 13. 11 (sacred to pitrs)
- Janmēśvara—M 22 42
- Jāpyēśvara—(or Jāpyēśvara) K. II 43 17-42 (near the sea Nandi performed recitation of three crores of Rudra), Ag 112 4 (under VS)
- Jarāsandheśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p 115
- Jatālanda—(under Sānandūra) Var, 150 47 (to the south of Malaya mountain and north of the sea)
- Jāṭismarahrada—A (near Kṛṣṇa-Venā) V 85 38, B (uncertain location) V 84. 128, P I 38 45
- Jayanta—M 22, 73, Vām 51 51
- Jayantīlā—Br IV 44. 97 (one of the 50 pīthas sacred to Lalitā)
- Jayapura—(in Kāśmīra, capital of king Jayāpīda, surrounded by water, also called Dvāravatī in imitation of Śrīkṛṣṇa's Dvāravatī) R IV 501-511, K R pp. 13-16, SM pp 197-198 (marked by the present village Andarkot)
- Jayātīrtha—M 22 49
- Jayavana—(modern Zevan in Kāśmīra) R. I 220, Vik 18 70 (1½ gaṇyūti from Pravarapura) Zevan is mentioned in Ain A (vol II p. 358) as possessing a spring and reservoir considered sacred Taksakanāga is worshipped to this day in the large limpid pool situated close to the village Zevan. Vide A G. pp 101-102 for the situation of Jayavana, under Taksakanāga which is near Zevan
- Jayinī—P I 26. 16 (where there is Somatīrtha)
- Jesthila—(near Campakāranya) V 84. 134
- Jñānatīrtha—(under VS) K I 35.6, P. I 37 6
- Jñānavāpī—SK. IV. 33 (describes the origin and greatness of it), see p. 638 above
- Jvālmukhī—(a Devīsthāna) Devī-Bh. VII. 38 6
- Jvālāsaras—(on Amarakantaka m) Br. III 13 12
- Jvālēśvara—(near Amarakantaka) M 188 80 and 94-95, P I, 15 69, 77, 78 (one of the Tripuras burnt by Śiva fell here) It appears that the reference is to jets of natural gas, which burn when ignited
- Jyestheśvara—(modern Jyethir on the Dal lake near Śrīnagara in Kāśmīra) R. I 113, NM 1323-24. This was a form of Śiva in a temple which was built by king Gopāditya of Kāśmīra Stein in note on R I 113 states that there are three places in Kāśmīra called Jyestheśvara R I 124 says that Jalaula, son of Aśoka, built a shrine of Jyestheśvara, which would be the oldest temple in Kāśmīra
- Jyesthapuṣkara—(on Sarasvatī) V. 200. 66, P V 19. 12, 18, 20 (it is said to be 2½ yojanas long and a half yojana in width)
- Jyesthasthāna—(near Kotitīrtha) V 85 62
- Jyotīrathā or—rathiyā—(tributary of Sonā) V 85. 8, P. I 39 8
- Jyotismatī—(a tributary of Sarasvatī rising from a lake on Hemakūta) Vā. 47. 63, M 121 65, Br II 18. 66

Jyotsnā—(r. from Mānasa lake) Br. II. 18. 71

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Kacaliṅga—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 112.

Kadalinadi—(where dāna is most efficacious) M. 22. 52

Kadamba—(under Dvārakā) Var. 149. 52 (where Vṛṣṇis became purified)

Kadambakhandā—(a kunda under Mathurā) Var. 164. 26

Kadambesvara—(under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92. 161 (a liṅga established by Skanda)

Kādravati—(a holy place for śrāddha, japa, homa etc.) Vā. 77. 82

Kailāpura—(one of the 50 pithas of Lalitā) Br. IV. 44. 97

Kailāśaśikhara—(a peak of the Himālaya 22000 feet above sea level, 25 miles to north of Mānasa lake) V. 139. 41 (6 yojanas high), 153. 1, 158. 15-18, M. 121. 2-3; Br. IV. 44. 95 (one of the 50 pithas of Lalitādevī), vide Swami Pranavānanda's paper in J. U. P. H. S. vol. 19 pp. 168-180 and his book on 'Kailāśa Mānasarovara' and Sven Hedin's 'Trans Himālaya' (1909). Vide Dey pp. 82-83 Whether Kailāśa or the lake Mānasa is the source of four great rivers viz. Satlej, Indus, Brahmaputrā and Kārnālī is a moot point

Kākahraḍa (eminently fit for śrāddha) Br. III. 13. 85

Kākaśilā—(under Gayā) Vā. 108. 76, Ag. 116. 4

Kakubha—(a m.) Bh. V. 19. 16

Kakodmatī—(r. rising in Sahya) P. VI. 113. 25 (Koyanā in Satara District) Vide under Kṛṣṇā and TS p. 79. The Koyanā falls into Kṛṣṇā near Karād in Satara

Kālābhairava—(under VS) L. I. 92. 132

Kālāvanā—western boundary of Āryāvarta acc. to Mbh. vol. I, p.

475 (on Pān. II. 4. 10) and vol. III p. 174 (on Pān. VI. 3. 109). Dr. Agrawala in J. U. P. H. S. vol. 14 part 1, p. 15 says that it was part of Śāketa

Kālakesava—(under VS) K. I. 35. 7  
Kālāloti—(in Naimiṣa forest) V. 95. 3, Br. S. 14. 4

Kālānjara or Kālūjara—A (hill and fort in Bundelkhand) V. 85. 56, 87. 21, Vā. 77. 93, Vām. 84 (temple of Nīlakantha on it), Kālānjara was the capital of the Chandellas, vide E. I. vol. I p. 217, E. I. vol. IV p. 153. For Kālānjaramandala, vide E. I. vol. 19 p. 18 (plate dated *samvat* 893) Ain A. vol. II, p. 159 speaks of it as 'a stone fortress situated on a heaven-reaching hill. It contains many temples and an idol is there called Kālā Bhairava, 18 cubits high, of which marvellous tales are related. Springs rise within the fort and there are many tanks.' Vide I. G. I. vol. VI p. 349; B (as an *āyatana*) Devala q. by T. K. p. 250, C (under VS) K. II. 36. 11-38 (story of *rājara*: Sveta who constantly muttered Śatarudriya), P. I. 37. 15, D (shrine of Śiva under Go) B. 146. 1 and 43 (also called Yāyāta), E (said to be source of Narmadā called Kālūjari and a Śiva shrine) SK, Kālūkā-khandā q. by T. S. p. 98, F (under Mathurā) Var. 176. 18 (printed as Kālūjara); G R. VII. 1256 (some hilly district in Kāśmīra is meant)

Kālānjaraḥ—M. 181. 27 (Kālūjara, a Śiva-tirtha) q. by T. K. p. 241

Kālāpāgrāma—(probably near Badarikā) Vā. 91. 7, 99. 437 (Devāpi stays there and will be Kṛtavya-pravartaka when Kalyuga will end), Bh. X. 87. 7.

Kālāpaka—(about 100 yojanas from Kedāra) SK, I. 2. 6. 33-34

Kālāpavana—P. I. 28. 3

- Kalāsāhya-tīrtha—(where Agastya sprang from a jar) N II. 40, 87
- Kālasarpis—(a mahātīrtha of Kāśyapa) K. II 37 34, Vā 77. 87 (very fit for śrāddha), Br III. 13, 98
- Kalāśeśvara (under VS) L. q. by T K, p 99, P I, 37. 7
- Kālātīrtha—A (in Kosālā) V, 85 11-12, P I. 39 11 (both have same words), B (under VS) K. I 35 2
- Kalavinka—Anu 25 43
- Kālavimāla—(one of five tirthas in Kāśmīra) HC 4 83
- Kāleśa—(under Gayā) Ag 116 23
- Kāleśvara—A (under VS) L. I 92, 136, L. q. by T. K pp 45, 72, B (under Narmadā) M 191. 85 In Br. IV 44. 97 it is one of the 50 pīthas of Lalitā.
- Kālīhrada—(under Śālagrāma) Vār 145 45
- Kālī—A (r flows through Saharanpur District in U P) M. 22 20, Vām 57. 79, this river divides Nepal from Saharanpur, vide I G I vol. XXII p 102; B r. called Kālī Sind which falls into the Chambal
- Kālīkā—(r sacred to pīthas) M. 22.36
- Kālīkā-sangama—V. 84 156, P I 38 63 (same words in both), Ag 109 20
- Kālīkāśākhara—Devipurāna q. by T K. p. 244
- Kālīkāśrama—Anu 25 24 (on Vipāśā) NM 148
- Kālīndī—(see under Yamunā) P I. 29 I
- Kālīyabrada—(under Mathurā) Var. q by T. K p. 192, T. P p 515
- Kāllokaśeśara—(under Narmadā) K. II 41. 88
- Kalmāṣī—(Yamunā) S 78. 16
- Kālōdaka (lake)—A VDh S. 85 35 (acc. to Vajrayantī com.), Anu 25.60, B (lake situated on eastern half of mountain Haramukuta at 13000 feet above sea level) NM 1231-1233
- Kālōdālā—(r. in Kāśmīrā) Anu 25, 60, NM 1545
- Kalpagrāma—(under Mathurā) Var. 166 12 (shrine of Varāha in U. P there), probably modern Kālpī
- Kāma—a Śāltakṣetra, acc to the Bār. S III. 124.
- Kāmadhenupada—(under Gayā) Vā 112 56
- Kāmagiri—(m.) Br IV 39. 105, Bh. V, 19 16, Devī-Bh VIII 11 11.
- Kāmākhyā—A (a Rudratīrtha on Devikā river) V 82, 105, P. I 25.12 (same words in both); B (a Devīsthāna or temple of Tripurabhairavī on the beautiful Nīlācala hill overhanging the Brahmaputrā river) Devī-Bhāgavata VII. 38. 15, Kal. 64 2 (explains the name and the whole chap is mātmya) This last is about two miles from Gauhati and was famed even in ancient times; vide TP pp 599-601. Vide Shri B Kakati's paper on the Mother Goddess Kāmākhyā in 'Siddhabhārati' part II pp. 44 ff In Kal 18 42 and 50 it is said that on Kāmagiri in Kāmarūpa, the private parts of Satī fell when her corpse was carried by Śiva and Devī is known as Kāmākhyā there
- Kāmakosthaka (Kāmakoti)—Pītha of Tripurasundarī—Kāmāksī Br IV. 5 6-10, IV. 40 16 (in Kāñcī), IV. 44.94 (one of the 50 pīthas of Lalitā), Bh X 79. 14 (Kāmakosīm purīm Kāñcim)
- Kāmāksā—(in Ahicchatra) a Devīsthāna established by Sumada, P. IV 12 54-60
- Kāmāksī—(in the east) N II 69 (for mātmya)
- Kāmālāksa—(here Devī is called Mahotpalā) M 13 34
- Kāmālālaya—M 13 32 (here Devī is called Kāmālā)
- Kāmatīrtha—(under south bank of Narmadā) K II. 41 55, G. I 81. 9,

- Kambalāśvatarau Nāgau—A (under Prayāga) M 106 27, 110, 8, K. I. 37. 19 (on south bank of Yamunā), Ag. 111. 5; B two Nāgas (i. e. springs or pools) in Kāśmīra, NM 1052
- Kambalāśvatarākṣa—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 102
- Kamboṭikeśvara—(under Narmadā) P. I. 18. 60
- Kambutirtha—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 136. 1
- Kāmeśvara-linga—(under VS) Sk IV 33, 122
- Kāmeśvarīpitha—(Kal. 84 describes the yātrā)
- Kāmīla—(where Gandakī river joins Devikā) Var. 144. 84-85
- Kāmodāpura—(on the Ganges) N. II. 68 (contains Kāmodāmāhātmya). Four maidens arose at the churning of the ocean viz Ramā, Vārūnī, Kāmodā and Varā, of whom Viṣṇu accepted three and Vārūnī was taken away by the asuras, chap 68 18. It is 10 yojanas above Gangādvāra
- Kampanā (r.)—V. 84 115-116, Bhī 9. 25
- Kāmyaka—āśrama (of the Pāṇḍavas) V. 146. 6
- Kāmyaka-saras—S 52. 20
- Kāmyakavanī—A (on the banks of the Sarasvatī) V 36 41 (where Pāṇḍavas went from Dvāitavana), Vām 41. 30-31; B (under Mathurā) 4th out of the 12 vanas
- Kanādeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. 92
- Kanakā—(r. under Gayā) Vā 108 80
- Kanaka—(under Mathurā) Var. q. by T. K. 189
- Kanakanandī—(a river to the north of Munda-prsthā at Gayā) N II. 44 62, Vā 77 105 (Kanakanandī), h II. 37 41-43 (reads Brahmaprsthā)
- Kanakavāhinī (r. in Kāśmīra now called Kanakani flowing past Buthser i. e. Bhūteśvara) NM 1445, R. I. 149-150 (flows into river Sind). See SM. P 211 NM (1539-42) says that the confluence of Sindhu and Kanakavāhinī is equal to VS
- Kanakeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 104
- Kanakhala—A (on the Ganges about two miles from Haridvāra) V 84 30, Anu 25.13, V Dh S 85 14, K II 37 10-11, SK I 1 2 11 (where Rudra destroyed Dakṣayājñā), Vā 83 21, Vām. 4.57, vide T. P. p. 377, B (under Gayā between Utiara and Dakṣa Mānasa) Vā 111 7, Ag. 115 23, N. II 46 46, C (under Narmadā) M 183 69, P. I. 20 67 (where Garuḍa practised tapas), D (under Mathurā) Var 152 40-49 (where a barber Kāmpīya in Pāñcāla country bathed in Yamunā and was born as a brāhmana)
- Kāñcanāśī—(r. near Naimisa forest) Vām 83 2
- Kāñci or Kāñcīpurī—vide pp 711-712 above A—one of the seven holy cities, capital of the Colas and a Devisthāna called Annapūrnā P VI. 110.5, Devī-Bh. VII 38 8, Br IV, 5 6-10 and IV, 39 15, Bh X 79 14, Vā 104 76, P IV 17.67, Bār S III 124 (a Śāktakṣetra). In a new Inscription of Jayavarman I from Cambodia a king of Kāñci appears to be referred to (vide 'Inscriptions du Cambodge' edited by G Coedes, vol I p. 8 'adhārmikajana—dhvāntam navoditavivasatā' ālāñcīpura-nrpa (rest lost); B (under Narmadā, P. I 17.8
- Kāñtipurī—vide p 678 note 1535 above. It may be noted that the text of the Ain A had Kāñtī. Vide Ain A vol. III p 305 n 4, SK IV. 7. 100-102, Māheśvarī Khanda, sub section Kedāra, 27 33 (the luga Alālanātha therein) Kāñtipurī in the Mirzapur District was the capital of the Bhāraṣyas. Jayswal in 'History of India' (150-350 A. D.) p 123 quotes as from Vi. the passage

- 'Navanāgāh Padmāvatyām Kāntipurām Mathurāyām. bhoksyanti'. The Venk ed. of V<sub>1</sub> omits the words 'Kāntipurām Mathurāyām' and Dr Hall in Wilson's translation, vol IV p 217 notes that one of his best mss does the same. Kāntipurī occurs in Br. III. 13 94-95.
- Kanvāśrama—A (on the river Mālīnī in the Saharanpur District) V 82 45, 88. 11, V Dh S 85 30, Ag 109 10. In the Śākuntala Act I Kanvāśrama is said to be along the bank of the Mālīnī, in Śat. Br 13 5 4 13 we read 'Śakuntalā Nādapityapsarā Bharatam dadhe,' on which the commentator Harisvāmin states that Nādapit was the name of Kanva's āśrama, B on Carmanvatī, four miles south-east of Kotā in Rajputana Vide Dey p. 89
- Kanyā (on the southern sea, same as Kumārī, Cape Comorin) Bh X 79. 17 (Kanyābhyām Durgādevīm dadarśa sah), see under Kumārī
- Kanyāhrada—Anu 25.53
- Kānyakubja—(one of the 50 pithas of Lahtā) Br IV 44. 94, V 87 17 (where Viśvāmitra drank soma with Indra), M 13 29 (Devī is called Gaurī in Kānyakubja i.e. Kanoj), Anu 4.17, P V 35 (Rāma established image of Vāmana here on the southern bank of river Kālīnadī which ultimately falls into the Ganges), P. VI 129 9 The Mbh (vol II p 233 on Pān IV 1.79) mentions Kānyakubjī Rām I. 32 6 says Mahodaya was founded by Kusānābha, son of Kusā, son of Brahmā The A C p 182 states that Kānyakubja, Mahodaya, Kanyākubja, Gādhapura are synonyms (verses 973-74). Vide under Mahodaya and A G pp 376-382; Ptolemy mentions it (p 134) as Kanagora and Kanogiza.
- Kanyākūpa—Anu 25 19
- Kanyā—samvedya—V. 84 136, P. I. 38. 52
- Kanyāśrama—V. 83 189, P. I. 12 5, 27 75, 39 35.
- Kanyātīrtha—A (near the sea) V. 83. 112, 85 23, K II. 44 9, P. I. 39 21, B (under Narmadā) M 193 76, K II 42 21, C (in Naimisa forest) V 95. 3, P. I 27 1
- Kapālamocanātīrtha—A (in VS) V. 83 137, SK IV. 33 116, N II 29. 38-60 (Śiva cut off one of Brahmā's head, which stuck to his hand from which he became free at this tīrtha), Śal 39, 8, M. 183 84-103, Vām 3. 48-51, Var. 97 24-26, P V 14. 185-189, K I 35 15 (same story in these five purāṇas); B (on Sarasvatī, otherwise called Ausānasa) Vām. 39.5-14 (where sage Rahodara got rid of the head of a rākṣasa sticking to his neck and killed by Rāma), Śal 39 9-22 (same story of Rahodara), vide ASR of India vol. XIV pp 75-76 for the situation of this (10 miles to the south-east of Sadhora), legend of Śiva being freed from sin of cutting Brahmā's head and description, C (under Avantī) N II 78.6, D (in Kāśmīra, modern Degām in Śūpiyan pargana) R VII 266 (and Stein's n), HC X 249, XIV 111, E (in Māyāpura i.e. Haridvāra) P VI 129 28
- Kapāleśvara (under VS) L q. by T K. 58
- Kapardiśvara (one of the gubya lingas in VS) K I. 32.12, I 33 4-11 and 28-49, P I. 35 1
- Kapatesvara (on the southern side of the Kāśmīra valley close to modern Kothera) R I 32, HC XIV 34 and 135, NM 1178, 1202, 1329-1357 (legend how Śiva shows himself in the disguise of a piece of wood); SM pp. 178-179, Ain A vol II p 358 says 'in the valley of Kothhar

- is a deep spring...when its water decreases an image of Mahādeva in sandalwood appears'
- Kāpila (under VS) K I, 35 9
- Kāpilā—A (a stream under Gayā) Vā 108.57-58, Ag 116 5; B (river on the south side of Narmadā) M 186.40, 190.10, K. II 40 24, P I. 13 35 (same verse in last two). It joins Narmadā at Barwani in Central India
- Kapiladhārā—Vām, 54 24 Dey p 4 (under Amarakantaka) says that the first fall of the Narmadā from Amarakantaka is called Kapiladhārā in Shandapurāna
- Kāpiladvīpa—(Ananta is Vismu's *gūhya* name there) Nr 65 7 q. by TK p. 251 (which reads 'Anantam kapilam dvīpe')
- Kapilabhada (under VS) V 84 78, N II. 50 46, P I 32 41, L I. 92 69-70, N. II. 66 35 mentions under Haridvāra a tirtha of that name
- Kapilānāgarāja—V 84 32, P. I 28 32 (same verse in both)
- Kapilāsāngama—A (with Narmadā) M. 186 40, P. II 18 1, VI 242, 42, B (under Go.) B 141 1 and 28-29
- Kapilātirtha—A (under Viraja in Orissa) B 42 6, B (on north bank of Narmadā) M 193.4, K II 41. 93-100, P I 17 7, V 83.47, T. S p. 100, C (on the south bank of Go) B 155 1-2 (also called Āṅgurasa, Āditya and Saimbikēya).
- Kapilātirtha—(under Kapatesvara in Kāśmīra) HC 14. 113
- Kapilāvata—(near Nāgatirtha and Kanakhala) V 84 31, P. I. 28. 31
- Kapileśahaga—(under VS) SK IV 33. 158
- Kapatesvara-linga—A (under VS) L. q. by T. K pp 57, 107; B (under Narmadā) P II. 83 26
- Kāpisi—(r. in Utkala & Orissa) Raghu. IV. 38. May be identified with Kasi flowing through Midnapur.
- Kāpisi—(r.) Pān. IV. 2.99 mentions it; it is the Kapisene of Greek writers.
- Kāpota—(under Go) B 80. 5 and 92
- Kāpotalatirtha—(under Sābhramatī) P VI 155. 1 (here the r. turns to the east).
- Kapotesvara—(under Śrīparvata) L. I 92 156
- Karahātala—(modern Karad in the Satara District on the confluence of the Krmā and the Koyanā) S 31. 70, Vik 8 2 It is mentioned in inscriptions from about 200 B. C. Vide Cunningham's 'Bharhut stūpa' p 131 for a donation of the guild of Karahātala, pp 135 and 136 for gift of pillars by certain inhabitants of Karahātala Coins of the *Ksatrapas* ruling up to 300 A. D. were found at Karad Vide Bom G. vol I part 1 p 58; and Talegaon copperplates of Rāstrakūta Kṛṣṇarāja I dated *śaka* 690 (768 A.D.) in E. I. vol XIII p. 275
- Kārandhama (on the south sea) Ādi 216 3
- Karāñjatirtha (under Narmadā) M. 190 11
- Kārantuka (under Kuruksetra) Vām 22 60. Vide p. 683 above
- Kārapacava (on the Yamunā) Pañcavimsā Br. 25 10.23, Āśv Sr XII 6, Kātyāyana Śr S. 24.6 10
- Karapāda (shrine of Śiva) Vām q by TK p. 235
- Kārapavana (near source of Sarasvatī) Śal. 54 12 and 13
- Karatoyā (r. flowing through the districts of Rangpur, Dinajpur and Bogra in Bengal and being the western boundary of Kāmarūpa) V 85 3, S. 9 22, Anu. 25 12 The Amarakośa says that Karatoyā and Sadānirā are synonyms Acc to Mār 54 25 it rises in the Vinidhya, while Vā 45 100 says it rises in Rāsapāda In Sm. C I. p. 132 the



*mantra* in invoking the river begins 'Karatoye Sadānīre' (thus identifying the two)

Kāravatī (a place fit for śrāddha) Br. III 13 92

Karavīra—A (modern Kolhapur) M. 13.41 (*Karavīre Mahālakṣmī*) = P. V. 17 205, M 22 76, Anu 25 44, P VI 108 3, C I vol III p 207, 210, a grant of Śilāditya Vyayāditya of śake 1065 mentions Kṣullakapura which appears to be meant for Kolhapura. It occurs as Kollāpura in Miraj plates of Jayasimha II (a Cālukya) in 1024 A D (E I vol XII p 303, 306) Vide I A vol 29 p. 280 for the spelling of the name, B (capital of Brahmāvarta on Drśadvatī) Kāhkapurāna 49.71, NM 147, C (city in Sahya near Gomanta hill) Harivamśa (Viṣṇuparva) 39 50-64

Karavīraka-tīrtha—A (under VS) L. q by T K p 70, B (under Kubjāmraha) Var. 126 48-51

Kardamāla—A (under Gayā) M 22 77, Ag 116 13, N II 60 24, B (under Sābhramatī) P VI 165 7 and 10

Kardamāśrama—(near Bindusaras) Bh III. 21. 35-37

kardamila—V 135 1 (where Bharata was crowned).

Karkandha—Vām 51 52

karkotalakṣvara—(under Narmadā) M 191 36

Karmāvarohana—(under Māthurā) Var q by TK p 190

Karmesvara—(under Śrīparvata) L I. 92 152

Karnabhrada—(near Gaṅgāsarasvatī-sangama) P I 32 4

Karnaprayāga—Vide under Alaknandā and U. P Gazetteer, vol. 36 (for Garhwal) p 172

kartīkeya—A (Devī is called Yaśaskarī here) M 13 45, B (under Go) B 81, 1, G I 81. 9

kārtīkeya-kunda—(under Lohārgala) Var. 151 61

Kārtīkeyapada—(in Gayā) Vā 109. 19, 111. 54

Kāśī—Vide pp. 618-642 above It is probably the Kassida of Ptolemy (p. 228), AC (p 182) notes that Kāśī Varānasi, Vārānasi and Śivapurī are synonyms (verse 974)

Kāśmīra-maṇḍala—The ancient name seems to have been Kāśmīra. The Mbh (vol II p. 119) on Pān III. 2 114 employs this form (ābhijānāsī Devadatta Kāśmīrān gamisyāmah) Kāśmīra as the name of a country occurs in the Sindhvādigaṇa (Pān. IV. 3. 93). In NM the country is called Kāśmīra in many verses such as 5, 11, 43, 50, but sometimes Kāśmīra also Later works also like H. C 14 45 employ the form Kāśmīra, the Vyk (18 1 and 18) uses the form Kāśmīra. NM (292-93) derives the name from *ka* meaning water (lam vārī Harinā yasmād-deśād-asmād-apāhrtam) Kāśmīrākhyam tato hyasya nāma loke bhāṣyati || Ptolemy speaks of it as Kasperia and states that the country was situated below the sources of Bidaspes (Vitastā), Sandabal (Candrabhāgā) and Adris (Irāvātī) Vide Ptolemy pp 108-109 and NM 43. The Vanaparva speaks of the whole country of Kāśmīra as holy (130 10) An. A. (vol II p. 354) notes that the whole of Kāśmīra is regarded as holy ground Vide also V 82. 90, S 27 17, Anu 25. 8 According to a treaty in 1846 with the Maharaja of Kashmir and Jammu the territories of the Maharaja are 'situated to the eastward of the river Indus and westward of the river Rāvi' I G I vol. XV p 72. The Kashmir valley is approximately 84 miles in length and 20 to 25 miles in breadth (I. G I vol XV p 74) Stein (SM p 63) says that its extent is confined to the great valley drained

by the head waters of the Vitastā and to the minor slopes of mountains that surround it. Hiouen T'sang (Beal's B R W W vol 1. p 148) states that 'Kāśmīra kingdom is about 7000 *li* (one *li* being equal to about 5½ miles), that as the country is protected by a dragon it has always assumed superiority among neighbouring people, that they love learning and are well instructed and that (p. 149) the country was once a dragon lake and that afterwards it became dry'. The words of Hiouen T'sang refer to an ancient legend according to which Kashmīr was originally a lake (called Satīśaras) 6 yojanas long and 3 yojanas wide and later became Satīdeśa (NM 64-66), that Umā herself is the country of Kāśmīra (NM 31), that the divine Vitastā rising in the Himālayas is like the *śimanta* (line parting the hair) of this holy land (NM 45). The legend runs that Viṣṇu conferred a boon on Vāsuki-nāga who prayed to Viṣṇu when Garuda began to devour all nāgas that he should stay in the Satīdeśa along with the other nāgas, that no enemy would kill any nāga (NM 105-107) and that Nīla was made king of nāgas in the Satīdeśa (NM 110). The residence of Nīla is the famous fountain near the village of Vērnāg in the Shababād *ḥargana*. A certain demon called Jalodbhava grew in the Satī lake and killed men (NM 111-123 and Vām. 81 30-33). Nīla approached the sage Kaśyapa the father of all Nāgas, at whose intercession Viṣṇu asked Anantanāga to pierce the hills and make the lake dry and then killed the demon Jalodbhava (R I 25). Then Viṣṇu asked the Nāgas to live in peace and harmony with men. Satī became the river Vitastā. Vide Kūrma II. 43 4. Nāga in Kashmīr means the tutelary

deity presiding over the several holy springs, pools and lakes in which Kāśmīra abounds. Both NM (1130-31) and R (I 38) state that there is not a spot in Kāśmīra even as small as a grain of sesamum which is not a tirtha and has not a nāga as its presiding deity. In An A (vol II p 354) Abul Fazl notes that there were in his day 45 shrines of Mahādeva, 64 of Viṣṇu, 3 of Brahmā and 22 of Durgā and that in 700 places there were graven images of snakes which were worshipped and about which wonderful stories were told. R (I 72) and NM (313-314) say that the country of Kāśmīra is Pārvatī, that the king thereof should be deemed to be a part of Śiva and that none who desires prosperity should disobey (or disrespect) the king. R (I. 42) summarises in one verse the peculiar features of Kāśmīra viz 'learning, lofty dwellings, saffron, water containing ice and grapes, these are common here, although rare in the three worlds'.

Kaśyapapada—(under Gayā) Vā 109. 18, 111 49 and 58

Kaśyapatīrtha—A (called Kālasarpīh) Vā 77 87, Br. III 13 98, B (under Sābhrawatī) P VI. 157 1

Kaśyapeśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K. p 75

Kaśeśvara—(near Candrabhāgā) M. 191. 63-64

Kātyāyaneśvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K p 120

Kauberā—one of the Sārasvatīrthas, Devala q. by T K p 250

Kauberatīrtha—Śal 47 25 (where Kubera secured the lordship of wealth)

Kaumārātīrtha—(a lake) Br. III. 13. 86

Kaunata—Vām 51 53

- Kaundinyasaras—(Kramasāra is so K called in Kāsmīra) NM 1481-1483
- Kauśāmbi—(modern Kosam, about 30 miles to the west of Allahabad on the Jumna), Rām I 32, 6 states that it was founded by Kuśāmba, son of Kuśa, son of Brahmā, T K p. 246 The Mbh. mentions it several times (vide vol III pp 50, 134 on Pān, VI, 1 31 and VI 2 130) Vide AG pp 391-398 and under Hastinā-pura A. C. (p. 182) says it is the capital of the Vatsa country Vide 'Early History of Kauśāmbi' by Nagendranath Ghosh The Kauśāmbi Pillar edict of Aśoka (C. I I vol 1 p 159) mentions the mahā-mātras of this city In JRAS for 1898 pp 503-519 Vincent Smith disputes the identification of modern Kosam with Kauśāmbi. Vide C. I vol XI p 141 on different views about the location of Kauśāmbi
- Kauśikahrada—(on r Kauśikī) V 84 142-143, P I 38 58 (where Viśvāmitra obtained the highest *siddhi*)
- Kauśikī—A (r from Himālaya, modern Kusī) Ādi 215 7, V 84 132, M 22 63, 114 22, Rām I. 34, 7-9, Bh IX 15. 5-12 (Satyavatī, daughter of Gādhi, became r Kauśikī), Vām 54 22-24 (so called because it was the dark *kośa* of Kālī cast off by her when she became fair), 78 5, 90 2, Vā 45 94, 91 85-88. This river was called Pārā by Viśvāmitra (Ādi 71 30-32), B (under Gayā) V. 87. 13, Vā 108 81 (Kauśikī brahmadā jyesthā) Here brahmadā is apparently an adjective of Kauśikī and not the name of another river as Prof Dikṣitar (Purāna Index, vol. II, p 507) thinks
- Kauśikī—Kōlā-snāgama—Var 140 75-78
- auśikī-mahā-brada—Vā 77. 101, Br. III. 13. 109
- Kauśikī—sangama (with Drsadvatī) P. I. 26 89, Vām 34. 18 This seems to be another Kauśikī apart from the two mentioned above
- Kauśikī-tirtha—(under Narmadā) M. 194 40
- Kauśikīyārūṇā—saṅgama—V. 84 156, P I 38 63
- Kaustubheśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K 60
- Kāveri—A (r in south India rising in Sahya m.) V 85 22, Anu 166 20, Vā 45 104, 77. 28, M. 22 64, K, II 37 16-19, P. I. 39 20, P. VI. 224. 3, 4 and 19 (is called Marudvrdhā), Nr 66. 7 (says that Kāveri is Daksina-Gaṅgā), there is a fine description of it in the Tamil epic Śilappadikāram (X 102 ff, pp 160 ff of Prof Dikṣitar's translation), B (a r rising in the Rappiella hills and falling into Narmadā on its northern bank opposite Śulla-tirtha) M 189 12-14, K. II 40. 40, P. I. 16 6-11 (Kubera got *yakṣādhipatya* here), Ag. 113 3
- Kāverisaṅgama—(with Narmadā) Ag. 113 3 and vide under B above.
- Kāyāsodhana—V 83 42-43
- Kāyāvarohana—A (modern Kārvān, 15 miles south of Baroda and in the Dabhoi Taluka) Vā 23 221-222 (here Nakulī or Lakulī, the founder of Pāśupata doctrines, flourished), M 22.30, K, II 44 7-8 (state that this was a shrine of Mahādeva and the doctrines of Mahēśvara were promulgated here). E. I. vol XXI pp. 1-7 (Mathurā Inscription of Candragupta II dated in Gupta year 61 i. e. 380 A D shows that Lakulī, the founder of the Pāśupata sect, flourished in the 2nd century A D. B (a Śivatirtha in Benares) M. 181 26. In M 13 48 Devī is said to be styled Mātā in Kāyāvarohana)

- Kedāra**—A (one of the eight Śiva-tīrthas in Benares) V. 87. 25, M 181. 29, K I. 35. 12 and II 20. 34 (a very fit place for śrāddha), Ag. 112. 5, L. I. 92. 7 and 134. B (in Tehri Gadhwal and called Kedāra-nātha) VDb S 85. 17; it is 11750 ft. above sea level, there are five Kedāras, viz. Kedāranātha, Tonga-nātha, Rudranātha, Madhyameśvara and Kaṭpeśvara Vide U. P Gazetteer, vol 36 p 173 (for Garhwal), C (in Kāśmīra) HC 8. 69 (one krośa below Vijayeśvara), D (under Gayā) N. II 46. 46, E (of Kapīsthala) P I. 26. 69.
- Keśava**—A (in Benares) M. 185. 68, B (under Mathurā) Var 163. 63
- Keśinī-tīrtha**—(under Narmadā) P. I 21. 40
- Keśitīrtha**—(under Ganges) TP p 515
- Ketakīvana**—Vide under Vaidyanātha.
- Ketumālā**—(r. in the west) V. 89. 15
- Khadgadhārī-tīrtha** or **Khadgadhāreśvara**—P VI 147. 1 and 67. Vide Bom G vol. IV p, 6 for description
- Khadgapucchanāga**—(in Kāśmīra) HC. X. 251 (about 1½ krośa above Vijayeśvaraketra, now called Khan-bal in Anantanāg pargana)
- Khadgatīrtha**—A (under Sābhramatī) P VI 140. 1, B (under Go.) B 139. 1 (on the northern bank)
- Khadiravana**—(under Mathurā) Var. 153. 39 (7th vana out of 12)
- Khandatīrtha**—(under Sābhramatī) P VI 137. 12 (also called Vrsatīrtha)
- Khāndava (vana)**—boundary of Kurukṣetra in Tai. Ā V 1. 1. Vide above p. 681. The name occurs in Tāndya Brāhmaṇa 25. 3. 6, Ādi 223-225. Bh I 15. 8, X 58. 25-27, X 71. 45-46, P. VI. 200. 5
- Khāndavaprastha**—(a city) Ādi 61. 35, 221. 15, Bh X 73. 32 (where Kṛṣṇa, Bhīma and Arjuna returned after destroying Jarāśandha)
- Khatvāṅgeśvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T. K 56
- Khonamusa**—(in Kāśmīra) Birth place of poet Bilhana and famous for saffron cultivation Vā. I 72. XVIII. 71 (reads Khonamulha), SM p 166 (modern Khonamoh, which has two hamlets).
- Kikilīśa**—(under Gayā) Ag. 116. 31.
- Kimadatta**—Kūpa-V 83. 98
- Kimśukavana**—Vā 38. 27-32 (between Vasudhāra and Ratnadhāra)
- Kimśulūka**—name of a m acc to Pān. VI. 3. 117 (vanagurjoh sañjñāyām kotara-kimśulūkaādīnām) The Kāśikā mentions five forests (including Kotaravana) and six gurs (including Kimśulūka), which cannot be identified with certainty.
- Kimyañā**—P. I 26. 74.
- Kindāna**—P I. 26. 74, V 83. 79
- Kinkinīkṣārama**—Anu 25. 23
- Kiranā**—(r.) Vām. 84. 5 Vide p 636
- Kiraneśvara-līṅga**—(under VS) SK IV 33. 155
- Kishindhā**—(about two miles from lake Pampā to the north-east) V 280. 16, Rām IV 9. 5, IV. 14. 1 & Mbh. (vol III. p 96) on Pān VI 1. 157 mentions 'Kishindhā-guhā' The word occurs in the Sindhvādī gana (Pān IV. 3. 93) It is identified with modern Vijayanagar and Anegundi Vide I G I vol. XIII p 235 Br S 14. 10 calls Kishindhā a country in south-east.
- Kishindhaguhā**—Vā 54. 116 (probably the same as Kishindhā)
- Kishindhaparvata**—M 13. 46 (Devī is called Tārā on that m.)
- Kohā**—(r.) Var 214. 45, B 219. 20
- Kohāmukha**—(or Varābhaksetra, on the Trivenī above Nāthapura in Parnia District) V 84. 158, Anu. 25. 52. Var. 122 (is Kohāmukha-māhātmya), 123. 2, 140. 10-13 (q by T. K pp 213-214), B 219. 8-10 (gods asked a damsel 'Kūśī bhadre prabhuḥ ko vā bhavatyāh'), K. I. 31. 47, II. 35. 36

- (it is a Visnutirtha), P. I. 38.65; Var. (140.60-84) says that the kṣetra is five yojanas in extent and that there is an image of Viṣṇu in the Boar incarnation Vide E I vol. 15 pp. 138-139 for an Inscription of Budhagupta recording the installation of Kolāmukhasvāmī, and Dr B. C. Law Presentation Volume I pp 189-191, I H. Q. vol. XXI p. 56
- Kokila—(under VS) P. I. 37 16, P V 11. 10
- Kolāhala—(a m.) Vā. 45 90, 106. 45, Br. II 16 21, Mār. 54 12, Vi. III 18. 73; same as Brahmayonī hill according to Dr. Mitra. Vide pp. 646. 656 above. According to the Ādi. 63. 35 it is in Cedi country and barred the flow of river Śuktimatī
- Kolāpura—(modern Kolhāpur, one of the Devīsthānas) Devī-Bh. VII 38. 5, P. VI. 176. 42 (where there is a shrine of Lakṣmī), 182. 1 (astī Kolhāpuram nāma nagaram Dakṣināpathe) and 11. Acc. to Br. IV. 44. 97, it is sacred to Lalitā. In a grant of Śīlāhāra Vijayāditya of śake 1065 (1143 A.D.) occurs the word Kullakāpura, which is another name of Kolhapur; E. I. vol. III. p. 207 at pp. 209-210. The grantor is described as 'one who has obtained the favour of a boon from goddess Mahālakṣmī'. In the Sanjan plates of Amoghavarṣa I of śake 793 (871 A.D.) it is stated that the king, in order to ward off some public calamity, cut off his left finger and dedicated it to goddess Mahālakṣmī (E I vol. 18. p. 235 at p. 241). This Mahālakṣmī appears to be the same as that of Kolhāpur. Vide I. A. vol. 29 p. 280 for Kollāpura.
- Kolla—a Śāktakṣetra acc. to Bār. S. III. 124
- Kollaguri—Ag. 110 21, Bh. V. 19. 16
- Konārka or Konāditya—(in Odra i. e. Orissa, about 24 miles north-west of Jagannātha Purī). It means 'the sun of Kona'. Konālona appears to have been the ancient name. It is a most exquisite memorial of sun-worship. It contains magnificent ruins of a temple of the Sun, which was built by the Gaṅga king Narasimhadeva (1238-1264 A.D.). It is a glorious and most beautiful example of north Indian Hindu architecture ever erected. It had a tower over 180 feet in height and a porch (*mandapa*) in front of 140 feet high. See Mitra's 'Antiquities of Orissa' vol II pp. 145-156 and Hunter's 'Orissa' vol I p. 238 and 'Sungod of Konārka unearthed' (with illustrations) in Modern Review for 1945 pp 67-72 The Sun temple shows some of the finest animal sculptures executed in India. Vide B. 28, verses 2, 9, 11, 47, 65 and 29.1 and T. C. pp. 180 ff. It is probably the Kannagara of Ptolemy (vide Ptolemy p 70)
- Kosālā—(r. near Ayodhyā) P. I. 39. 11, VI 205 13, 207. 35-36, 208. 27. In a grant of Vākātaka king Narendrasena he is praised as honoured by the kings of Kosālā (Kosala), Mekala and Mālava. Vide E. I. vol. IX p. 271.
- Kotarā-tirtha—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 152.2 and 13 (associated with Anuruddha for whom Kṛṣṇa fought with Bānāsura)
- Kotarā-vana—named by Pān, VI. 3 117 and VIII 4 4 Vide under Kimsuluka and Pān VIII. 4. 4 for the names of five *vanas*.
- Kotikēśvara—(under Narmadā) P I. 18.36
- Koṭīśvara—A (under VS) L. q. by T.K. 54. B (under Śrīparvata) L I 92. 157, C (under Pañcanada) Vām 34.29, is it the Koṭīśvara, which is a famous place of pilgrimage on the western shore of Kachh, Close to the Indus and the ocean? A. G. pp 303-4 and Bom. G. vol. V. pp. 229-231

- Koṭtīrtha**—A (near Prthūdaka) Vām. 51 53, 84. 11-15 (where Śiva assumed one crore of forms for crores of sages eager to see Śiva); B (near Bhartīsthāna) V. 55. 61; C (under Prayāga) M 106 44, D (under Mathurā) Var 152. 62, 154. 29, E (under Narmadā) M. 191 7, K II 41. 34, P I 13 33 and 18 8 (a crore of asuras were killed there); F (on south bank of Go) B 148. 1, G (near Gaṅgādāvāra) V. 82 49, V. 84. 77, N II 66 29, H (under Gayā) Ag 116 6, I (in Pañcanada) P I 26. 14, Vām 34. 28 (so called because Hara collected there the waters of crores of tīrthas) J (in Kāśmīra near Bāramūla, modern Kotīsar) K R. p. 12
- Kotivata**—(under Kolāmulha) Var. 140. 47-50, 147 40
- Kramasāra**—(a lake in Kāśmīra, called Viṣṇupada also) NM 1481-82
- Kratutīrtha**—(under Narmadā) P I. 21 9
- Krauñcapāda**—(under Gayā) Vā 108 75-77 (a sage in the form of Krauñca bird practised *tapas* on it), N II 46 52, Ag 116 7
- Krauñcapadī**—Anu. 25. 42
- Krauñcaparvata**—(part of Kailāsa on which Mānasa lake is situated) Tai. Ā. I. 31. 2 mentions this m. (Sudarsane ca Krauñce ca Maināge ca mahāgirau), Rām IV 43. 26-31, Bhī. 111. 47 (pierced by the missile of Skanda), Śal 17 51, and 46 83-84.
- Krauñcāranya**—(three krosas from Janasthāna) Rām III 69. 5-8
- Kriyā** (r. rising from Rīsavatī) Br. II. 16. 29
- Kṛhālāsātīrtha**—(also called Nrgatīrtha) T. P. p. 543. Anu. 6. 38 and chap. 70, Rām (VII. 53) narrates how King Nrga became a chameleon.
- Kṛmicandēśvara**—(one of the eight Śivasthānas in Banaras) M. 181. 29
- Kṛśodaka**—Var. 215. 87-88
- Kṛpā**—(r. rising in m. Suktimat) M. 114. 32, Br. II. 16. 38
- Kṛpāntīrtha**—(on hill Mundapṛstha in Kāśmīra) NM. 1253, 1460
- Kṛsnā**—A (r. rising in Sahya at Mahābaleśvara) B 77 5, P. VI. 113 25, Vām. 13 30, B Vām 78. 7, 90, 2 (Viṣṇu as Hayaśīra on the river); compared to its length and modern importance the river Kṛsnā is rarely mentioned as Kṛsnā, but generally as Kṛṣṇa-Venā or-Venā It is the third largest river of the Deccan and southern India, the other two being the Godāvarī and the Kāverī In the Mahābaleśvara *mahātmya* (JBBRAS vol. X, at p. 16 five rivers called Gangā are said to rise from the top of Sahya near Mahābaleśvara viz. Kṛsnā, Venī, Kaludmatī (Koyṇā), Sāvitrī (that falls into the Arabian sea near Bāṅkor) and Gāyatrī (supposed to combine with Sāvitrī).
- Kṛṣṇa gaṅgā**—(under Mathurā) Var. 175. 3
- Kṛṣṇagaṅgodbhavatīrtha**—(under Mathurā) Var. 176 43 (the whole chap. deals with its *mahātmya*).
- Kṛṣṇagiri**—(m.) Vā 45 91, Br II. 16, 22
- Kṛṣṇatīrtha**—(near Kuruksetra) Vām. 81. 9
- Kṛṣṇa-Venā**—Bhī. 9. 16, M 22, 45, Ag. 118. 7, B 27. 35, Vā 45. 104, occurs in Emperor Khāravela's inscription in E. I. vol XX at p. 77 as Kanhabemṇā The Anu 166, 22 mentions Venyā and Kṛṣṇa-Venā separately. In the Alas plate of Rāstrakūṭa Govind II dated *śaka* 692 (769 A D.) the confluence of Kṛṣṇavernā and Musī is referred to (E I vol. VI. 205).
- Kṛṣṇā-Venyā**—(as one river and same as above) P. VI. 108, 27 (confluence of Kṛsnā and Venyā), VI. 113 3 and 25 (Kṛsnā is the body of Kṛṣṇa), Sm. C I p 132 gives a mantra for the bath in Kṛsnā-Venyā Vide. TS pp. 67-83, of which p. 70 states that all

- rivers rising from Sahya destroy sins the moment they are remembered and that Kṛṣṇa-Venā is the best of all such rivers. Māhuk about four miles from Satara is at the confluence of Kṛṣṇā and Yennā (which stands for Venyā).
- Kṛṣṇa-Venī—(same as above two) M. 114. 29, Rām V 41. 9 In T.S. pp. 67-83 there is a *māhātmya* of Kṛṣṇavenī from SK.
- Kṛtāmālā—(r. rising in Malaya) Vā 45 105, B 27 36, M 114 30, Br. III. 35 17, Bh VIII 24 12, X 79. 16, XI 5. 39, Vi II 3. 13. Dey p. 104 says that it is the river Vaga on which Madurā is situated. See under Payasvinī. The Bhāgavata says Manu practised penance on this river and helped the fish (avatāra) to grow
- Kṛtāsaucā—M. 13. 45, 179. 87, Vām. 90. 5 (has an image of Nṛsiṃha), P VI. 280 18
- Kṛttikāṅgārālā—Anu. 25. 22
- Kṛttikāśrama—Anu 25. 25
- Kṛttikāṭīrtha—(under Go.) B 82 1
- Kṛttivāsa—(under VS) L q. by T.K p. 40
- Kṛttivāśeśvarālūṅga—(in VS) K I. 32. 12 (verses 16-18 explain why it is so called), P. I 34 10, N. II 49. 6-9 (different names in different yugas, this being the one in Tretā yuga)
- Kṛmu—(r.) Rg. V 53 9 and X. 75 6. It is generally held to be modern Kurram that falls into the Indus on its western side near Isakhel. Vide Dey p. 105 for other views
- Kṛmā—(r. rising from Rṣayavat) M. 114. 25
- Kṛṣṇeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K 117
- Kṣiprā—(r. rising in Vindhya m.) M. 114 27, Vām. 83 18-19 Some printed works write it as Śiprā (Vāyu 45. 98) or Śiprā The printed Matsya says that Kṣiprā rises from Vindhya, while in 114. 24 it mentions Śiprā as rising from Pāriyātra m. The printed Brahma (chap. 27) mentions Śiprā twice, one rising from Pāriyātra (verse 29) and the other rising from Vindhya (verse 33). It is doubtful whether there were two rivers of the same name The Brahmānda II 16 29 and 32 (Kṣiprā in both places) is just like the Brahma
- Kṣiravatī—(r.) V 84 68 (reached after Sarasvatī and Bāhudā)
- Kṣīrikā—(where there is Nīlakantha) Vām q. by T, K p. 238
- Kṣudhātīrtha—(under Go) B 85 1
- Kuberatunga—(a fit place for śrāddha) Vā 77 78, K II. 37. 31, Br III 13 80
- Kubhā—(probably modern Kabul river) Rg. V. 53. 9 and X. 75. 6. It is the Kophes of Ptolemy and Kophen of Arrian (A I. p 179) The Kabul river joins the Indus at Obind, a few miles north of Attock.
- Pāṇ. V 1. 77 (Uttarapāthenā-bṛtam ca) mentions Uttarapātha (the road in the north that crossed the Sindhu near Attock)
- Kubjaka—N. II. 60 25, G, I 81. 10 (Kubjake Śrīdharo Hariḥ)
- Kubjāmālā—(it had a hermitage of Raibhya near Gangādvāra) V 84. 40, M. 22. 66, P I, 32 5. V Dh. S 85. 15, K. II. 20 33, G. I. 81. 10 hold it a very eminent place for śrāddha Var 125. 101 and 132 and 126. 33 appear to identify it with Māyātīrtha (i. e. Harīdvāra) Var. 126 contains a *māhātmya* of this place and 23 verses of it are quoted in T.K pp. 206-208 without a single word by way of comment Chap. 126. 10-12 explain why it is so called (a mango tree was seen by sage Raibhya as informed by God and he became bent in reverence). There is doubt about its exact

location. Var. 179. 26-31 aver that Mathurā is superior to Saukara-tīrtha, which again is superior to Kubjāmraka. Var 140.60-64 explain how the holy place Hṛṣīkeśa came to be so called. On the whole it is better to take Kubjāmraka as a sacred spot in Haridvāra itself or very near it.

Kubjāsāṅgama—(with Narmadā) P. II. 92 32

Kubjāsrama—(a Viṣṇusthāna with an extent of one yojana) K. II. 35. 33-35.

Kubjāvana—P I. 39. 34

Kubjikāpīṭha—(where Satī's private parts fell while her corpse was being carried by Śiva). Kāhikā 64. 53-54 and 71-72

Kudmalā—(a r.) M 22. 46 (śrāddha performed here is very efficacious)

Kuhū—(r. sprung from Himālaya) M. 114. 21, Vā 45.95, Br II. 16. 25, Vām 57. 80, B 27. 26; In M 121. 46 the word 'Kuhūn' occurs as the name of a people or a country after Gāndhāras and Aurāsas. It cannot be definitely identified with any modern river,

Kukkutesvara—(under VS) L. q by T.K 98

Kulampuna—V 83. 104, P I 26 97

Kuleśvara—(under Mathurā) Var. 177. 55

Kulśī—(r.) Rg. I. 104. 4

Kulyā—(r.) Anu. 25. 56 q. by T.K p. 247

Kumāra—P I. 38 61

Kumāra—dhātā—V. Dh. S. 85. 25, Vā. 77. 85, V. 84. 149 (which springs from Pitāmaha's lake), Vām. 84. 23, K. II. 37. 20 (near Svāmītīrtha), Br. III. 13. 94-95 (near Vyāsa's seat for dhyāna and Kāntipurī)

umāra—kośalā—tīrtha—Vā. 77 37

Kumārakotī—V. 82. 117, P I. 25. 23, Ag. 109. 13

Kumārātīrtha—Nr. 65. 17 q. by T.K p. 252

Kumāreśvaralinga—SK. I. 2. 14. 6 ff, Vām, 46. 23

Kumārī—(Cape Comorin, where there is a temple of Kumārī Devī in which there is a fine image of the goddess as a maiden). Ptolemy mentions it as Koumaria while the Periplus refers to it as Komar or Komarei, V. 88 14 (in the plural as 'Kumāryah' in the Pāṇḍya country), Vā. 77. 28, Br. III 13. 28. Br. II 16 11 and M 114. 10 state that the 9th dvīpa of Bhāratavarṣa extends from Kumārī to the source of the Ganges. Śabara on Jaumi, X. 1. 35 asserts that the word 'Caru' is used in the sense of *sthālī* from the Himālaya to the Kumārī country.

Kumārīla—(on the Vitastā in Kāśmīra) Vām 81 11

Kumbha—(a place fit for śrāddha) Vā. 77 47

Kumbhakarnāśrama—V. 84. 157, P I. 38 64 (same verse in both)

Kumbhakona — (modern Kumbhakonam) in Tanjore District) SK. III. Brahmakhanda 52. 101

Kumbhīśvara — (under VS on the eastern bank of Varanā) L, q, by T.K p. 45

Kumudākara — (under Kubjāmraka) Var. 126, 25-26

Kumudvatī—(r. rising in Vindhya) Vā. 45. 102, B 27. 33

Kundaleśvara—A (under Narmadā) M. 190. 12, B (near southern gate of Śrīparvata) L I 92. 149

Kundavana—(third out of the twelve *vanas* of Mathurā) Var. 153. 32

Kundeśvara—(under VS) L, q by T.K p. 68

Kundana—Nr. 65. 19, Vām, q. by T K p. 239; also called Vīdarbhā (acc to A. C. p. 182 verse 979)

Kundaprabha—(under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92. 148

Kundoda—(a hill near Kāśī) V. 87. 25-26



Kuñjātīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 194. 9

Kuraṅga—Ann. 25. 12

Kuruṅgāṅgala—(Sirhind in Punjab, fit place for śrāddha) M. 21. 9 and 28. Vā. 77. 93, Vām. 22. 47 (it is between Sarasvatī and Dṛśadvatī), 84. 3 and 17, K. II. 37. 36, Bh. III. 1.24, X. 86 20. Vide p. 688 above

Kuruṅgāṅgalāranya—Devīpurāṇa q by T K. p 244

Kuruksetra—Vide pp 681-686 above. The Kuruksetra-māhātmya mentions 180 holy places in it, though popular belief is that there are 360. Vide A. G. p 332

Kuśāplavana—V. 85. 36

Kuśastamba—Ann. 25. 28 q. by T.K. p. 246

Kuśasthala—(under Mathurā) Var. 157. 16

Kuśasthalī—A (same as Dvārakā and capital of Ānarta) Vi. IV. 1. 64 and 91, M 12. 22, 69.9, Vā 86. 24 and 88 1, Bh. VII. 14.31, IX. 3. 28 (Revata, son of Ānarta, founded this city inside the sea and ruled over Ānarta), XII. 12.36 (Kṛṣṇa founded this city), Br. III 61 20 (in Ānarta). Vide p. 746 above, B (capital of Kosala, where Kuśa son of Rāma began to rule) Rām VII 107. 17, Vā 88 199; C (same as Kuśāvati former name of Kusinārā where occurred Buddha's Nirvāṇa) SBE vol XI. p 248 note

Kuśatarpana—(under Go ) B 161. 1 (also called Pranītasāṅgama)

Kuśātīrtha—(under Narmadā) K. II 41 33

Kuśāvarta—A (near Nasik Tryambakeśvara) V Dh S. 85.11, B. 80 2 M 22. 69. Vide Bom. G. vol 16 p. 651, B (near Haridvārā) Ann. 25 13, N II 40 79, Bh. III. 20. 4

Kuśāvati—(capital of Kosala on the Vindhya slopes where Kuśa ruled) Vā 88.199, Rām. VII. 107. 7. In the Mahāśudassana śutta (SBE XI.

p 248) it is stated that Kusinārā was the city of king Mahāśudassana under the name Kuśāvati

Kuśeśaya—(v. I. Kuśeśvara) M. 22 76

Kuśikasyāśrama—(on r Kauśikī) V. 84. 131-132

Kuśīvaṭa—Nr. q. by T.K p. 252

Kūsmāṇḍeśvara—(under VS) L q. by T.K p 103

Kusumeśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 112-117 and 125

Kūtaka—(m) Bh V. 6.7 (Kutaka), V. 19 16 (Kūtaka)

Kūtasaila—(m.) Vā 45. 92, Br. II. 16 23 (probably the same as Kūtaka above)

## L

Lakṣmanācala—N. II. 75. 74

Lakṣmanatīrtha—A (under Go.) B 123. 215; B (under Setu) SK III. Brahmapkanda 52. 106-7 (tongue of the head only at this tīrtha). The tīrtha is on a river rising in Brahmagiri on the southern frontier of Coorg and falling into the Kāverī IGI vol 16. p. 131

Laksaneśvara—(under VS) N. II. 49.64

Lakṣmitīrtha—(under Go.) B 137.1

Lalitā—(in VS) N. II. 49 41, L. q. by TK. p. 96, M. 22. 11 mentions it, but it seems that it was on the Ganges somewhere.

Lalitaka—(tīrtha of Santanu) V 84 34, FI. 28 34, N II. 66.37

Lāṅgala-tīrtha—(under Narmadā) F I. 18 51

Lāṅgala-linga—(under VS) L q by TK p 105

Lāṅgalīnī—(r.) S. 9.22, Mār. 54. 29 (Lāṅgulīnī from Mahendra), Vām. 83. 14 q. by TK. p. 235 The town of Chicacole in Ganjam District of Madras State stands on the left bank of the Lāṅgulya, 4 miles from its mouth. I.G.I. vol. X. p. 217

Lapetkā—(r) V. 85. 15

- Lauhitya**—(r. Brahmaputrā) V. 85, 2, Vā 47. 11, '77. 95, M 121, 11-12 (a *nada* which springs from a lake called Lohita at the foot of Hemasringa mountain), Anu 25.46, P.I. 39 2 (same verse as in V 85.2) and V 52 54, Kāhikāpurāṇa 86. 26-34. From Raghuvamśa IV. 81 it appears that Lauhitya was the western boundary of Prāgyyotisa Vide TP. pp. 601-602 for *māhātmya* The form Lauhitya occurs in Yasodharman's inscription (about 532-33. A. D.), vide 'Gupta Inscriptions' p 142 at p. 146
- Laukila**—(under VS) K. I. 35, 13
- Lavanā**—r. flowing close by the city of Padmāvati situated on confluence of Pārā and Sindhu Vide Mālatīmādhava, Act IX. verse 2
- Lavarnakatirtha**—(on Sarasvatī) P I, 26 48
- Lāvīdhukā**—(near Campā) P. I. 38 71
- Lūgasāra**—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 51
- Lūngi-Janārdana**—(under Narmadā) K II. 41. 61.
- Lohadanda**—M. 22 65, Vām 90 29 (Vīṣṇu as Hṛṣīkeśa here) Śrāddha is most efficacious here.
- Lohajāṅghavana**—(9th out of twelve *vanas* of Mathurā) Var. 153. 41
- Lohakūta**—N, II. 60. 24
- Lohārgala**—(a Viṣṇusthāna in Himālaya) Var. 140. 5 (that Mleccha kings support or resort to it), 144 10, 151. 1-83 (verses 7-8 say that thirty *yojanas* from Siddhavāta in the midst of mlecchas is Lohārgala). Var. 151 verses 13-14 explain why it is so called, 151. 79 says it is twenty-five *yojanas* in extent. The T. K. (pp. 228-229) quotes twelve verses on it from Var. 151. Dey p. 115 surmises that it is probably Lohāghāt in Kumāon.
- Lohita**—(same as Śona) Anu. 166. 21; in Br. II. 16-27 Lohita seems to be meant for Brahmaputrā.
- Lohita-Gaṅgaka**—(same as Lauhitya) Kal. 86. 32-34
- Lokapāla**—(under Badarī) Var 141. 28-31
- Lokapālesvara**—(under VS) L. q. by TK. p 105
- Lokoddhāra**—V. 83. 45, P. I. 26 41 (same verse in both)
- Lolārka**—(under VS) M. 185 '68 (one of the five principal tīrthas in Banaras), K. I 35, 14, P. I 37. 17 (reads Lokārka), Vām. 15 58-59, Vide p. 634 above
- Lonārakunda**—(in Viṣṇu-Gayā) P. VI, 176. 41. Lonār is a salt lake in the Buldana District of Berar, the fabled den of the giant Lonāsura whom Viṣṇu vanquished It is a place of great antiquity and held in great veneration, An. A. vol. II. describes it (pp 230-231) and states that brāhmanas call it Bishan Gayā. One of the best remaining examples in Berar of the medieval temples is that at Lonār known as the temple of Dattāśūdana. It is a Vaiṣṇava shrine. Vide Victor Cousins' 'Medieval temples of the Dakhan' (1931) pp. 68-72 for description of the great temple and of several temples around the margin of a lake in an extinct volcanic crater and plates CIII-CV.

## M

- Madavāvartanāga**—(on the Vitastā in Kāśmīra) HC. X. 252.
- Mādhavatīrtha**—(on Śrīśaila) P. VI. 129 12
- Mādhavavana** M. 13. 37 (Devi is called Sugandhā here)
- Madhūdakā**—(r) Vām. 57. 80
- Madhukaitabha-lūnga**—(in VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 43
- Madhūkavana**—(between Agastyāśrama and Pāñcavati) Rām. III. 13. 23
- Madhukulyā**—(r. under Gayā) Vā 106 75, 112. 30.

- Madhumati**—A (r. in Kāśmīra) NM 144 (falls into Vitastā), 1444 (shrine of Durgā established on it by Sāndilya), Vik 18. 5; B (river that flows through Nadia and Backergunge Districts of Bengal and falls into the bay of Bengal; C (r. that joins the river Sindhu in Central India), vide Mālatīmādhava, 9th Act prose passage after verse 3.
- Madhunandini**—(r.) Vām. 81. 16
- Madhupura**—(under Pṛthūdaka) P. I. 27. 38
- Madhupurī**—same as Mathurā; Bh VII. 14 31, Vā I 12. 2-4
- Madhurā**—A (the same as Mathurā, capital of Śūrasena country) Br. III. 49.6, Vi I. 12. 4 Vide pp 687-690 above and Rām. VII 70.5, B (modern Madurā, the ancient capital of the Pāndyas, called Dakṣiṇa-Madhurā), Vide 'Manimekalai in its historic setting' (p. 20) by Dr S. Krishna-swamy Aiyangar Madhurā is only the Tamil way of pronouncing Mathurā. Vide Journal, Mythic Society, for 1942, vol. 32 pp. 270-275 for Madurā and Tamil literary tradition and Prof Dilakṣita's translation of the Śilappadikāram pp. 201-208 for a fine description of it and p 255 for the conflagration in Madurā due to the curse of Kānnaki
- Madhurātīrtha**—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 135. 18
- Madhusravā**—(r.)—A (under Gayā) Vā 106. 75, 112 307 34, N. II. 47. 27; B (under Sarasvatī) Vām. 34. 7, 39. 36-38, V 83. 150 (both read Madhusrava)
- Madhuvana**—A (under Mathurā) V. I. 12. 31 so called because demon Madhu occupied it), K II 36. 9, Var. 153. 30, Vām 83.31, 90 14, Bh IV. 8. 42 (on the banks of Yamunā) IX 11. 14 (Śatrughna founded Mathurā in Madhuvana) Crowe in 'Mathura' identifies it with Maholi five miles to the south-west of present Mathurā (pp. 32, 54); B (one of seven *vanas* in Kurukṣetra) Vām 34. 5
- Madhuvatī**—(a Devisthāna) P. I. 26 88
- Madhvatīrtha**—G Uttarakāṇḍa, Brahmakāṇḍa 26 46-47. This is rather suspicious
- Madhuvilā**—(r.) same as Samahgā. V. 135.1
- Madhyama-Puskara**—(see Puskara), P V. 19. 38, Vām. 22. 19.
- Madhyameśvara-līṅga**—A (under VS) K. I. 32. 12, K. I. 34. 1-2, L. I. 92. 91, 135, P I 34 10 (one of the five main līṅgas in Banaras), B (under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92. 151
- Madhyandiniyaka-tīrtha**—(under Mathurā) Var. 177 46 (to the west of Vaiṣṇuntha tīrtha)
- Madoṭkata**—P VI. 129 9 (9th among 108 tirthas of Jambudvīpa)
- Madrā**—(r rising in Vindhya) Vā 45. 102
- Madravā**—(a hill) Br III 13. 52 and 57. This probably is the same as Maṇḍavā below
- Māgadharanya**—K. II 37. 9, Vām. 11 7, 84 35
- Mahābala**—A (Mahābaleshwar in Satara District) P VI 113 29 Vide JBBRAS. vol X. pp 1-18, for Mahābaleshvara-māhātmya, B Mahābaleśvara of Gokarna Vide Gokarna plates of Kādamba king Kāmadeva in *śale* 1177 (1236 A. D.) in E I vol. 27 p 157
- Mahābhairava**—(one of eight Śiva-tīrthas) M. 181 29, K II. 44 3 Devala q. by T. K. p. 250
- Mahābodhitaru**—(the pipplā tree at Gayā under which Buddha obtained Enlightenment) Ag. 115. 37, M. 22. 33, N. II 45. 103, Vā 111. 26, verses 27-29 of Vā 111 are addressed to the tree. P VI 117. 26-30 explain how Bodhitaru became touchable on Saturday and untouchable on other days. Vide Dr. Barua in 'Gaya

- and Buddha-Gayā' vol. I, p. 234 as to the invocation in Vā 111, 27-29 being to the Bo-tree and vol. II, pp. 2-9 for the vicissitudes of this tree and Cunningham's 'Mahābodhi' p. 3 for the mention of Mahābodhi in Dharmapāla's Inscription dated 850 A.D.
- Mahā-Gaṅgā—Anu. 25, 22 q. by T.K. p. 246, V Dh S 85, 23 (com. says it is Alakanandā).
- Mahāgaūrī—(r. from Vindhya) M 114, 28, Vā 45, 103
- Mahāhrada—(near Badrināth) K II, 37, 39, Anu 25, 18 q. by T.K. pp. 245-246
- Mahākālā—A (Śiva in Ujjayinī, one of the twelve Jyotiṛhṛgas) V. 82, 49, M 13, 41, 22, 24, 179, 5 (fight of Śiva with Andhakāsura took place in Mahākālavana in the country of Avantī), B 43, 66, SK IV, 1, 91, B (a hṛga in VS) L, I 92, 137
- Mahākālavana—(in Avantī territory) M, 179, 5
- Mahākāśī—Vām, q. by T.K. p. 239
- Mahākūta—(a hill fit for śrāddha) Vā. 77, 57, Br. III, 13, 58. It is doubtful whether it is the same as the collection of temples on the hills to the east of Badāmī known even now by the name of Mahākūta. The local tradition connects this spot with the destruction of the demon brothers Vātāpi and Ilvala. Vide I. A. vol. X, pp. 102-103 for an inscription of about 696-734 A.D. here
- Mahākāśmesvara—(under VS) L, q. by T.K. p. 69
- Mahālaya—V. 85, 91 (dānam dadyāt Mahālaye), V Dh. S. 85, 18, M. 181, 25, K II, 20, 33 (very fit for śrāddha), II, 37, 1-4 (where Pāśupatas worship Mahādeva), P. V. 11, 17, Br. III, 13, 82-84, Vām. 90, 22, P. I, 37, 16
- Mahālayakūpa—(under VS) L, q. by T.K. p. 63
- Mahālaya-līnga—(under VS) I, 92, 134
- Mahāhṛga—(sacred to pitṛs) M, 13, 33, 22, 34 (Devī is called Kāpilā here and śrāddha here is most efficacious)
- Mahāmūṇḍā—(under VS) L, q. by T.K. p. 56
- Mahāmūṇḍesvara—(under VS) L, q. by T.K. p. 56
- Mahānāda—M. 22, 53 (dāna is most efficacious here)
- Mahānadī—A (r. starting from Vindhya, flowing in Orissa near Cuttack and falling into the Bay of Bengal) Br. 46, 4-5, K. II, 35, 25, Br. II, 16, 28 says it rises in Pānyātra; B (r. under Gayā, probably Phalgu) P. I 38, 4, Vā 108, 16-17, 110, 6, Ag 115, 25, V 84, C (in Dravida) Bh XI 5, 40
- Mahāṅga—a līnga established by Mṛtyu (under Go.) B 116, 1
- Mahānandā—(r. in north and east Bengal rising in Himālaya near Darjeeling and joining the Ganges in Māldā District). Vide I G. I. vol. XX pp. 413-414 (under Purnea)
- Mahāpadmanāga—(a lake in Kāśmīra) NM 1120-1122, 1157 (one yojana in length and width) It is same as Ullola and modern Vollar lake. Vide R. IV, 591 for one story, NM 1123-1159 for the story of the wicked Śaḍaṅgulaṅga and K. R. pp. 9-10 for both
- Mahāpāśupatesvara—(under VS) L, q. by T.K. p. 105
- Mahāpura—(a tīrtha) Anu 25, 26
- Mahārudra—M, 22, 34
- Mahāśūla—M 22, 34, P V 11, 27
- Mahāśūlanadī—M 22, 42
- Mahāśaras—Mahābhārata q. by T.K. p. 246
- Mahāsthala—(under Mathurā) Var. 160, 22, one of five sthālas, the other four

being Arlasthala, Vīrasthala, Kuśasthala and Panyasthala.

Mahāśrama—V 84 53, P I 32 17

Mahāśona—same as Śona—S. 20 27

Mahatākunda—(under VS) L by T.K. p 70

Mahatī (r from Pāriyātra) M 114 23, Vā 45 97

Mahāvana—(the 8th vana out of 12 at Mathurā)—same as Vraja Var 153 40, 161 8 Modern Mahaban town is near the left bank of the Yamunā. Kṛṣṇa spent his childhood here

Mahātīrtha—K.II 37.12 (tatrābhyarcya Hṛṣīkeśam śvetadvīpam sa gacchati)

Mahāvena—P V. 11. 27

Mahendra—(a m range extending from the mouths of the Ganges or Orissa to Madurā) Bhī 9 11, Ud;oga 11. 12, M 22 44, P. I. 39. 14 (inhabited by Parāśurāma), V. 85 16, Bh V. 19 16, Vām. 13 14–15, 83 10–11, K. I. 47 23–24. A Śālistetra according to Bār S.III 124 In the Ganjam District there is a peak called Mahendragiri about 5000 feet high. Rām. IV, 67.37 shows that Hanūmān used it as a springing board when he jumped off towards Lankā, Raghu-vamśa (IV.39–40) shows that Kālīnga country had some portion of Mahendra in it Pargiter (p 284 n) holds that it is the portion of the Eastern Ghats between Godāvarī and Mahānadi and hills in Berar I do not agree, Rām, IV 41.19–21 speak of Mahendra after Pandyakavāta and as entering the ocean, while Bh. X 79.11–12 speak of it after Gayā and before Saptagodāvarī, Venā, Pampā. Allahabad stone pillar Ins of Samudragupta mentions it (C. I. I vol III at p 7)

Mahēśvarapura—(where Vrsadhvaja : e. Śiva was to be worshipped) V 84. 129–130.

Mahēśvara—(modern town in the

Indore State on the north or right bank of the Narmadā) M 188. 2, P. I. 15.2. I G I. Vol 17 p 9 asserts that it is the ancient Māhismatī

Mahēśvara-dhārā—V. 84, 117, P. I. 38. 34

Mahēśvarakunda—(under Lohārgala) Var 151. 67

Mahēśvarapada—P I. 38 36, V 84.119

Mahī—One of the ten great rivers that flow from the Himālaya, mentioned in 'Questions of Milinda' SBE vol 35 p. 171; Mahī occurs in the Nadyādi-gana (Pān IV. 2 97); B (a r rising in Gwalior state and falling into the sea southwards near Cambay) SK I 2 3 23, I 2 13.43–45 and 125–127, V. 222. 23, Mār. 54 19 (rising from Pāriyātra). It is the Mophis of Ptolemy (p 103) and Mals of Periplus

Mahīśāgarasāngama—SK. I 2 3. 26

Māhītīrtha—Vām. 84 36

Māhismatī—(on Narmadā). Pargiter identifies with Omkāra Māndhātā (an island) while Mr. Haldar and others hold that it is Mahēśvara Māndhātā island is attached to Nemaḍ District of Central Provinces. Udyogaparva 19 23–24, 166. 4, Anu 2, 6, P. II. 92 32, VI 115 4, Bh. IX 15. 22 (Sahasrārjuna imprisoned Rāvana); the Mbh (vol II, p. 35, Ujjayinyāh prasthito Māhismatyām sūryodgamanam sambhāvayate) on Vārtika 10 to Pān III. 1 26, in the Suttanipāta (SBE vol X part 2 p 188) the disciples of Bāvarī going to the north to meet Buddha first go to Patitthāna of Ataka and then to Māhissatī, vide 'Mahisamandala and Māhismatī' by Dr Fleet in JRS for 1910 pp 425–447 and Barwani plate of ling Subandhu in E. I. vol. XIX. p. 261 of the year 167 issued from Māhismatī (It belongs to the end of the 5th century).

Mahodaya—(generally identified with Kanoj) Vām. 83 25, 90. 13 (Haya-

- grīva here). Vide Daulatpur plate of Bhojadeva I in Harsa *samvat* 100 (corresponding 'to about 706 A.D.) in E. I. vol. V p 208 at p. 211 It was also called Kūśasthala; vide E. I. vol. VII. pp. 28, 30 where Rāstrakūta Indra III is said to have devastated Mahodaya, but in Bara copperplate of the Gurjar Pratihāra Bhojadeva dated *samvat* 893 (836-7 A.D.) Mahodaya is said to be a skandhāvāra (encampment) and Kānyakubja is separately mentioned in the same record, thereby showing that the two were not quite identical (E. I. vol. 19 at p. 17)
- Mānāka—(m. near Badari) A. V. 139. 17, V. 145. 44, Ann. 25. 59, Br. III. 13. 70, Bh. V. 19. 16, B (m. in west near Gujarat) V. 89. 11; C (m. near Sarasvatī) K. II. 37. 29. Both Dey p. 121 and Prof. Aiyangar p. 29 (of T. K.) hold that it is the Senah range Vide Pargiter pp. 287-288 note, which makes out three mountains named Mānāka, that are slightly different from those stated here.
- Mastreyī-linga (under VS) L. g. by T. K. p. 47
- Makruṇā (r. rising from Rkṣa) Vā. 15. 101.
- Mālā (a river) S. 20. 28
- Malada—(in Kāśmīra) P. I. 25. 4
- Malandarā—(r.) M. 22. 41 (śrāddha on it inexhaustible)
- Malaprabhārī or Malāpabārī—(r. rising from Sabha about 22 miles south-west of Belgaum) modern Malaprabhā, SK g. by T. S. pp. 80 and 101. Vide Bom. G. vol. XXI. on Belgaum District p. 12 for legend The famous village of Ayyāole or Ayalī or Aihole is on this river, 16 miles to the east of Badāmi Vide I. A. vol. VIII. p. 243 for Aihole Inscription of 634 A.D. Parāśurāma is said to have washed his blood-stained axe in the Malaprabhā here Vide Bom. G. vol. 23 p. 545
- Malāpabā—(r. in the south). There is a town called Muniparnā on its bank where there is 'Pāṇḍura Mahāśara'.
- Mārāka—(shrine of the Son under Sābhramat) P. VI. 141. 1-2, 142. 1
- Malaya—(one of the 7 principal mountains of India) V. 252. 43, 313. 22, Bh. 9. 11, K. I. 7. 23 (the sea could be seen from its top), Vā. 45. 88, B. 27. 19. Raghu (IV. 45. 51) shows that Malaya was on the Kāśmīra where it falls in the sea and that cardamom and sandalwood grew thereon, and also on Tāmraparā It is the mountain of the Pāṇḍya country (Raghuvamśa IV. 47-51) Agastya had his hermitage on it
- Malayaja—P. VI. 129. 12 (one of the numerous tirthas where Viṣṇu and Śiva resided)
- Malayārjunaka—tirtha (under Mathurā beyond Yamunā) Var. 157. 1.
- Mālinī—(r. on which was situated Kanakama) Aḍi. 70. 21 and 72. 16 According to Hsien Tsang it was on this river that the District of Madākar in west Rohilkhand was situated Vide V. G. pp. 311-312
- Mallāka—(on western bank of Ganga) P. V. 5. 74 (where Sati first lived)
- Mallikārkhye—(tirtha) P. IV. 17. 64
- Mallikārjunaka—(under Śr. parvatī) I. 92. 155
- Mallikēśara—(under Narmadā) P. I. 18. 6
- Mālyavat—(The Anegundi Hill or Tunçabhadra) Kām. III. 71. IV. 27. 1-4 (on north of it in a deep cave on Prastvāra Ratāśa lived for four months in the rainy season). V. 250. 26, 252. 1 (on its foot Arundhī)
- Mālyavātī—(r. near Citrakūṭa) P. II. 56. 38
- Mānasa—A lake in Himālaya which had been formed in the rain and Ganga Mānasa on its banks V. 150. 12 P. II. 13. 15-17, 151

- 16-17 (from which the Sarayū rises), Vām 78.3, 90 1 (where Viṣṇu appeared in the Matsya form), vide under Kailāsa Sven Hedin in vol. III of his Trans-Himalaya (1913) p 198 says 'there is no finer ring on earth than that which bears the names of Manasarowar, Kailas and Gurla Māndhātā, it is turquoiseset between diamonds' The Mānasa lake is at a height of 14950 feet above sea level, B (under Kubjāmra) Var 126 29, C (to the west of Mathurā) Var 154. 25, D (near Prayāga on the north bank of the Ganges) M 107.2, E (in Kāśmīra, modern Mānasbal) Vik 18 55, K R. p 9, F (under Narmadā) M 194 8, P I 21 8; G (under Gayā, there are two pools, Uttaramānasa and Dakṣiṇa-mānasa) Vā 111 2, 6, 8, 22
- Vandagā—(r rising from Śuktimat) M 114. 32, Vā 45, 107
- Mandākinī—A (near mountain Citra-kūṭa and rising from Rikṣat) V. 85 58, Anu 25 29, Rām. II 93. 8 and III 5 37, Vā. 45. 99, Ag 109 23, Br. II 16 30, M 114 25, B (a sub-tīrtha under VS.) L q by T.K p 86, C (r springing from a lake Mandodaka at the foot of Kailāsa) M 121 4, Br II. 18 1 D (near Kiskindhā) Rām IV 1. 95
- Mandaleśvara—(under VS) L q by T.K p 66
- Mandara—(m.) Vi II 2 18 (it is to east of Meru) and Mār 51 19, V 139 5, 142 2, 163 4 (extended up to the sea in the east), and 31-33, Udyoga 11 12, L I 92 187 and 188. 6-12 (gods afraid of Andhaka took refuge on Mandara), N II 60 22, Vām 51 74 (from Prithūdaka Śiva came to Mandara), and practised tapas, M 184 18 13, 28 (Devī is styled Kāmacārini on m. Mandara), Bh VII 3 2 and VII. 7 2 (Hiranyakaśipu here)
- Mandāra—Var. 143 1-51 (Mandāra-māhātmya) Var. 143. 2 says it is a sacred place on the south bank of the Ganges and situated on Vindhya and dear to all Bhāgavatas It puts forth flowers only on dvādaśī and caturdaśī (verse 13) T.K (pp 217-218) quotes ten verses from Var 143 without any comment, A. G p 508 conjectures it to be south of Bhagalpur in Bihar.
- Mandavā—Vā 77. 56 (a hill very fit for śrāddha)
- Mandavāhinī—(r. from Śuktimat m.) M 114. 32, Vā 45. 107.
- Māndavya—(a tīrtha where Devī is styled Māndavyā) M 13. 42
- Māndavyeśa—(under VS) L q by T.K. p 119
- Mandodaritīrtha—M 22 41 (removes sins at sight and śrāddha most efficacious)
- Mangalā—(a Devisthāna in Gayā) Devī-bhāgavata VII. 38 24
- Maṅgala-prastha—(hill) Bh. V. 19 16
- Maṅgalā-saṅgama—(under Go) B 122 94 and 100 (otherwise called Govinda)
- Mangaleśvara—(under Narmadā) P II 92. 33
- Manikarnī or Manikarnikā—(under VS) M 182 24, 185 69, N II 40 87 and 49 44, P VI 23 44, vide p 635 above
- Manikarnīśvara—(under VS) N II 49 45, L q by T.K p 103
- Manikunda—(under Stutasvāmin) Var 148 52
- Māntkeyeśvara—(in Kāśmīra) P VI 176 80-82
- Manimat or Manimanta—(near r Devikā) V 82 101, P I 25 8 (same words in both), Vām 81 14
- Manimati—(r) M. 22.39 (vary efficacious for śrāddha), Br S 14. 20 says Manimat is a m
- Manimatihrada—Vām 90 7 (Śiva was called Sāmbhu here)
- Manimatipurī—(the same as Vātāpi.

- puri and Durjayā) V 96. 1 and 99 30-31.
- Manināga—V. 84, 106, P. I 38 24 (same verse in both)
- Manipūragiri—(under Stutasvāmī) Var. 148. 63 ff.
- Mañjulā—(a r.) Bhī 9 34
- Māhnikū—(near Malaya) Vām 83 16
- Mañkutī—(r. from Rksavat) Br. II. 16. 31
- Manohara—(under Narmadā) M. 194 7, K. II. 42, 20, P. I. 21 7 (the same verse in all three)
- Manojaya—P. I. 26. 87, V 83. 93 (same verse in both)
- Mantresvara—(under VS) SK. IV. 33. 137
- Manujesvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K. p 104
- Manuhing—(under VS) L. q by T.K. p 114
- Mānusa—(under Kurnksetra) P I 26. 60-63, Vām. 35. 50-56
- Manyutīrtha—(under Go) B. 162. 1, Bh. X. 79. 21 (puts it somewhere between Māhismatī and Prabhāsa)
- Māricesvara—(under VS) L. q by T.K. p. 71
- Mārjāra—(under Go) B. 84 19
- Mārkandeya-hrda—A (under VS) L. q. by T.K. p. 67, B (near Purusottamatīrtha) B. 56. 73, 57 2, 60. 9 (bath in it on Caturdaśī specially destroys all sins), N. II 55. 20-22
- Mārkandeyatīrtha—A (on the Gomati-Gangā-sangama) V. 84 81, P. I. 32 41-42. Prof. Aiyangar's note on p. 291 of T.K. that it is at the junction of the Sarayū and Gangā is not correct, B (under Go) B 145.1
- Mārkandeyesvara—A (under VS) SK. IV. 33. 154-155, B (under Gayā) Ag. 116 11, C (under Purusottama) N. II. 55. 18-19
- Markatīrtha—(in Tripurī i. e. modern Tevar on the Narmadā, 7 miles to the west of Jabalpur) mentioned by T. S. p 101
- Mārtānda (temple of the Sun in Kāśmīra) Modern Martan or Matan, 5 miles to north-east of Islamabad, its popular name is 'Bavan' (Bhavana) It overlooks the finest view in Kāśmīra. The temple originally built by king Lahtāditya in the 1st half of 8th century is now in ruins There are two magnificent springs traditionally called Vimala and Kimala about a mile from the temple. Vide R IV.192, NM 1073 (for Vimalanāga), Stein's translation of R vol. I p. 141 and II. pp 465-466 An A (vol. II pp 358-359) describes Matan. The tīrtha has remained to this day one of the most celebrated places of pilgrimage in Kāśmīra
- Mārtandapādāmūla (under Gayā) Brahmapurāṇa q by T.K. p 166
- Marudgana—Anu 25. 38
- Marudīrddhā—A (r) Rg X. 75 5 The Nir. IX. 26 takes it as an attribute of all rivers named in Rg X 75 5, meaning 'that are swollen or lashed up by the wind or Maruts'. It appears that it is a river in Kashmir called Maruwardwan, a tributary of the Chenab, as Stein says (vide JRAS for 1917 pp 93-96), Bh. V. 19. 18; B hāveri is called Marud-vrdhā in P VI. 224. 1 and 19
- Marusthala (under Purusottama) N. II 60. 22
- Mārutālaya (under Narmadā) M. 191. 86, K. II 41. 41 (to the west of Mārtīrtha), P I. 18.81 (same verse)
- Māsesāra—(under Narmadā) P. I 18 77
- Mātaliśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T K p 76
- Mātangaksetra—(under Lokāmukha) Var. 140 58-59 (a stream that falls into Kauśikī)
- Matangapada—(under Gayā) N. II. 44. 57, Vā 108 25
- Matahgasya śrāma—A (under Gayā) V 84. 101, Ag 115 34, B (in VS) V. 87.25



- Matāṅgasya Kedāra—V 88 17, P I 39 15 (same verse in both)
- Matanga-vāpi—A (under Gayā) Vā. 111 23-24, Ag 115 34, N II, 45 100, VDB S 85 38, B (in Kosalā) Vā 77 36, C (on Kailāsa) Br III 13. 36
- Matangēśa—(under Gayā) Ag 115. 35
- Matangēśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p 87
- Mātharavana—(near Payoṇī) V 88.10, Vā 77 33, Br III 13 33
- Mathurā—Vide pp 682-692 above and A G pp 373-375 for Mathurā and Vṛndāvana
- Mātr—Śal. chap 46 enumerates numerous Mātrs
- Mātrgrha—(where śrāddha yields *ānantiya*) M 22 76
- Mātrtirtha—A (under Kuruksetra) V 83. 58, P. I 26 54, B (under Narmadā) K II 41 40, C (under Go) B 112 1
- Matsyanadi—(holy r.) M 22 49
- Matsyaśilā—(under Kolāmukha) Var. 140 79-83
- Matsyodapāna—Nr q by T K p. 251
- Matsyodari—(near Omhāresvara and to the south of Kapileśvara in VS) L. q by T K pp. 58-59, SK. IV 33 120 and IV 73 155. The Tri S, p 140 remarks 'matsyālāram Kāstīsetram udare yasyā iti vyutpattyā Gaṅgaiva Matsyodārī-sāñjā'
- Māyāpurī—(same as Gaṅgādvāra and Haridvāra) M. 13 34 (Devī is called Kumārī here), 22. 10, Vā 104 75, G I 81 7, SK IV 7 114 (lecid-ūcur-Haridvāram molsadvāram tatah pare i Gaṅgādvāram ca kepyābuh lecīn-Māyāpuram punah ||) Māyā occurs in the Nadyādīgana (Pān. IV. 2 97) It is one of the seven holy cities of India Vide p 678 above and p 662 under Kanakāla, Hiouen Tsaang mentions it as Moynlo (Māyura). Māyāpura is now a ruined site at the head of the Ganges canal. Vide A G. pp. 351-354
- Māyātirtha—(under Kubjāmraka and on the Ganges) Var. 125. 101, 126. 33
- Medhātithi—(a holy river) V 222 23
- Medhāvāna—P I 39 52 (place for śrāddha)
- Medhāvika—V. 85 55
- Meghakara—M. 22 40, P V 11 34
- Meghanāda—(under Narmadā) P II. 92 31
- Meghankara—(a town on r Pranitā) P VI. 181. 5
- Megharāva—(under Narmadā) P. I. 17. 4
- Mehatnu—(r.) Rg X 75 6 (a tributary of the Krumu, which see)
- Mekala—(a range of hills in C. P.) Narmadā is called Mekalakanyakā (daughter of Mekala)
- Mekalā—P V 11 34 (is it a river?)
- Mekalā—is a country or people in Rām IV. 41.9, Br. S. 14. 7 and 16.2
- Mekhalā—(a tirtha in Meghankara town) P VI 181 16, M 22. 40-41 (from this it appears that Mekhalā here means probably the middle part of the town Meghankara)
- Merukūta—Nr 65 q by T K. p. 253
- Meruvara—(under Badarī) Var. 141. 32-35
- Mīnāksi—(temple of, is situated in Madurā) Devī-Bh. VII. 38 11
- Mirilāvāna—(near Mekala regions) Br. III 70. 32
- Mīrakā—(under Kuruksetra) P. I. 26. 85-86 (Vyāsa mixed all tirthas here), V. 83. 91-92 It is possible that the Mīrakāvāna occurring in the Kotarādī-gana (Pān VI. 3 117) refers to this
- Mitrapada (a tirtha on the Ganges) M 22. 11
- Mitravāna (Konārka or Sāmbapura in Orissa) SK Prabhāsakhanda I. 100. 3 (there are three Ādityasthānas, Mitravāna, Mundīra and Sāmbāditya)
- Mitrāvaruna (under VS) L q. by T.K. p. 47

Mūlāvarunayor—śrama (on r Ya  
munā near Kārapavana) Śal. 54  
14-15

Modāgiri (m) S. 30. 21

Moksasēvara (under VS) L. q. by  
T K p. 112.

Moksarāja—(under Mathurā) Var 164  
35

Moksatīrtha—(under Mathurā) Var.  
152 61 (to the south of Rstīrtha).  
T. S p 101 quotes three verses  
from Revākhanda about it

Moksasēvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K  
p 48

Mrgadhūma—(there is Rudrapada) P I  
26 94, V 83. 101 (it is on the  
Ganges)

Mrgakāmā—(r. from Mānasa lake) Br.  
II 18 71

Mṛgaśrngodaka—(on r Vāgmatī) Var  
215 64

Mṛtyuñjaya—(under Viraja) B 42 6

Mucukunda—(under Mathurā) Var.  
158. 28

Mucukundeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by  
T K 114

Mukti-ksetra—(under Sālagrāma) Var.  
145 105

Muktimat—(a m) Br. III 70 32 Is it  
a misreading for Śuktimat?

Mukusthānas—26 sthānas such as  
Prayāga, Naimisā, Kuruksetra, Gān-  
gādvāra, Kānti, Tryambaka, Sapta-  
godāvara are named in SK, Kṛśā-  
khanda 6 21-25

Mukutā—(r. from Rsyavanta) M 114.  
26, M. 13. 50 (Devī is worshipped  
here as Satyavādīnī)

Mūlsthāna—(modern Multan)—anci-  
ent capital of the Mallas A G pp.  
220-224 and 230-236. It was known  
under various names such as Kāśya-  
papura, Sāmbapura, Prahādapura,  
Ādyasthāna (Al. Sachau I 298)

Mūlatāpī—(river Tāpī is so called,  
from its source at Mūlā, which is  
a corruption of Mūlatāpī) M 22 33  
(Mūlatāpī Payosni ca). Multā is a

village in Betul District, C. P. and  
contains a sacred tank which is  
popularly deemed to be the source  
of the Tāpī. In the printed Padma  
V 11 25 the words 'Sūlatāpī Payo-  
ni' are a misreading of 'Mūlatāpī  
Payosni'. Vide I. G. I vol. 18  
p 21 for Multā

Mūli—(r. rising from Makendra) M.  
114. 31

Mundaprstha—A (a hill situated on  
the western bank of the Phalgu river  
at Gayā) K II 37 39-40, N. II  
45. 96, Ag 115 22 and 43-44, Vā  
77 102-103, 108. 12 and 111 15.  
Br. III. 13 110-111 (Mahādeva  
practised severe tapas here). It is  
no other than the hill on which  
there is Viṣṇupada, the very centre  
of Gayātrā. On this hill, accord-  
ing to the legend of Gayāsura, the  
back of the giant's herd rested  
Vide pp 656, 665 above; B (a hill in  
Kāśmīra) NM 1247-1254

Mundesa—(under VS) L. q. by T.K  
p 116

Mūjavat—A (a m) In Rg. X. 34. 1  
soma plant is called Mājvat and  
the Nir. IX 8 explains that Mūjava  
is a mountain on which soma grows  
In A. V. the form Mūjavat occurs  
and *takman* (evil spirit of disease)  
is asked to go to Mūjavat and to  
Bālūkas beyond it. In A. V 22 3  
the form is Mūjavat. It appears  
to be some m. far to the north-west  
of India

Mūjavanat—(m. in Himālayan range)  
Āśamedhika parva 8. 1 (where  
Siva practises penance), Br II. 18  
20-21 (where Siva resides and from  
which rise Śatodhaka and Śrīvā-  
river), Var. 213 13 (to the north of  
Mandara)

Mūjavanat—(on the Ganges which is a  
Śvasthāna) A. F. 67, P I. 32 61  
(same verse in both)

Murmurā—(one of the several rivers that are the mothers of fires) V. 222 25

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Nābhī—(under Gayā) N II 47 82

Nādantīā—V Dh S 85. 19 (very fit place for śrāddha)

Nādesvara—A (under VS) L q. by T K p 127, B (probably same as Bindusaras) N I 16 46 (on Himavat, where Bhagīratha practised *tapas*)

Nadīśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p 103

Naga—(a hill under Gayā) Vā. 108 28

Nāgadhanvan—(not far to the south of Sarasvatī) Śal. 37 30 (Vāsuki's image is established there)

Nāgalūta—(included under Gayāśīras) Vā. 111 22, N. II. 45 95

Nāgapura—Hastināpura, V. 183 36

Nāgasāhvaya—Hastināpura, on the right bank of the Ganges, 22 miles to north-east of Meerut. Vā. 77 271, M 50 78, Nr 65 11 q by T K p. 232 (Govinda is *guhya* name of Viṣṇu here). The printed text (Govindam nāma sāyake) is corrupt. It should be 'nāgasāhvaye.' Vide under Hastināpura.

Nāgatīrtha—A (under VS) M 22 33, K I 35 7, P I 28 33, B (under Go.) B 111. 1; C (under Tripustaka) P V. 26. 51, D (under Mathurā) Var. 154. 14, E (location uncertain) V 84, 33

Nāgesvara—(a *tapovana* on Narmadā) M 191 83

Nāgodbheda—(where Sarasvatī is seen, though lost in the desert elsewhere) V 82 112, Ag 109. 13

Nahūśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p 115

Naimisya or Naimisā—(a forest) A country round Nimsār on the Gomati, 45 miles from Lucknow In Bāthaka Samhitā X. 6 we have

'Naimsiyā vai sattram-āsata'; while in Pañcavimsa Br 25. 6, 4 occurs Naimisiya and Kausitaki Br 26 5 has Naimisiyānām' and 28 4 also In the great Epic and Purānas it is mentioned very often, vide V 84 59-64 (all tīrthas on the earth are centred in Naimisa), V 87. 5-7 (on Gomati in east), M 109 3 (most holy on the earth), K. II 20 34, K II. 43 1-16 (very dear to Mahādeva), Vā 28, Br. I 28 (bo'h derive it as 'bhramato dharmacakrasya yatra nemir-asīryata' from 'nemi' rim of a wheel and śr 'to be shattered'), B 1. 3-10 (fine description), Vāyu (I 14-15) makes it clear that the great sattra of the sages of Naimisiyānāya was in Kuruksetra on the Drsadvatī But Vā 2,9 and Br I. 2 9 say that it was on the Gomati. It is possible that Gomati is only an adjective. It was here that enmity between Vasistha and Viśvāmitra flourished, Kalmāsapāda was cursed by Śakti and Parāśara was born. VI. III. 14 18 states that by a bath in Gaṅgā, Yamunā, Naimisā-gomati and other rivers and by honouring pits one destroys all sins B—Br S XI. 60 says that a malignant Ketu in Uttarā-Bhādrapadā destroys king of Naimisa,

Naimisa—Kūñja (on Sarasvatī) V. 83 109, P I 26 102

Nairṛtesvara—(under VS) L q, by T.K. p 117

Nakulagana—(under Kuruksetra) Vām. 46 2. This probably refers to the followers of Lakulīśa (often written as Nakulīśa) Vide E I vol XXI pp 1 ff (Mathurā inscription of Candragupta II dated Gupta-samvat 61 i e 380 A. D) which shows that Lakulī founder of Pāśupata sect flourished in 1st quarter of second century A D; compare Vāyu 23 22-25 for Nakulī and Kāyārohana as his siddhiksetra

- Nakulēśatīrtha—(Lakulīśatīrtha?) M 22 77, Vām 7. 26 (Nākuleśvara on Narmadā where Cyavana bathed).
- Nakulī—(r. rising from lake Visnu-pada) Br II. 18. 68
- Nakulīśa—(under VS) L. q. by T K p. 107
- Nakulīśvara—K II 44. 12
- Nalakūbareśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K. p. 103
- Nahini—A—one of the three streams of Gaṅgā proceeding east, Vā. 47. 38 and 56, M. 121. 40, Rām I. 43. 13, B (a r. in Kāśmīra) HC 14. 101
- Nandā—V 87 27, Vā. 77 79. Ād. 215. 7, V 110 1 (near Hemakūta), Anu. 166. 28, Bh VII 14. 32, Var. 214. 47 Even all these passages do not convey the exact position. Bh IV. 6.24 (in the context) indicates that it was near Kailāsa and Saugandhī-lavana Bh. (IV 6 23-24) places Nandā and Alakanandā near Saugandhī-lavana
- Nandanā—(r. rising in Rāsavat m.) M. 144 25, Vā 45. 97, B 27. 28 (both last read *candanā*, which seems to be a misreading)
- Nandanavana—(under Mathurā) Var. q. by T K p 187
- Nandāsarasvatī—the r Sarasvatī came to be so called Vide P, V 18 456
- Nandāvarī—(r) Devala q. by T K p. 249 mentions after Kauśikī. Prof Aiyangar (TK p 289) takes it to be the Mahānandā in U P east of the Kosi river
- Nandigrāma—(where Bharata as representative of Rāma during latter's exile guarded the kingdom) V 277. 39, 291. 62, Rām. II 115 22, VII 62 13, Bh IX 10 36 It is Nundgaon in Oudh about 8 miles to the south of Fyzabad.
- Nandigubhā—(under Mathurā) Var. q. by T.K. p 193
- Nandiksetra—(in Kāśmīra) R I 36, NM 1204-1328 (story of Nandin being born as son of Sīlāda). It is the high valley at the east glaciers of Haramukha peaks which contain the sacred Kālodaka lake
- Nandikesa—(under Narmadā) M 191 6
- Nandikunda—A (in Kāśmīra) Anu 25. 60, NM. 1459, Ag. 219. 64; B (from which Sābhramatī rises) P. VI. 132. 1 and 13
- Nandikūta—(v 1 Nandikunda) Anu. 23. 60 q. by T K p 248
- Nandinī—(r)—V 84 155, P I 38 62
- Nandinī-sangama—(under Go.) B 128.1 and 73-74
- Nandiparvata—(in Kāśmīra) HC. 4 30 and 32 (near Haramukuta-Gaṅgā)
- Nandīśa—(Śiva worshipped in Nundkol in Kāśmīra, but in its extended sense applied to the whole sacred territory from the lakes on Haramukuta down to Bhūteśvara) R I 124
- Nandīśeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T K. p 57
- Nandītata—(under Go) B 152.1 and 40 (also called Ananda)
- Nandītīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 191 37, K. II 41 90, P I. 18, 37 (same verse in latter two)
- Nārada-kunda—(under Lobārgala) Var. 151 37
- Nārada-tīrtha—(under Narmadā) K II 41. 16-17, P I 18. 23 (same verse in both)
- Nāradeśvara—A (under Narmadā) M. 191. 5, B (under VS) L. q. by T K p. 53
- Naraka—V 83. 168 (some mss. read Anaraka and some 'Naraka')
- Naraka—(under Narmadā) P I 18 36, 20 1-2
- Nārasimha—(under Gayā) N II 46 46
- Narasimhāstama—(in Kāśmīra) NM 1520
- Nārasimhatīrtha—A (on the north bank of Go.) B 149. 1, B (destroys sin at very sight) M. 22. 43

Nārāyanasaras—(at the mouth of the eastern branch of Indus called Kori) Bh VI 5. 3 and 25, Śivapurāṇa II 2 13, 13. It is Sindhu-samudra-saṅgama. It is 81 miles north-west from Bhuj, capital of Cutch and between Koteswar and the sea. There was a great lake in ancient times and a temple of Ādi Nārāyaṇa. Vide Bom. G vol V pp. 245-248

Nārāyaṇāśrama—(near Badarī) V 145. 26-34, 156. 14 (Naranārāyaṇa-sthānam Badarītyabhivisrutam), Bh. VII 14 32, IX 3.36 (Badarīyākhyam gato rājā Nara-nārāyaṇāśramam), X. 87 4-7

Nārāyaṇasthāna—V. 84 122, P I. 38. 39

Nārāyaṇatīrtha—A (under VS) P. I. 37.5, B—B 167 1 and 33 (also called Vipratīrtha under Go)

Nārīrthāni—(in the Dravida country on the sea) V 118. 4, Ādi. 217 17 (daksine sāgarānūpe pañca tīrthāni sanī vai) Vide Pañcāśaras

Narmadā—Vide pp 703-707 above

Narmadā—Erandī-saṅgama T P. p 383

Narmadāprabhava—TP p. 383, P. I 39 9; V 85. 9 reads 'Sonasya Narmadāyāśca prabhede'

Narmadēsa—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 73, P. I. 18, 69

Narmadēvara—(under Narmadā) M. 194 2

Nāsikya—(modern Nasik) Vide pp. 709-710 above and Vā 46. 130

Naubandhana—(mountain peak to the west of Kāśmīra) NM 62-63

Naubandhanasaras—(on the border of Kāśmīra and Panjab) NM 64-66, 165-166 (also called Visnupada and Kramasāra), HC 4. 27

Nepāla—(modern Nepal) Var 215 38, Vā 104 79, Devī—Bh. VII 38 11 (Gubyañālī is a mahāsthāna). Vide A.G. pp 450-452; Br IV 44 93 (one of the fifty pithas), Br. S. 4 22 The country is named

in Allahabad Ins of Samudragupta (C. I I III p 14)

Nigamodbhodhaka—(one gavyūti to the west of Prayāga) P VI 196 73-74, 200. 6 (in Indraprastha) Dey p 140 says that it is Nigambodh Ghāt in old Delhi on the Yamunā

Nihkīrā—(a lotus pool on Krauñcapada in Gayā) Vā 108 84, N II. 44. 64, 47 35, Ag 116 8 (reads Nīścīrā)

Nihkīrā saṅgama—N II. 47. 35

Nīlācala—A (a small hill or mound at Purī in Orissa on which the temple of Jagannātha is deemed to be situated) Vide Nīlaparvata, B (hill near Gauhati on which temple of Sati stands)

Nīlagangā—(under Go. and rising in Nīlaparvata) B 80 4

Nīlakantbaliṅga—(under VS) L. q by T K p 118

Nīlakantbatīrtha—(under Sābhrāmāti) P VI 168 1

Nīlakunda—A (a pītīrtha) M 23 22, B Nīlakunda, Vitastā and Śūlaghāta are three names of the same tīrtha or spring in Kāśmīra NM 1500, HC 12 17

Nīlanāga—(king of Nāgas and protector of Kāśmīra) NM 295-301, R I 28, HC. 12 17, SM p 182.

It is to the south of Brūg in Shahabad *paigana*, popularly known as Vērṇāg, the traditional source of Vitastā. An A vol II. p. 361 describes Vērṇāg as the source of Bībat (Vitastā) and remarks (p 363) 'Nīlanāg, the basin of which measures 40 bighas Its water is exquisitely clear and is considered a sacred spot and many voluntarily perish by fire about its border'

Nīlaparvata—A (near Haridvāra) Anu 25 13 'Gāṅgādvāre Kuśīvarte Bīl-vake Nīlaparvate tathā Kanakhale snātā dhūtapāpmā divam vājet' L. q by T K p. 245, VDbS 85 13

- M. 22, 70, Bh. V. 19, 16, K. II 20 33, Devī-Bh. VII 38 (Devisthāna Nīlāmbā), B (mound on which Puruṣottama shrine stands) P IV 17, 23 and 35, IV. 18, 2, SK. q, by T. P. p 562
- Nīlatīrtha—Vām q. by T K p. 238
- Nīlavana—Rām II 55, 8 (one kṛśa from Citrakūta)
- Nīlotpalā—(r. rising from Rkṣa m) Vā. 45 100
- Nimbārlatīrtha—(on Sābhramatī) P VI. 151 1 and 14 (near Pippalāda-tīrtha)
- Nimnabheda—(on north bank of Go.) B 151. 1
- Nīrajēśvara—(under Narmadā) P I. 18. 6
- Nīrañjana—(An Ādityatīrtha on the north bank of Yamunā near Prayāga) M. 108, 29, T.K. p. 149 (reads Nīrūjaka)
- Nīrañjanā—a river which has Mohanā as tributary and after confluence it flows past Gayā, it is famed in Buddhist works. They are Magon and Erchenyis of Arrian (Ptolemy p. 97)
- Nīravindaparvata—Ann. 25, 42
- Nīrjareśvara—(under VS) L q by T.K. p. 103
- Nīrvindhya—(river rising in Vindhya and falling into Chambal) B 27 33, M. 114 27, Mār. 113, 33, Br. II. 16, 32, Meghadūta I. 28 Acc to Bh. IV. 1, 17-19, VI. II, 3 11, the river starts from m. Rkṣa and sage Atri had his hermitage on it, Mār chap. 113 narrates the story of Vīdūratha whose capital was near Nīrvindhya and Vatsapri, son of Bhalandana
- Nīrvirā—(r.) V 84 138-139 (it had Vasisthāśrama on its bank)
- Nisadha—(m) V. 188, 112, Al. (vol. II p. 142) says that near the mountain Nisadha is the lake Visnupada whence comes the river Sarasvatī Therefore Nisadha seems to be a part of the great Himālayan range. Vide also Vāyu 47, 64
- Nisadhā—(r. rising in Vindhya) Br. II. 16, 32 Vā 45, 102
- Nisākaralūga—(under VS) L q by T.K p 65
- Nisācīrā—appears to be a variant reading for Nīrvirā, M 114. 22 reads 'nisācīr'
- Nisphaleśa—K II 41 8
- Nisthāsaṅgama—(where there was Vasisthāśrama) P I 38 56
- Nisthāvāsa—P, I. 38, 54
- Nisthivī—(r. rising in Himavat) Br. II. 16, 26
- Nivāsahinga—(under VS) L q by T K p. 89
- Nūpā—(r. rising from Pānyātra m) Br II 16, 28, Mār 54, 23 (reads 'Nūpi')
- O
- Oghavatī—(r. in Punjab) Bhī. 9, 22, M 22, 71 (śrāddha and dāma very efficacious here), Vām, 46 50, 57 83, 58, 115, Prthūdaka (modern Pebo) was situated on it From Śal 38, 4 and 27 it appears that it was a name of Sarasvatī. Vide Dey p. 142 for different views about identification
- Ojasa—(under Kuruksetra, probably same as 'Aujasa' above) Vām, 41 6, 90 17
- Omkāra—A (one of five guhya lūgas in VS) K I 32 1-11, L. I 92 137, P I 34.1-4, B (Omkāra Māndhātā, one of the twelve Jyotirlingas on an island in Narmadā about 32 miles north-west of Khandwa) M 22, 27, 186 2, P. II. 92, 32, VI 131, 67, SK. I 1, 17, 209 In the Halāyudha-stotra engraved in the Amareśvara temple at Māndhātā on the left bank of the Narmadā dated in samvat 1120 (1063 A.D.) in E. I. vol. 25 p. 173 it is said that Omkāra dwells in Māndhātāpura on the confluence of Narmadā and

Kāveri. Vide above under Māhis-mati

Oṃkāreśvara—(under VS) SK IV 33 118

## P

Padmāvati—Śal. 46, 9 (one of the Mātṛs), the city is called Narwar. Vide A G p. 250 and the Khajurāho Inscription of *saṃvat* 1058 (1001-2 A. D.) for a description of the town which was the scene of Bhavabhūti's *Mālātī-Mādhava* (E.I vol. I. p 147 at p 151). Narwar is supposed to be the home of Nala, King of Nīṣadha

Paiśācatīrtha—(On the south bank of Go.) B 84 1-2 and 18 (also called Ājāna). B.150 1 speaks of a Paiśācatīrtha on the north bank of Go. It is doubtful whether these two are entirely different tirthas.

Paitūmahatīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 194. 4-5, K. II. 42 18

Pālamañjara—(near Sūrpāraka) Br. III 13 37

Pālapañjara (m.) Vā 77. 37 (śrāddha here most efficacious), Br III. 13. 37 (reads Pālamañjara)

Palāsaka—(where Jamadagni performed sacrifices) V. 90 16 (Palāsakesu punyeṣu)

Palāśnī—(r.) A (near Girnar in Kathiwar) Vide under Raivataka and Rudradāman's Junagadh Inscription (E I. vol. VIII p 36 at p. 43) and Skandagupta's Ins of 457 A D. (C I I III. at p. 64); B (r Paddair which falls into the sea near Kalūgapatam in Ganjam) Mār. 54. 30 (rising from Suktimat), Vā. 45. 107

Palēśvara—(under Sābbamatī) P VI. 134. 2 (where image of Candī is established)

Pampā—(r. tributary of Tuṅgabhadra) Bh. X. 79. 12, Vām 90. 16

Pampā—(v. I. Japā or Jayā) P. I 26. 20-21 (said to be the door of Kuru-ketra)

Pampāsaras—(Lake Pampā near Rśyamūka in the District of Bellary) V. 279. 44, 280. 1, Rām. III 72, 12, 73. 11 and 32, VI. 126 35, Vanaparva 280. 1, Bh VII. 14. 31, X 79 12 (saptagodāvarim Venām Pampām Bhūmarathim tatah)

Pampātīrtha—M 22 50, Bh VII 14 31

Pañcabrahma—(under VS) L. q. by T. K p. 62

Pañcagangā—The five rivers called Gangā are Bhāgīrathī, Godāvarī, Kṛṣṇā, Pīnākīnī (Pennar) and Kāveri. But in Drona 54 23 (Pañcagaṅgāsu sā punyā) only northern rivers seem to be meant

Pañcakeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K p 65

Pañcālakesvara—(under VS) L. q. by T K p 65

Pañcakundā—A (under Dvārakā) Var. q. by T. K p 226, B (under Lohārgala) Var 151. 43 (where five dhārās from *humakūta* fall)

Pañcanada—(the five rivers in Punjab) V 82. 83, Mausala 7 45, Vā 77. 56, K II 44. 1-2, L I. 43. 47-48 (near Japyeśvara), Vām 34. 26, P I. 24 31 The Mbh. (vol. II, p 239 on Pān. IV. 1 88) derives Pāñcanadāḥ (Pañcanade bhavaḥ) from Pañcanadam The five rivers in Vedic times were Sutudrī, Vipāsī, Parusnī, Asinī and Vitastā and in modern times they are called Sutlej, Bias, Rāvi, Chenab and Jhelum The union of these five rivers is called Panjnad in modern times and then the combined stream unites with the Indus a few miles above Mithankot Br S. XI 60 states that a malignant Ketu in Dhanisthā kills the king of Pañcanada and Br. S 14. 21 states it is a country in the west Vanaparva 222. 22 mentions the Sindhu (Indus) and Pañcanada separately (Sindhunadām Pañcanadam Devikētha

- Var. 141) For Pañcanada as a country, vide *Śubh' Sparsa* 32 11
- Pañcanadātīrtha—(under the Ganges) Pr. III 13 57, N II, 51, 16-36 Vide p. 626 and note 1458 above
- Pañcanadī—(near Kolhapur) P VI 176 43 (the image of Mahālalāmi near it).
- Pañcanadīvata—(under VS) L. q by T K p 96.
- Pañcapīṇa—(under D-ārakā) Var 149 36-40 (where a man of good deeds sees lotuses of silver and gold, but not an evil-doer) T.K p 326 reads Pañcalunda.
- Pañcaprayāga—Dey p 146 mentions (1) Devaprayāga (confluence of Māpīrīthī and Aśvīnandā), (2) Kānaprayāga (Mālanandā and Pindara), (3) Rudraprayāga (Vikarandā and Mandā) in 18 miles from Kānapur, capital of Terri, (4) Nandaprayāga (Mālanandā and Nandā), (5) Visvaprayāga near Joshimatba (Vikarandā and Visvagrāgā).
- Pañcāpura-tīrtha—(on the southern coast) Pr. A 79 18 (*Śrīdharmasūtrī*, com. of Bh. says that this tīrtha is in Pāṇḍya which is Avantapura in the Madras State vide (216 1-4) names them as Agastyatīrtha, Svabhadra, Pauloma, Kārandhama and Bhāradvāja. They were shunned by all, but Arjuna plunged into them and relieved the Apsarasas who had been reduced to pools by a curse. SK, Māhesvara-tīrtha, Kaumārī section, chap 1 is Pañcāpura-tīrtha samuddharaga (by Arjuna)
- Pañcārṇavaksetra—(to north of Stuta-sūtrīn) Var 148 45
- Pañcasaras—A (a pool under Lohārgala) Var 151 31, B (a pool under D-ārakā) Var 149 23
- Pañcasīkha—(under Badarī) Var 141, 14-16
- Pañcāśvabīvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p. 67
- Pañcasīra—(under Badarī) Var. 141 39-44
- Pañcāśvamedhika—Vā 77, 45, Br. III, 13, 45
- Pañcatapa (a Sivatīrtha where pūndāna gives inexhaustible results) K II 44 5-6
- Pañcatīrtha—(in Kāñci) Br. IV, 40 59-61.
- Pañcatīrthakunda—(under Mathurā) Var. 164 37.
- Pañcavāna—(under Gayā) Vā 77, 99
- Pañcavaṣa—(under Kuruksetra) Vām. 41 11, P I 27 50 (probably same as Pañcavati in V. 83 162)
- Pañcavati—A (in the north) V. 83 162, B (on the Go) Rām III 13 13 (calls it 'deśa'), III 13, 19 (two joyanas from Agastya-āśrama), N II 75, 30, Ag. 7. 3. Vide pp 709-710 above
- Pañcayalsā—(location uncertain) V 84, 10
- Pañcāyatana—(five tīrthas on the Narmadā) M. 191 5-6
- Pāndārakavana—(very fit for śrāddha) Vā 77 37
- Pāndavesvaraka—(under Narmadā) P I. 18 58, M. 191 61-62
- Pāndukūpa—Br. III 13 37 (near the sea) very fit for śrāddha
- Pāndupura—Vide Paundarikapura
- Pāncura—Vā. 45 91 (a minor m.)
- Pāndisahya—(one of the *guhya-kṣetras* of Viṣṇu) Nr. 65 9 q. by T.K. p. 251
- Pānduśālātīrtha—(under Gayā) Vā. 77, 99, Vā. 112 44-48 (read Pānduśālā), T.K. p 168 quoting Vā. reads Pānduśālā
- Pāndukhyāta—P I 26, 84, V. 83 89 (-lāta)
- Pāñhavarana—(under Gayā) N II 44 58, Vā. 112 43 (Pānduśālā was in this vana)
- Pāpamoksa—(under Gayā) Ag. 116 8, N. II, 47, 79
- Pāpāramocana—(under Kōlāmukha) Var 140, 51-54



Pāpaprāṇāśana—A (on Yamunā) P I 31 15; B (under Go.) B 92 1 and 48-49, also called 'Dhautapāpa' and 'Gālava')

Pāpasūdanatīrtha—(a spring in Kāśmīra) R I 32, H. C. 14 36 Kapateśvara; Sankarsana Nāga and Pāpasūdana are the same Śiva is worshipped as Kapateśvara at the sacred spring

Pārā—A (Viśvāmītra gave that name to Kauśikī) Ādi 71.30-32; B (r rising in Pāriyātra and falling into Sindhu in Malwa) Vā 45 98, M 13 44 and 114 24, Mār 54. 20 Printed Vāyu reads Parā, though some Mss read Pārā In M 13 44 it is said that Devī is styled Pārā on the bank of Pārā Vide Mālatī-Mādhava 4th Act at end, and 9th Act, first verse and Br. S 14 10

Parbhāsapura—(modern Pāraspor in Kashmir) built by the great king Lalitāditya R IV 194-195 refer to silver and gold images of Visnu

Pārāśaryeśvaralinga—(under VS) L q by T K p 59

Pāriplava—(under Sarasvatī) V. 83 12, P I 26 10 (same verse as in V), Vām 34. 17

Pāriyātra—(or Pāripātra, one of the seven main mountain ranges). It must be deemed to be the western part of Vindhya, as the rivers Chambal, Betwa and Śīprā are said to rise from it Vide K. I 47 24, Bh V 19.16, Vā 45 88 and 98, B 27 29. It is mentioned in the Nasik Inscription No 2 of Gotamīputa Śāta-karni in the words rendered into Sanskrit (from Prākṛit) as विन्ध्यकक्षवत्पारियात्रसह्यकण्डगिरि—मच-सिद्धिलमलय-महेन्द्र . पर्वतपते, Bom G vol. 16 p. 550 and as Pāricāta in Nāsik Ins No 10 (Bom G. vol 16 p 569) and in Mahābhāṣya as the southern boundary of Āryāvarta (vol.

I p 475 on Pān II 4.10) and also in Baud Dh S I 1 27

Parjanyaśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p, 115

Parnāsā (or Varnāsā)—A (r Banās in Rajputana which rising in Udaipur State falls into the Chambal) S. 65. 6 (yatkincid anu Parnāsām prāk Sindhorapi Saubala 1 etan mama dhanam &c) Parnāsā would mean 'the hope of foliage' Vā. 45. 97, Var 214 48, M. 114, 23, S. 9 21, B a river of Western India that falls into the Runn of Cutch The first is mentioned as Bārnāsā in Usavadāta's Nasik Inscription No 10 (Bom G Vol 16 p 569 and p 633), in Ins No 14, at Nasik it is spelt as Bārnāsā (Bom G Vol 16 p 577) and also in Karle cave Inscription No 13 in E. I vol VII at p 57. Vide for this river Bom. G vol. V p 283

Parusnī—A (modern Rāvi in Punjab) Rg V 52 9, VII. 88 8-9 (Sudās met his enemies Kutsa and the latter's allies on this river), VIII 74 15, X 75 5 Nir IX. 26 states that Irāvati was called Parusnī, B (a tributary of the Go) B 144 1 and 23

Parusnī-saṅgama—(under Go) B 144 1

Parvatākhyā—(under VS) K I. 35 8, P I 37 8 (same verse in both)

Parvateśvara—(under VS) M 183 62

Pārvatīlā—(śrāddha on this river most efficacious) M 22 56 It is a river rising in Vindhya and falling into Chambal

Pāsā—(r rising from Pāriyātra in) Br II 16 28 Is it a misreading for Pārā?

Pāsānatīrthā—(r) Devala q by T.K. p 249

Pāsūnī—(r. rising from Śuktimanta) M 114 32

Pāsūpatatīrthā—M 22. 56 (śrāddha at this very efficacious)

Paśūpateśvara—(under VS) L I 92 135

- Paśupatiśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p 93
- Pātalā—(very sacred to pitrs) M 22, 33
- Pātandhama—(m) Vā. 45, 91
- Patatritīrtha—(under Go.) B 166, 1
- Pathīśvara—(in Kāśmīra' beyond Bharatagiri and Vitastā) NM 1245 (temple of), 1398
- Patreśvara—(on north bank of Narmadā) P I. 17, 1
- Paulastyatīrtha—(under Go) B 97, 1
- Pauloma—(vide Pañcāpsarasatīrtha) Ādi. 216, 3
- Paundarīka—(a Viśnuksetra, seems to be Pandharpur from context) P VI 280, 18-19 (Kṛtasauce haret pāpam Paundarīke ca Dandake : Māthure Venkatādrau ca)
- Paundra—(Devadāruvane Paundram) P VI 129, 27
- Paundravardhana—Vā 104, 79 (sacred pītha), Br. IV. 44, 93
- Pauska—(in Kāśmīra-mandala) P VI. 129, 27
- Pavanaśya—hrada V. 83, 105
- Pāvanī—(r.) The Ghaggar is Kurukṣetra (Ambala District) Rām. I. 43, 13. Vide Dey p. 155
- Payasvinī—(r.) Bh. V. 19, 18, XI, 5, 39 (persons who dwell on this and other rivers of the south are great devotees of Vāsudeva).
- Payodā—(r.) Br. II 18, 70, Vā 47, 67 (rising from lake Payoda).
- Payosnī—(r. rising from Rkṣa or from Vinḍhya) Wilson says that it is (vol. II, p 144 n 37) the Pain-Gangā that joins the Waradā or Wardhā river in Central Provinces. V. 85, 40, V. 88 4, 7-9 (it is superior to all rivers including Gaṅgā and is the river of king Nrga), 121, 16, Vi. II. 3, 11. Tāpī and Payosnī are separately mentioned in most Purāṇas e. g. Vi. II 3, 11, M 114, 27, B 27, 33, Vā 45, 102, Vām. 13, 28, N II 60, 29, Bh. X 79, 20, P. IV. 14, 12 and IV. 16, 3 (sage Cyavana had his āśrama on it) Vide under Mūlatāpī V 121, 16 shows that after Payosnī the Pāndavas came to Vaidūrya-parvata and Narmadā Hunter in I G I, vol XX p 412 holds that Payosnī is the modern Purnā river in Berar rising in the Gavilgadh hills and falling into the Tāpī. The Nalacampū VI, 29 says (Parvatābheda pavitram ..Harimiva...vabati payah paśyata Payosnī)
- Payosnisangama—(śrāddha yields inexhaustible results) M. 22, 33
- Phalakīvana—(under Kurukṣetra, probably modern Pharal, 17 miles to south-east of Thanesar) V. 83, 86
- Phalgu—(r.) flows towards the north past the town of Gayā and ultimately joins a branch of the Pūnpū V. Vide District Gazetteer of Gayā p. 8, Ag 115, 27 derives it from phala and go (yasmīn phalati śrīr-gaur-vā Kāmadhesur-jalam mahī Dṛstiramiyādīkam yasmāt Phalgotīrtham na phalguvat). Vā III 16 says it is superior to Gaṅgā since the latter is only water from the foot of Viśnu while the former is Adī-Gadādhara himself Vide pp. 648 n, 653, 660 n, 661-62, 664 n
- Phālguna—Bh. VII. 14, 31, X. 79, 18 (Śrīdhara says it is Anantapura)
- Phālgunala—(to the south of Mathurā) Var 157, 32
- Phālguneśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p. 105
- Phenā—(r. falls into Go) B 129, 7
- Phenā-sangama—(with Go) B, 129, 1, 7-8
- Pindāraka—(in Khambhalīa Mahāl of Kathiawar) V. 82 65-67 (where coins were found marked with lotus), 88, 21, M. 13 48, 22 69, Anu 25 57, Vi. V. 37, 6, Bh. XI. 1 11 (Kṛṣṇa's son Sāmba dressed as a pregnant woman was cursed here by sages), Var 144 10 (as Viśvausthāna), P I. 24 14-15 Dey

- p. 157 says it is 16 miles to the east of modern Dvārakā Vide Bom G. vol VIII (Kathiawar) p. 613 for legend connected with Pindar
- Piṅgāyāh-āśrama—Anu. 25 55
- Piṅgātīrtha—V 82. 57 (Piṅgātīrtha), P. I. 24 6 (same verse in both)
- Piṅgaleśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 32, K II. 41 21, P I 18 32 (same verse in last two)
- Pippalā—(r. rising from Rksavat) Br. II. 16 30
- Pippalādatīrtha—(on Sābhramatī near Dugdheśvara) P VI 150. 1
- Pippalatīrtha—(under Go. near Caṅkṛatīrtha) B 110 1 and 226 (Pippaleśvara in this verse)
- Pippaleśa—(under Narmadā) M. 190 13, P. I 17, 10
- Pippalī—(r. rising from Rsyavat) M. 114. 25; probably same as Pippalā
- Piśceśvara—(under VS) L q by T K. p. 114
- Piścamocana-kunda—(under VS) K I 33 2 and 13-14, P. I. 35 2 ff (almost same verses in both)
- Piścamocana-tīrtha—(in Prayāga) P VI, 250 62-63
- Piścilā—(r. rising in Rksavat) Br. II 13. 30
- Pitāmahasaras—same as Puskara—A V. 89 16, B Śal. 42 30 (the source of Sarasvatī), V 84 149
- Pitāmahatīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 194 4, P I 21 4
- Piṭhas—fifty are enumerated in Br IV 44. 93-100 such as Nepālā, Ekavīrā, Ellāmra
- Plaksā—(r) Vām q by T K. p 239 (from that river pilgrim goes to Kundīna and then to Sūrpāraka)
- Plakṣaprasravana or praśra—(the source of Sarasvatī) Śal 54 11, K II 37 29, Br III 13 69, Vā 77 67 (very efficacious for śrāddha)
- Plakṣatīrtha—(sacred tank probably in Kurukṣetra where Purūraṇa found Urvaśī) Vā 91 32
- Plakṣā-ataraga—V. 90. 4 (where sacrificers performed Sārasvata-satras); V. 129. 13-14 (Yamunātīrtha where those who performed Sārasvata sacrifices came for the final ceremonial bath called avabhṛtha), K II. 37. 8 (a Viṣṇutīrtha), Mār 21.29-30 (in Himavat)
- Prabhāsa—A (in Saurāṣṭra near the sea, had a famous temple of Somanātha, one of the twelve Jyotirliṅgas, broken by Mahmūd of Gaznī) also called Somanāthapaṭṭana, SK. VII 1. 2. 44-53 (several origins of the name suggested), V. 82 58, 130. 7, V. 88. 20, 118. 15, 119. 3, Ādi 218. 2-8, Śal. 35 42 (the moon was cured of consumption here), K II. 35.15-17, N. II. 70.1-95 (māhātmya), G. I 4 81, Vām. 84 29 (Sarasvatī falls into the sea near it) It is mentioned as a holy place in Usavādāta's Inscription at Nānak (Bom. G vol. 16 p. 669 and in Cūtra prasasti of Śāraṅgadeva dated samvat 1343 (1287 A. D.)). Prabhāsa is styled Devapattana and it is said that it is on the confluence of the Sarasvatī and the sea [E I. vol. I. p. 271 at p. 283 and Śrīdhara's prasasti of samvat 1273 (1216 A. D.)]; B (on the Sarasvatī) Śal. 35 78, SK. VII 1 11-14; C (a hill near Gayā) Vā 108. 16, 109. 14, Ag 116. 15; D (under VS) K. I. 35 16, P I. 37. 15, E (under Dvārakā) Māusala 8. 9, Var. 149. 29-33 (there are alligators there but they do no harm), SK. VII. 1 chap. 35-36 (māhātmya of Sarasvatī and Prabhāsa), Bh. XI. 30. 6 (there is pratyak-Sarasvatī there i. e. S. flowing westwards, while in Kurukṣetra it is prāci). Usavādāta's Inscription states that the prince bore the expenditure of the marriages and secured brides for eight brāhmanas at Prabhāsa (Prabhase Punyatīrthe). It was here that Lord Kṛṣṇa left his mortal coil Vide 'The life and

times of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni' by Dr. M. Nazim pp. 202-214 for origin, legends and sanctity of Somanātha and for date of invasion by Mahmud (about 1025 A.D.), pp. 219-224 for stories connected with the expedition, and pp. 117-119 for attack on the fort of Somanātha, for the death of 50000 devotees in defence, for the destruction of the liṅga with pickaxes and fire and for the immense booty of 20 millions of dinārs of those days (i.e. about £10,500,000 in present money); F (in Kāśmīra) HC. 14, 111, G (one of the five *dhārās* near Badarikāśrama) N. II. 67. 57-58

Prāci-Sarasvatī—(same as Sarasvatī) A-Bh. VI. 8. 40, Vām. 42. 20-23; B (under Gayā) Vā. 112. 23

Pradyumnagiri or -pāṭha (same as Hari-parvata in Śrīnagara) R. III. 460, VII. 1616, Vā. 18. 15, SM. p. 148 and K. R. p. 17

Pradyumnatūtha—N. II. 40, 96 Dey p. 158 says that it is Paṇḍu in the District of Hugli in Bengal

Prahasiteśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K. p. 89

Prahādeśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T.K. p. 48

Prajānukha—(Visṇu to be worshipped as Vāsudeva here) Vām. 90. 25

Prajāpatikṣetra—M. 104. 5 (limits defined). It is Prayāga; vide p. 599 note 1358

Prajāpatya—(under VS) K. I. 354, PI. 37. 4 (same verse in both)

Pranītā—(r. falling into Godāvarī) B. 161. 1, P. VI. 181. 5 (on the bank of Go there was a town called Meghāṣṭakara); same as Pranabītā

Prāntakapāniya—(near Pañcanada) Var. 215. 109

Pṛāpaṇa—(to the north of Mandāra) Var. 143. 17

Prasaraṇa-giri—A (in Janasthāna) Rām. III. 49. 31; B (on the Tāṅga-bhadra) Rām. IV. 27. 1-4 (in a cave

of which Dāma resided for some months)

Pratiśi—(a great r.) Dh. XI. 5. 40 (persons dwelling on this are devotees of Vāsudeva)

Pratiśihāna—A (near Prayāga) VS. 75, 114, 1. Vā. 91. 18 (capital of Purāṇavas), 91. 30 (on the north bank of Yamunā), K. 12. 18, 130. 30 (on the eastern side of the Ganges), Mā. 108. 15 (given to Śilla Purāṇavas at Vasiṣṭha's request) Vā. IV. 1. 15, B. 227. 151, Bh. IX. 1. 42. B (modern Patthan on the left bank of the Go) B. 112. 23, Var. 155. 1, P. 11, 172. 20, VI. 176. 2 and 5 (refers to sporting Mahārāja women at) The Pāṭhākhora Buddhist pillar inscription records the gift of a pillar by the family of a performer Mithara of Pāṭhā; A. S. W. I. IV. 50

Vide A. G. pp. 553-554 for Pāṭhākhora being the capital of Mahārāja in Hiuen Tsang's times Hiuen Tsang mentions it as Pāṭhāna and the Periplus as 'Pūthina'. In the 30th edict of Aśoka at Shahabgarhi and elsewhere we have 'Bhojā-Pāṭhāna', which last word probably stands for Pratiśihāna (C. I. I. vol. I. p. 67)

Pravarā—(r. that joins the Godāvarī) B. 105. 45-54 (on which is situated Nivāsapura, modern Nivāse or Nivāsi). It joins Godāvarī at Tola in Ahmednagar District, Bom. G. vol. 17 p. 6

Pravarāpura—see under Śrīnagara, III. 335-349

Pravarā-saṅgama—(with Go) B. 106. 1 Vide Bom. G. vol. XVII p. 740 for Tola and Pravarāsaṅgam, two holy towns on the left and right banks of the Pravarā at its meeting with the Godāvarī, 7 miles north-east of Nivāsa

Prayāga—A (modern Allahabad) Var. pp. 595-617, also A. G. pp. 388-391 quoting Hiuen Tsang, B (the confluence of the three

- and Vitastā i e. Zhelum ) NM 394-395 (Sindhu is deemed Gangā and Vitastā Yamunā)  
 Prayāgeśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p 45  
 Pretakunda—(under Gayā) Vā 108 68-69, Ag 116 15 It is now known as Brahmayoni at the foot of the Pretaśilā hill  
 Pretakūṭa—(a hill under Gayā) Vā. 109 15  
 Pretaparvata—(under Gayā) Vā 83 20  
 Pretaśilā—(under Gayā) Vā 110 15, 108 15 It is a peak 580 feet in height situated 5 miles north-west of Gayā. Vide Gayā District Gazetteer p 235.  
 Pratikēśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p, 111  
 Priyamelaka—(pre eminent for śrāddha) M. 22 53  
 Priyavatesvara-lunga—(in VS) SK. IV 33 159  
 Pṛthivī-tīrtha—P I 26 11 (near Pānplava)  
 Pṛthūdaka—(on south bank of Sarasvatī, modern Pehoa) Vide p 685 above It was called Brahmayoni in Vām 39, 16-17 and 23 Vide A G pp 336-337  
 Pṛthutūṅga—N II 60 25  
 Pulahāśrama—Bh VII 14, 30, X 79 10 (near Gomati and Gandakī and same as Śālagrāma)  
 Pulastya-pulahāśrama—(near source of Gandakī river) Var 144, 113, Bh. V, 8 30 (near Śālagrāma)  
 Pulastyeśvara—(under VS) L by T K, p. 116  
 Punaḥpunā—(r under Gayā, modern Pūn-Pūn) Vā. 108 73, N. II. 47 75  
 Punaṛavartanandā—(r) Anu. 25 45  
 Puṇḍarika—A (under Kubjāmraka) Var. 126 57, P I 26 78, B (near Kurukṣetra) Vām. 81. 7-8  
 Puṇḍarikā—(r rising from a lake called Pavoda) Br II, 18 69-70  
 Puṇḍarikāṣetra—(modern Pandharpur) T S pp 7-21  
 Puṇḍarikamahātīrtha—(śrāddha most efficacious here) Br III 13, 56, Vā. 77. 55  
 Puṇḍarikapura—M. 22 77, N II 73 45  
 Puṇyasthala—(under Mathurā, one of the five sthalas) Var 160 21  
 Purāṇeśvara—(in VS) SK IV 33 132  
 Pūrṇa—A (r in Berar), it falls into the Tāpī on its left bank Vide Aṇ A vol II p 224, Changdev is a village near this confluence and a great tīrtha called Chikar-tīrtha (muddy), B Pūrṇa in Surat District falls into the sea (Bom, G vol II, p 26), C Pūrṇa which falls into the Godāvari in Parbhani District Vide I. G I vol. XII. p 297. Is it the same as the Pūrṇatīrtha in B 105 22?  
 Pūrṇamukha—(under Kubjāmraka) Var. 126. 40-41  
 Pūrṇatīrtha—(on north bank of Go.) B 122 I  
 Puru—(m) V 90, 22 (where Purūrasas went)  
 Purūrasatīrtha—(under Go) B. 101. 1 and 19-20 (also called Sarasvatī-saṅgama and Brahma-tīrtha)  
 Purusottama—(Jagannātha or Purī in Orissa) B chapters 42, 48, 68, 177, 178; M 13. 35, K II. 35, 27, N. II. chapters 52-61 (māhātmya). Vide pp. 692-703 above  
 Pūrṇamukha—(a variant reading for Pūrṇamukha in Var 126 40)  
 Puskara—(town, lake and place of pilgrimage, six miles from Ajmer). One of the few temples of god Brahmā exists here. There are three kundas called Jyestha, Madhyama and Kanīṣtha (N. II, 71 12, P V. 28 53), Usavādāta's Nasik Ins No. 10 mentions gifts made by him at three pools (Puskaresu). Vide Bom G vol. 16 p 570. Vā. 77. 40, K II 20 31 and VDHS 85 1-3 state that śrāddha at Pus-

kara yields inexhaustible results This is one (western) of the five Vedīs of Brahmā (P V. 15 150), Vām. 22. 19. Br. III 34. 11 and Vām 65. 31 mention Madhyama Puskara and Br III. 35. 39 says that Kanistha Puskara was 1½ yojanas from Madhyama Puskara, and Jyestha Puskara was one krośa to the west of Madhyama Puskara It is said that the sacred Sarasvatī flowed to the ocean from here (P. V 19. 37) P V. 15. 63 and 82 explain how this place was called Puskara from the lotus (puskara) that Brahmā cast here. Br (III. 34. 7 ff) states that the hero Paraśurāma practised *tāpas* here along with his disciple Akṣatavana for 100 years The T. K. pp 182-185 quote verses 20-39 of Vanaparva chap 82 and twelve verses from P V. 27 relating to Puskara At (vol. II p 147) states: 'Outside the town in three places they have constructed ponds which stand in high veneration and are places of worship' The principal temples are five, but all of them are modern, the earlier ones having been destroyed by Aurangzeb There are several sub-tīrthas under it (V. 82) Puskara is in the Varanādigana (Pān. IV. 2. 82), B (Puskara, on Sarasvatī, called Suprabha, m) Ādi. 221 15, Śai. 38. 13-15; C HC 14. 111 (in Kāśmīra among the group of tīrthas at Kapatesvara), D (one of the five *dhārās*. at Badarikāśrama) N II 67. 57-58

Puskarāranya—P V 18-217, S 32 8 (Prācī Sarasvatī flowed through it), Br S. XI. 35

Puskarāvati—a r probably known to Pān (IV. 2. 85, on which the Kāśikā mentions it and also several others)

Puskarnī—A (under Narmadā) M 190. 16, K. II. 41. 10-11, F. I 17 12, B (under Gayā) Ag 116. 13

Puspabbadrā—(r on the northern slopes of Himālaya) Var. 51. 2, 98, 5, Bh. XII 8 17, XII. 9. 10, Nr. q by T K p. 253

Puspabbadrā (r) Bh. XII 9. 10

Puspagiri—(one of the lesser mountains in Bharatavarṇa) Vā 45 92, Br. II. 16 22. Vīde I. G. I vol. 23 pp. 114-115 for this

Puspajā—(r rising from Malaya) M 114. 30, Vā 45 105 (reads Puspajātī, which means the same thing)

Puspadanteśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p. 117

Puspasthala—(under Mathurā) Var. 157 17 (a Śivaksetra)

Puspavahā—(r.) Bh XII. 9 30 (near Himālaya)

Puspavati—(r) V 85 12, P I 39 12 (same verse in both)

Putratīrtha—(under Go ) B 124 1 and 137

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Rādhākunda—(under Mathurā) Var 164. 34

Rāghaveśvara—M. 22 60 (śāddha renders inexhaustible results).

Raivataka—(hill at Junagadh opposite to Girnar) Ādi 218 8 (near Prabhāsa) and chap. 219 (festivities on it by Vrsnyandhaka), S 14 50, Var 149 66 (q by T. K. p 227), SK VII 2 1 68 (western part of Udayanta hill near Somanātha in Vastrāpatha), M 22 74 'Raivataka i e present Girnar is very sacred to the Jains (vide Uttarādhyayanasūtra, SBE, vol 45 p 115) But the present Dvārakā is about 110 miles from it The original Dvārakā, which was swept away by the sea, was much nearer Pargiter (p 289) was not aware of two Dvārakās and hence proposes to identify Raivataka hills with Baradā hills in Hālār, the western corner of Kathiawad In the Junagadh Inscription of Śālagupta of 136-138 Gupta era

- re 455-458 A D the river Palāśinī is said to spring from Ūrjayat which (C I I vol III at p 64) is opposite to vātaka
- Rājagṛha—A (Rājgir, the ancient capital of Magadha) V 84 104, Vā 108 73 (punyam Rājagṛham vanam), Ag 109 20, N, II 47 74, P I 38 22, vide A G pp 467-468 and I G I vol. XXI p 72 for the five hills surrounding it, it was also known as Girivraja and was the capital of Jarāsandha under this name, B (in the Punjab) P I 28 13 (it is a Devisthāna)
- Rājābhadrā—(on Sābhrmatī) P VI 131, 116 and 134
- Rājāvāsa—(Viṣṇu shrine established by Paraśurāma in Kāśmīra) NM 1384, 1447
- Rajeshvara—(under Srīparvata) L I. 92 156
- Rāmādhivāsa—(śrāddha and dāna most efficacious here) M 22. 53
- Rāmāgiryāśrama—G I 81. 8, Meghadūta 1 and 12 (Rāmāgiri is Rāmtēk, 28 miles north-east of Nāgpur in C P and two miles from Vākātaka capital Nandivardhana)
- Rāmāgṛha—(under Sānandūra) Var 150 10
- Rāmahrada—(five lakes on the north of Thaneshwar) V. 83. 26-40, Anu 25 47, Bh X, 84 53, P. I. 26. 23-37 (where Paraśurāma filled five lakes with the blood of ksatriyas killed by him and his piṭṛs transformed them into tīrthas at his request), NM. 1387-99 (it is Brahmāsaras where Bhārgava Rāma practised tapas after washing his bloodstained hands), Bh X. 84 53 Also called Cakra-tīrtha (vide p 742 above)
- Rāmājanma—(to the east of Sarala) P I 26 76
- Rāmalinga—(under VS) L q by T K p 113
- Rāmasaras—(under Sānandūra) Var 150 14-18 (one krośa in extent)
- Rāmātīrtha—A (under Gayā) Vā 108 16-18, M 22 70 (anantam śrāddha-dānayoh), Ag 116 13, B (in Śūrpāraka) V 85. 43, Śal 49 7 (where Bhārgava Rāma gave the earth as dakṣiṇā to Kaśyapa in Vājapeya and Aśvamedha sacrifices) Vide Usavādāta's Nasik inscription recounting the gifts he made at Rāmātīrtha in Śorparāga in Bom G vol 16 p 570, C (under the Ganges) N II 40.85, D (on Gomati) V 84. 73-74, P I 32 37, E (under Go) B 123 1, F (under Mahendra) P I 39 14
- Rambhālinga—(under VS) L q. by T K p 105
- Rambheshvara-linga—(under Sarasvatī) Vām 46 39
- Rāmesvara—A (one of the twelve Jyotirlingas, said to have been established by Rāma himself) M. 22. 50, K II. 30. 23 (bath at R saves from sin of brahmahatyā), G I 81. 9. Vide T Sp 47 which quotes passages from V, K, and Ag. It is situated on the island of Pāmban It is one of the most venerated shrines in the whole of India Vide I G. I vol XXI pp 173-175 for a brief description of the great temple; B (under Srīparvata) L. I 92 149 (established by Viṣṇu himself).
- Ratneshvara-linga—(under VS) SK IV. 33 165
- Rantuka—(one boundary of Kuruksetra) Vām 22. 31 and 33. 2 Vide p 683 n 1551 above
- Rautakāśrama—(on Sarasvatī) Vām 42. 5
- Rasā—(a river) Rg. V. 53 9, X 75 6. It is difficult to identify it It appears to have fallen into the Indus But from Rg X 108 1 (katham Rasāyā ataraḥ payāmsi) in which the Panis ask Saramā how she crossed the waters of Rasā, it

- appears to be a mythical river. It is identified with Panjkora by E Thomas in JRAS vol 15 p 361 (n s.)
- Rathacaitraka—(a tīrtha) P VI 129 9
- Rathaspā—(r.) It was included in the Pāraskarādīgana (Pān VI I 157) The Mbh. (vol III p 96) mentions 'Rāthaspā nadī' In Mb (Vanaparva 170 20) a river Rathasthā is mentioned between Gaṅgā, Yamunā and Sarasvatī on the one hand and before Sarayū and Gomatī on the other Rathākhya r is mentioned in Br. S 16 15 Vide Ādi 170. 20.
- Rāvanasparatīrtha—A (under Narmadā) M. 191 26, B (under VS) L. q by T. K p 98
- Ravistava—(under Narmadā) P I 18 19
- Renukāsthāna—(one of the Devīsthānas) Devī-Bh VII 38 5 (probably at Parasurāma, in the Rainagiri District)
- Renukāstaka—(under Sarasvatī) Vām. 41. 5
- Renukātīrtha—V 82.82, P. I. 24.30 and 27.47. Dey (p 168) says it is about 16 miles north of Nahan in the Panjab Nahan is the capital of Sirmur State.
- Retodaka—(under Kēdāra) Devīpurāṇa q by T.K p. 230
- Revā—(Narmadā) Vide pp. 703-707 above
- Revantēśvara—(under VS) L q by T K p 96
- Revatī-sangama—(under Go) B 121 1 and 22
- Rkṣa or Rksavat—('abounding in bears', one of the seven main mountain ranges of Bharatavarṣa) Vā 45 99-101 and 95 31, M 114 17, B. 27. 32, Var. 85 (prose) Rivers like Sona, Narmadā, Mahānadi are said to rise from it Hence it is the eastern part of Vindhya from Bengal to the sources of Narmadā and Sona. Rksavat is mentioned in the Nasik cave Inscription No. 2 (Bom. G. vol 16 p 550 as गिन्सुवतः i. e. गिन्सु-सप्तवत् It is the Ouzenion of Ptolemy (p 76). Wilson (vol II. p 128) holds that Rkṣa is the mountain of Gondawana There is great difficulty in identification, since the same rivers that are said to rise in Rkṣa in M and V are said to rise from Vindhya in Mār 54 24-25.
- Rnamocana or Rnapramocana—A (under Kurukṣetra) Vām. 41 6. Vide A S R. of India, vol XIV p 76 (which says that it is situated to the south of Kapālamocanatīrtha on the Sarasvatī), B (near Prayāga) M. 22. 67 (śrāddhagives inexhaustible results), 107 20, C (under Go.) B 99. 1; D (a sub-tīrtha under Āmalakagrāma) Nr 66 28 q. by T. K p 255, E (under VS) SK. IV. 33. 117
- Rnamoksa—(under Gayā) N II. 47. 79, Ag 116 8
- Rnātakūpa P I 26 92
- Rnatīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 27, K II. 41. 19 and 29
- Rodhasvatī—(r) Bh. V 19 18
- Rohitaka (m) Ś 32. 4
- Rabha—(m in Pāṇḍya country) V. 55. 21, Bh V 19 16, X. 79 15, M. 121. 72 and 163. 78. Dey p 119 suggests that it is the Palni hills in Madurā
- Rsbhā—(r rising in Vindhya) M. 114. 27
- Rsbhadvīpa—V 84. 160, P I. 38 67
- Rsbhatīrtha—A (under VS) K. I. 35 3, P. I. 37. 3, B (in Kosalā i. e. Dakṣiṇa-Kosalā), vide the Guṇji Rock Inscription of Kumāravaradatta read by M M Prof Mirashi in E I vol. 27. p 48 where it is recorded that at Rsbhatīrtha of the Bhagavat (probably meaning Śiva) an amūṭya of the king made a grant of two thousand cows to brāhmanās Prof. Mirashi points out that Guṇji is a small village, 14 miles north-west of Sakṭi



- in the Chhatisgarh Division of C P, that at the foot of a hill near that village there is a kunda (pool) called Daman Dahrā, that the record is engraved on a rock on one side on this pool, that not many miles from Guñjī inscriptions of centuries before and after the Christian era have been found and that the Guñjī Inscription is to be assigned to the 1st century A. D. Vanaparva 85. 10 states that the pilgrim who fasts for three days at Rsabhatirtha secures the rewards of Vājapeyayañña Vide V 85, 10, P I 39. 10
- Rsabhañjanakātirtha or Usātirtha—(under Mathurā) Var q by T. K. p 191
- Rṣikā—(r. from m Śuktimat) Vā 45 107
- Rṣikanyā—(under Narmadā) M. 194. 14
- Rṣikulyā—(r) V 84 49, P I. 32. 12, M 114 31, B. 27. 37, N. II. 60 30 (rising from Mahendra m) Vā 45. 106 reads 'Rtukulyā It is the river of Ganjam, acc to A G p 516. The famous Jaugada fort in the midst of which on a huge granite mass thirteen edicts of Aśoka are inscribed is on this river
- Rṣisañghesvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 54
- Rṣasattra—(under Go) B 173 1
- Rṣyamūka or Rṣyamūke—(m) Rām III 72 12, III 75 7 and 25 (on the borders of lake Pampā), Bh V. 19 16, V. 280 9, V 147 30 (on which Sugrīva resided), 279 44 (near Pampā lake) Vide Pargiter (p. 289 note) for identification which is rather vague
- Rstirtha—A (under Narmadā) M 191 22 and 193 13 (sage Trnabindu became free from curse here), K. II 41 15, P. I 18. 22, B (under Mathurā) Var 152 60
- Rṣyañgesvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K. p 115
- Rṣyavanta or Rṣya—(m) M. 114 26, Vā 45 101, B 27 32
- Rucikeśvaraka—L I 92 167
- Rudragayā—(near Kolhapur) P VI. 176 41
- Rudrakanyā—(under Narmadā) P I 20 76
- Rudrakara—(under Kuruksetra) Vām 46 11
- Rudrakarna—(under VS) M. 181 25
- Rudrakarnahrada—(under VS) P I 37 15
- Rudrakoti—A (under Kuruksetra and Sarasvatī) V. 82 111-124, Vām. 46. 51, P I. 25 25-30, K II 36 1-8 (where Hara assumed a crore of Rudra forms for the competing sages), B (under VS) M 181. 25, C (under Narmadā) P I 13 12, V. 17 103, M 186 16-17
- Rudramahālaya—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 63, Devala q by T. K. p 250
- Rudramahālayatirtha—(under Sābhramatī) P. VI. 139 1
- Rudrapada—A (under Gayā) Vā 111. 64-67, Ag 115 48, B (under Kuruksetra) P I 26 94
- Rudraprayāga—on confluence of the Mandākinī and Alakanandā in Garhwal district (I G. I vol XXI p. 338)
- Rudrāvarta—(after Sugandhā) V 84. 37
- Rudravāsa—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 62
- Rukminīkunda or Rukmīkunda—(under Gayā) Vā 108 57, Ag. 116 5
- Rūpadhārā—(Viṣṇu's form on Irāvati) Vām 90 5
- Rurukhanda—(under Śālāgrāma) Var 145 105, chap 146 explains why it is so called.
- S
- Śabarīritha—(on Go) P. VI. 269. 277-78
- Śābhramatī—(modern Sābarmatī river that rises in the Mewar hills and falls into the gulf of Cambay) The original of Sābarmatī is given as Svābhavatī in I. G. I. vol. XXI p 344.

Vide P. VI 131. Up to chap. 170 of P. various sub-tirthas of the river are described at great length. Verses 2-6 of chap. 133 speak of seven streams of it, viz Sābhramatī, Setikā (Svotakā), Bakulā, Hiranmayī, Hastimatī (modern Hathimati) Vetravati (modern Vātral) and Bhadrāmukhī Sābhramatī-sāgara-saṅgama — P. VI. 166. 1

Saciśvara-lūga—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 105

Sadānūgula—(*Sthāna* of a *nūga* in Kāśmīra) NM 1133-1140

Sadānīrā—(r.) Śat. Br I. 4. 1. 17 states 'even now this river is a boundary of Kosalas (Oudh) and Videhas. This river came rushing from the northern mountain and though all other rivers were burnt up, this was not burnt'. Sāyana explains Sadānīrā as Karatoyā. Bhī (9. 24 and 35) keeps the two distinct S. 20. 27 indicates that it was between the Gandakī and Sarayū, while B (27. 28-29) states that it rises from Pūriyātra in Vā. 45. 100 states that Karatoyā comes from Rkṣa range. Pargiter (Mār chap. 57 p. 294) says that it is the Raptī The Amarakośa regards Sadānīrā and Karatoyā as synonyms

Sagareśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 51

Sāhasrakatīrtha—V. 83. 158, P I. 27. 46 (same words in both)

Sahasrākṣa—M 22. 52 (*dāna* most efficacious here)

Sahasrakunda—(under Go.) B. 154. 1, q. by T. S. p. 59

Sahya or Sahyādri—(one of the seven main mountains of Bharatavarṣa) B 161. 2, M. 13. 40, Br. III. 56. 22, Ag. 109. 21

Sabyāpalaka—Vide Āmāla

Sabyāranya—Devipūṭana q. by T. K. p. 244

Saileśvara—(under VS) L. I 92. 86, Var. 216 23, N. II. 50. 57, SK IV. 33. 135

Saileśvaraśrama—Var. 215. 57 and 83-84

Sailoda—(lake at the foot of m Aruna) Vā. 47. 20, Br II. 18 21-23

Sailodā—(r. which springs from Sailoda lake) Vā 47. 21, Br. II 18 22.

Vide Dey p. 172 for identification

Saundhavāraṅga—(where Cyavana resided with Sukanyā) V 125 13, Vām. q. by T. K. p. 239. V 89 15 speaks of S. as being in the west

Sākambharī—A (Sāmbhara salt lake in Western Rajputana on the borders of the Jaipur and Jodhpur States) V. Dh S. 85 21, in an inscription of Cāhamāda Vighararāja dated Vikrama era 1030 (973-74 A. D.) Sākambharī is mentioned (E. I. vol. II, p. 116 at p. 124). Vide I. G. I XXII pp 19-20 for legends about it. Near the south-eastern extremity of the lake there is Sāmbhar town which is an ancient one and was once the capital of Chauhān Rājputs; B (in Kumaon on the road from Haridvāra to Kedāra) V 84 13, P. I 28. 14-16 (a Devīsthāna, where Devī subsisted on vegetables alone for 1000 years)

Sāketa—(same as Ayodhyā) It is the Sāgeda of Ptolemy. Vide Br III 54. 54. The Mbh (vol. I, p. 281 on Pān. I. 3. 25) has 'this road leads to Sāketa' and vol II. p. 119 (on Pān. III 2. 111) 'arunad-Yavanah Sāketam' (the Yavana besieged Sāketa) The Yavana referred to is deemed to be Menander. The Suttanipāṭa (SBE, vol. X part 2 p. 188) mentions it as existing in the time of Buddha. Fa Hien (about 400 A. D.) refers to it as 'Sha-chi' and Hsuen Tshang as Visākha Vide A. G. pp 401-407 The Raghuvamśa (XIII. 79, XIV. 132, XV 38) treats Sāketa and Ayodhyā

- as synonyms) The *Kāśikā* on Pāṇ V 1 116 cites 'Pāṭalputravat Sākete parikhā' This shows that in the 7th century Sāketa was a flourishing town with a wide ditch. A. C. (p 182) notes that Sāketa, Kōśalā and Ayodhyā are synonyms (verse 975)
- Śakrarudra—(three *krośas* from Kokā-mukha) Var 140 65
- Śakrasaras—(under Sānandūra) Var 150 33
- Śakratīrtha—A (on the south bank of Narmadā) M 22 73, K II. 41 11-12, P I 24 29, B (under Kumbhāmraka) Var 126 81
- Śakrāvarta—V 84 29, P I 28 29
- Śakreśvara—(under VS) L q by T.K p 75
- Śālagrāma—(a sacred place near the source of the Gandakī river) V. 84 123-128, Vi II 1 24, II 13 4 (king Bharata, a yogin, and a devotee of Vāsudeva resided there), M. 13. 33 (Umā was called Mahādevī in Śālagrāma), 22 62, P I 38 41, Var 144 3 and 14 (all stones there are to be worshipped, particularly those marked with *cakra*); verse 29 says 'the Śālagrāma hill is Viṣṇu'; v 145 says it is also called 'Devūta', that it is twelve *yojanas* in extent (v 159) The sacred stones called Śālagrāma and worshipped as Viṣṇu are found in the bed of the Gandakī towards its source. It was also called Pulahīṣṭama (Vi II 1 29) T K (pp. 219-221) quotes verses of Var. and V 84 123-128
- Śālagrāma—(same as above) K II. 35 37, Nr 64 22-26 (Puṇḍarikā came to this Mahākṣetra)
- Śālagrāmāgiri—Var 144. 13 and 29
- Śālakatankateśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p 48
- Śālisūrya—V 83 107, P I 26 100 (a tīrtha probably established by Śākhotra)
- Śātūkinī—(under Kurukṣetra) V. 83.13. The Mbh (vol I p 474 on Vārtika 2 to Pāṇ II. 4 7) speaks of Śātūkinī as a village)
- Śālvikini—(probably the same as above) P. I 26 11
- Sāmālanātha—(same as Śyāmālanātha) M. 22 42, P. V. 11. 35 Dey p 200 identifies with Sāmaly in Mahīlānthā Agency.
- Samaṅgā—(a r. also called Madhuvilā) V. 134. 39-40, V. 135 2 (where Indra was freed from the sin of Vṛtravadha). Samaṅgā is so called because it makes all limbs as they should be, Aṣṭāvakra's limbs became straight after a bath in it
- Samantapañcaka—(same as Kurukṣetra) Ādi. 2. 1-5 (five pools of ksatriya blood that were transformed into holy pools of water), Śal. 37. 45, 44 52, 53. 1-2 (the northern Vēdī of Brahmagā), P. IV. 7. 74 (written as Syamanta—), Br. III 47 11 and 14. Vide pp. 682-83 above Vām. 22 20 (printed as Syamanta—), 51-55 (lake is called Sannihita and it is half a *yojana* all round, but Vām 22 16 says it is five *yojanas*)
- Samasrotah—(under Mandāra) Var 143 24-26
- Sāmbapura—A (under Mathurā) Var. 177. 55 (also called Kuleśvara), B (on the banks of Candrabhāgā) Bhav., Brahma 140 3 It is modern Multan
- Sāmbhalagrāma—B 213 164 (Kalkin Viṣṇuśaśas will be born here to destroy mlecchas), P. VI. 269 10-12 (speaks of Sāmbhalagrāma), G I. 81 6, Bh XII 2 18 Vā 98 104-109, M 144 51, Br II 31 76, Vi IV. 24 98 speak of the future exploits of Kalkin or Pramati (but all don't mention Sāmbhalagrāma). The I. G I vol XXII p 18 identifies it with the town Sambhal in the Moradabad District, U P. many

ancient mounds, temples and sacred spots exist in the neighbourhood.

Sammūrtika—(a tīrtha in VS) P I 37 6

Sampitbaka—(under Mathurā) Var. 157. 37

Samsāramocana—(śrāddha here yields inexhaustible results) M 22 67

Sāmudraka—(near Brāhmāvarta) V 84. 41

Samudralūpa—(under Prayāga) M 106 30

Sāmudratīrtha—(under Go.) B. 172 1-20, about ten verses of which are q by T.S pp. 63-64 (though with variant readings)

Samudreśvara—(under VS) L. q by T.K. p 105

Samvartaka—(under VS) K I 35 6

Samvartavāpi—V. 85 31, P I 39 29 (same verse in both)

Samvarteśvara—(under VS) L. q by T.K. p 99

Samvidyātīrtha—V 85 1, P I. 39 1  
Samyamana—(under Mathurā) Var 153 3

Sanaścaresvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 67

Sanala—Yama q by T K p 248  
Sanakesvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 67

Sanaudesvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 67

Sānandūra—Var 150 5 ff Its exact location cannot be stated It is between the southern sea and Malaya. An image of Viṣṇu was established there, some saying that it was made of iron, others saying of copper, lead or stone and so on Dey does not notice it

Sapatkumāresvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 67

Sandhyā—A (r in Kāśmīra) NM. 1471, R I 33 and Stein's note Vide Trisandhyā, B (river Sindh in Malwa, which falls into the Yamunā) S 9, 23, P. I. 39. 1. C (another r.,

location uncertain) V. 84 52, P. I 32 16

Sandhyāvata—(under Prayāga) M 106 43

Sāndilī—(r in Kāśmīra) NM 1445

Sāndilī—Madhumatī—sangama—NM 1446

Sāndilyeśvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 68

Sangamana—(under Dvārakā) Var 149 41

Sangamanagara—(under Dvārakā) Var q by T. K. p 226

Sangamesvara—A (under VS) N 11. 50 63-64, B (at confluence of Sābhramatī and Hastimatī) P VI 138, I, C (on the south bank of Narmadā) M 191 74, K. II 41. 36, P I 18 53; D (at confluence of Gangā and Varuṇā) L I 92 88

Sankha-hrada—(under Go.) B 156 1

Sankha-līkitesvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 93

Sāṅkha-prabha—(under Śālagrāma) Var 145. 48

Sāṅkhatīrtha—A (on Sarasvatī) Śai. 35 87, B (under Narmadā) K. II. 42, 17 (Sāṅkha-), C (under Āmlaka-grāma) Nr 66 23

Sāṅkhutīrtha—(under Kurukṣetra) V. 83 51

Sāṅkhoddhāra—(an island situated at south-western extremity of the gulf of Cutch) Bh. XI 30 6 (Kṛṣṇa directed that women, children and old men should go to this, when terrible portents were seen in Dvārakā) M 13. 48, 22 69 (śrāddha is *ananta* here) It is a very sacred place, particularly for Vaiṣṇavas Vide I G I vol 8 p. 18

Sāṅkukarna—(under VS) M. 181 27, K. I 31. 48, P I 24. 18

Sāṅkukarṇeśvara—(a linga on the southern boundary of VS) K I 33 48, L I 92. 135, N. II 48 19-20

Sāṅkuntikā—Vām q. by T. K. p 236

**Sannihitā**—(a tract more extensive than Kurukṣetra, but including it) Br III 13. 68 (pumsām Sannihitāyām tu Kurukṣetre viśeṣataḥ | arcayitvā pūrmś-tatra sa putrast-vanno bhavet) TP. p 466 reads 'Sannihata', states it is a lake eight krośas in extent and that there are four lakes called Sannihata, Sannihatyā, Sānnihatya and Sannihātā

**Sannihati**—(another name of Kurukṣetra, according to several works) V 83. 190-195 (Nīlakantha explains that Sannihati is another name of Kurukṣetra) Verse 195 derives as 'tīrtha-sannihanād-eva Sannihatyeti vīrutā' i.e. all tīrthas gather together here every month on Amāvāsyā, P. I. 27. 77-78 (same verses as in V), Vām 41. 9 and 45. 29, Ag 109. 15 (employs the word Sannihati 'Sarasvatīyām Sannihitāyām snāna-lārd-brahmalokabhāk')

**Sannihatya-saras**—(in Kurukṣetra) Vām 47. 56, 48. 23, 49. 6 (on the north bank of Sarasvatī and near Dvātavana)

**Sanniti**—(in Kurukṣetra) NM 168-169 (seems to be the same as Sannihati above)

**Sānteśvara**—(under VS) L q by T K p. 66

**Saptacarutīrtha**—see 'Vadavā'

**Saptadhāra**—(under Sābhramatī) P VI. 136. 16 (same as Saptasārasvata)

**Saptaganga**—V 84. 29, Anu 25. 16, P. I. 28-29 (same verse as in V) The seven Gangās are Gangā, Godāvarī, Kāverī, Tāmrāparnī, Sindhu, Sarayū and Narmadā Acc tō NM. 720 the seven Gangās are Bhāgīrathī, Pāvanī, Hrādīnī, Hīlādīnī, Sītā, Sindhu, Vāṅku.

**Saptagodāvara**—V 85. 44, Vā 77. 19, M 22. 78, Bh X 79. 12, P I 39. 41, IV 108. 39, Br III 13. 19, SK. IV. 6. 23 See Kharha plate of king Yaśāhkarna in Kalacuri year 823

(i.e. 1071-2 A.D.) in E. I vol. XII p. 205 ff where in verse 23 the seven streams are named, in the Godāvarī District Gazetteer p 6 the seven mouths of the Godāvarī are said to be sacred to seven sages viz Kāśyapa, Atri, Gautama, Bharadvāja, Viśvāmītra, Jamadagni, Vasistha R VIII 3449 speaks of Godāvarī as falling into the sea with seven mouths.

**Saptanada**—Br III 13. 58 (deyam Saptanade śrāddham Mānase vā viśeṣataḥ)

**Saptakoṣṭhvara**—T P p 557 quoting SK. VII

**Saptapuskarnī**—(seven springs at Thid in Kāśmīra) SM. p 160. It is also called 'Stanakunda' in HC IV 45. An A (vol II p. 361) refers to it 'In the village of Thid is a delightful spot where seven springs unite'

**Saptārśa**—V. Dh S 85. 39 (śrāddha very efficacious at it) Dr Jolly identifies it with Sātārā.

**Saptarsikunda** (under Lohārgala) Var. 151. 46 (where seven dhārās fall from Himavat).

**Saptasāgara-linga**—(under VS) SK. IV. 33. 136.

**Saptasāmudraka**—(under Kubjāmraḥa) Var 126. 91

**Saptasāmudraka-lūpa** (under Mathurā) Var. 157. 12

**Saptasārasvata**—(in Kurukṣetra) where sage Mankanaka pierced his hand with the tips of kuśa grass when vegetable fluid began to flow from it and he danced with joy. V 83. 115, Śal. 38. 4-31 (where seven names, for which p 686 above may be referred to, are mentioned), K II 35. 44-76 (story of Mañkanaka), P I 27. 4 ff (follows V 83), Vām 38. 22-23 (story of Mankanaka), N II. 65. 101-102 (seven rivers are named)

- Saptavatī—(r) Bh V 19 18  
 Sarabhaṅgakūṇḍa (under Lohārgala)  
 Var. 151. 49  
 Sarabhaṅgāśrama—V 85 42 and 90 9,  
 Rām. III 5.3, P. I 39. 39, Raghu-  
 vanśa XIII 145 (near Sūtilsā-  
 śrama)  
 Sarabindu—(under Āmalakagrāma)  
 Nr. 66. 34  
 Śāradātīrtha—(in Kāśmīra) M 22 74,  
 R. I. 37 Foremost among tīrthas  
 of Kāśmīra is modern Śārdi on the  
 right bank of river Kīsaṅgāṅgā. In  
 front of the temple sacred Madhu-  
 matī falls into Kīsaṅgāṅgā Vide  
 SM. p. 206 Ain A. (vol II. pp  
 365-66) says that the temple of  
 Śāradā dedicated to Durgā is on the  
 bank of the Padmatī river which  
 comes from Dardu country and that  
 on every 8th day of the bright half  
 of a month it begins to shake  
 Sarala—(under Kuruksetra) V. 83  
 75-76, P I 26 76, N II 65 62-63  
 Vide p 684 above  
 Sarastamba—(near Devadāruvana),  
 Anu 25, 28  
 Sārasvata—A (śrāddha very efficacious  
 here) M 22 63, B (under VS) K I  
 35 12, P I 37. 15  
 Sārasvata—lūga (under VS) SK IV.  
 33 134  
 Sārasvatatīrtha—Śal 50 (story of  
 Asita Devala and Jaigīavya), 51  
 (birth of Sārasvata from Sarasvatī,  
 who taught the Vedas to sages in a  
 drought for twelve years)  
 Sarasvatī—(modern Sarsuti) A—The  
 river starts from Brahmasaras, acc to  
 Śalya 51 19, from Badarikāśrama  
 acc. to Vām. 2 42-43 and from Plaksa  
 tree acc. to Vām 32 3-4, P. V 18  
 159-160 (say that Sarasvatī was  
 asked to cast the Vajraya fire into the  
 sea in the west) This is probably an  
 allusion to volcanic action whereby  
 Sarasvatī disappeared Vām. 3 8  
 says that as Śankara guilty of  
 Brahmatyā plunged into it, it dis-  
 appeared, while elsewhere (e g in  
 V. 130 3-4) it is said that it dis-  
 appeared through fear of the touch  
 of śūdras, Nisādas and Ābhīras and  
 Anu. (155 25-27) states that Saras-  
 vatī went to Marudeśa owing to curse  
 by Utathya and became dry and un-  
 holy. After disappearing it becomes  
 visible at Camasodbheda, Śivodbheda  
 and Nāgodbheda The Sarasvatī  
 in Kuruksetra was called prāci  
 Sarasvatī (P V 18. 181-182),  
 See Dey pp. 180-181 for several  
 Sarasvatīs V 130 1-2 state that  
 those who die on the Sarasvatī go  
 to heaven and this was the blessing  
 conferred by Dakṣa when he per-  
 formed a sacrifice there Vide  
 'Oldham's paper in JRAS for 1893  
 pp 49-76, B—There is another holy  
 river of the same name rising in the  
 south-west end of Aravali hills and  
 flowing south-west through the dis-  
 tricts of Palanpur, Mahikantha and  
 Baroda and past the ancient cities of  
 Anhilvād and Siddhapur and falling  
 into the lesser Rann of Cutch Vide  
 under Prabhāsa  
 Sarasvatī-Arunā-sangama—V 83 151,  
 K II. 30. 22, Śal. 43 31 and chap.  
 44  
 Sarasvatīpatana—(under Mathurā) Var.  
 154 20.  
 Sarasvatī-sāgara sangama—V 82. 60,  
 P I 24 9, Vām 84, 29  
 Śārāvati—(Probably Rāpti in Oudh)  
 Bhī 9 20, Pān VI 3 120 (Śārādīnām  
 ca) knew the river Śārāvati, Kara-  
 svāmīn (in com. on Amara 'Śārāva-  
 tīāstu yosvadeh') quotes a verse  
 'prāgudañicau vibhajate hamsaḥ kīro-  
 dake yathā. vidusām śābdasiddh-  
 yartham sā nah pātu Śārāvati.' Dr.  
 Agrawala in (J.L.P.H.K.S. vol. 16  
 p 15 surmises that it is the Ghag-  
 ghar flowing through Ambala Dis-  
 trict I have grave doubts about

- this. It is possible that when the Sarasvatī became dried and only a marshy bed was left it was called Śarāvati, but that in the times of the Amarakośa, Śarāvati is probably the river Śarāvati which falls into the sea near Honavar (North Kanara District) on which are the famous Gersappa falls. In the Raghuvamśa (XV. 97) Śarāvati is said to have been the capital of Lava, son of Rāma
- Sarayū—(r) Rg IV. 30 18, V. 33. 9, X 64 9 (Sarasvatī, Sarayu and Sindhu are mentioned together). In all these places the word is Sarayu, while in classical Sanskrit it is Sarayū or Sarayū (M 22. 19, Vā 45 94, N II. 75. 71, Raghuvamśa 15 95 and 100). M. 121 16-17 and Br II. 18 70 show that Sarayū springs from the Mānasa lake situated at the foot of the Vaidyutagiri. Ayodhyā was situated on the Sarayū (Rām II. 49. 15) Sarayū rises from Himālaya (Vā 45 94, M 114. 21) According to Pān VI, 4 174 (Dāndināyana—) the water of Sarayū was called Sārava (Kāśīlā says 'Sarayvām bhavam sāravam udālam') In the Cullavagga (SBE vol XX p 302) it is one of the five great rivers of India and in 'Questions of Milinda' (SBE vol 35 p 171) it is one of ten great rivers, but in both places it is written as Sarabhū. Vide T P pp 500, 501 where it is stated that it rises from the left toe of Viṣṇu and is joined by Ghargara It is the Sarabos of Ptolemy (p 99). It is also called the Ghogra or Gharghara
- Sārdūla—a Śaivaksetra, according to Bar S III 122.
- Sargabindu—(under Narmadā) K. II 42 23.
- Sarkarāvartī—(r) Bh. V 19. 18
- Sarvahrada—V §5 39 (uncertain location)
- Sarvatīrtha—P. II 92 4 and 7 (Prayāga, Puskara, Sarvatīrtha and Vārānasi) are the four tīrthas that remove all sins including *brahma-hatyā*.
- Sarvatīrtheśvara—(under VS) SK IV 33. 134.
- Sarvātma—(under Kubyāmra) Var 126. 37
- Sarvāyudha—(under Śālagrāma) Var. 145. 56
- Saśaṅkeśvara—(under VS) L q by T.K p. 97
- Saśayāna—(under Sarasvatī) V 82 114-116, P I 25 20-23 (same verses in both) Some mss read 'Śaśapāna'.
- Saṣṭhrada—Anu 25 36
- Satadru—(Sutley) same as Śutudri which see, Ādi 177 8-9 (derivation given), M 22 12, Bh V. 19. 18 The Amarakośa gives Śutudrī and Śatadru as synonyms.
- Satalumbhā—(under Sarasvatī) V. 84. 10. P I 26 11 (same verse in both)
- Satarudrā—M. 22 35 (śrāddha here is inexhaustible)
- Satasahasraka—(under Sarasvatī) P. I. 27, 45, Vām 41. 3, V 83. 157 and 84. 74 (Satasāhasraka)
- Satasrṅga—(m) Devala q. by T.K p. 250.
- Sātātapeśvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 92
- Satīkatīrtha—(under Sarasvatī) Vām 41 3
- Satyavatī—(became river Kauśikī) Vā 91 88
- Saubhadra—Ādi. 216, 3 (one of the five Nārītīrthas on the southern sea)
- Sauharava—(as printed in Var 137 7 of the Veṅkatesvara press edition) is a misreading for Saukaraka. Vide under, Sūkaratīrtha
- Saurpāraka—Br. III. 13. 37. Vide Sūrpāraka

- Snugandhikagiri—M. 121. 5 (to north-east of Kālāsa)  
 Saugandhikavāna—V. 84. 4, P. I. 28. 5-6 (same verse in both)  
 Saumitrisāhgama—(very fit for *śrāddha*) M. 22. 53  
 Saunakēśvara-kunda—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 122  
 Savarnī'vara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 60  
 Sāvitrāpāda—(under Gayā) V. 84. 93. Vide p. 619 above  
 Sāvitrī—(r. boundary between modern Ratnagiri and Kolaba Districts). P. VI 113. 28  
 Sāvitrī'vara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 70  
 Sāvitrīrītha—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 6, K. II 12. 19, P. I. 21. 6  
 Śaśatīrītha—(under Go.) B. 115. 1  
 Setu—the supposed bridge (called Adam's Bridge) between Rāmeśvara and Ceylon said to have been built by Rāma with the assistance of Sugriva and his monkey hosts, Bh. VII. 14. 31, X. 79. 15 (*Sāmudrasetu*), G. I. 51. 3, N. II 76 (contains *setu-māhātmya*). Adam's Peak in Ceylon has a famous foot-print which is venerated by Hindus, Buddhists, Christians and Moslems alike. Vide T. P. pp. 557-560 for *māhātmya*  
 Setubandha—same as above. Vide T. S. pp. 1-4 and Tīrthaprakāśa pp. 557-560, Rām. VI 22. 45-53, VI 126. 15 (*etat-tu drśyate tīrtham sāgarasya mahā(manah) Setubandha itī khyātam* &c.), P. V. 35. 62 (says that Setu was built in three days), SK III Brāhmahanda, chapters 1-52 on Setu-māhātmya, its subsidiary tīrthas and *Setuyātrākrama*. Vide p. 94 above for visit to Setubandha as an expiation.  
 Siddhakēśvara—(one of the eight tīrthas under Virajātīrtha) B. 42. 6  
 Siddhapada—(a ksetra on Sarasvatī) Bh. III. 33. 31  
 Siddhapura—(64 miles to north of Ahmedabad) M. 13. 46 (Devi is called Mātā here), what Gayā is for Pitra, Siddhapura is for the mother. It is on the Sarasvatī river  
 Siddhatīrtha—(under Go.) B. 143. 1  
 Siddhavāna—M. 22. 53 (*śrāddha* here most efficacious)  
 Siddhavata—A (under Lohārgala) Var. 151. 7, B (under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92, 153  
 Siddhēśvara—(linga on south bank of Narmadā) Vām. 46. 34, P. II. 20. 34.  
 Siddhēśvara—A (under VS.) M. 32. 43 and 181. 25 q. by T. K. pp. 88, 117 and p. 241, B (under Narmadā) P. I. 18. 100, C (on the south bank of Go.) B. 128. 1  
 Siddhikūta—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 88  
 Śikhīrītha—(under Narmadā) M. 193. 84, P. I. 20. 78  
 Śilātīrtha—(under Gayā) Vā. 108. 2  
 Śilākēśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 46  
 Simba—a Varanava-ksetra acc. to Bār S III 120. Probably the same as Simbāchalam temple of Nrsimbhāvatāra of Viṣṇu about 6 miles north-west of Vizagapattam. Vide I. G. I, vol. XXII p. 375  
 Sindhu—A (the modern Indus, Greek Sinthos) Rg. II 15. 6 (he made the Sindhu flow northwards), V. 53. 9, VIII 20. 25 (the medicine that is in Sindhu, in Asikni and the seas), X 75. 6 The seven Sindhus (i. e. Indus, five Panjab rivers and Sarasvatī) are mentioned in Rg. II. 12. 12, IV. 28. 1, VIII. 24. 27, A. V. VI. 3. 1, Drona 101. 28 (*Sindhusasthā samudragāh*), R. I 57 (Stein's note), NM. 394 (*Sindhu* is Gaṅgā and Vitastā is Yamunā). Vide for description I. G. I vol. I pp. 29-31. It rises in Tibet north of Kālāsa. Sindhu is also the name of the country through which the river flows,



- vide Pān IV 3. 93. On Pān IV 3. 83 (prabhavati) the Kāśikā gives the example 'Dārādī Sindhuḥ' (the river Sindhu rises in Darat) Some mss. of Kāśikā include 'Darat' in Sindhvādīgana Sindhu country is mentioned in Rudradāman's Junāgadh Ins., B (a r. rising from Pāriyātra and falling into Yamunā) Vā 45. 98, M. 114. 23, B. 27 28 It is the same as Kālī-sindhu between the Chambal and Betwa Mālatī-mādhava refers to its confluence with Pārā (Act IV end) and with Madhumatī (Act IX prose passage after verse 3) Padmāvatī, the scene of the drama, was situated on the confluence of Pārā and Sindhu
- Sindhuprabhava—(source of Sindhu) V. 84. 46, P I 32 10 (same verse in both)
- Sindhusāgara—Nr 65. 13 q by T K p 252
- Sindhusāgarasangama—V. 82 68, Vā 77. 56, P I. 24. 16 (same verse as in V)
- Sindhūtama—(a lake) V. 82. 79
- Sīphā—(r) Rg I 104 3 (in which the two wives of Kuyava met death)
- Sīprā—(r from Pāriyātra, flowing past Ujjayinī) M. 22. 24, 114 24, Vā 45. 98 Every mile of the river is marked by sacred spots, the reputed haunts of rsis or the scenes of miraculous incidents, the river is said to have sprung from the blood of Viṣṇu and is believed to flow with milk at certain periods Vide Ain A vol II p 196 for this
- Sitā—(a branch of Gaṅgā) Vā 47. 21 and 39, Bh. V. 17. 5
- Sitātīrtha—(under Mathurā) Var 179. 28
- Sitavana—(under Kurukṣetra) P I. 26 55
- Śivadhāra—M 22 49
- Śivahrada—Br III. 13. 52
- Śivakāñci—(at Conjeeveram in South India) P VI. 204 30
- Sivanadī—Nr 65 23 q. by T.K. p 253
- Sivasarasvatī—a Saivakṣetra acc to Bār S III. 122
- Śivodbheda—(where Sarasvatī reappears after disappearing) V 82 112, P I. 25 19
- Skandatīrtha—(under Narmadā) P I. 18. 49, M 191. 50
- Skandēśvara—(in VS) SK IV. 33 125, L q by T.K. p 68
- Slesmātakavana—(on Himavat) Var. 214 24–26, 215. 12–13 and 115 Dey p. 188 says that it is Uttara Gokarna two miles to north-east of Paśupati-nātha in Nepāl. For two Gokarnas, north and south, vide p. 754 above
- Smaśāna—Avimukta, which see, M 184 19
- Smaśānastambha—(under VS) L. q by T K p 54.
- Snānakunda—(under Mandārā) Var. 143. 18–20
- Sodaranāga—(in Kāśmīra) NM 13–14 It is modern village Sudarbal situated on a deep inlet of the Dal lake. Vide R I 123–26 and II. 169 and SM p 164 Stein notes that Sodara is an ancient name of the spring now called Nārān Nāg situated close to temple ruins at Bhūteśvara NM mentions it in connection with Bhūteśa and Kanakavāhinī and the distance from Bhūteśvara to Śrīnagara is about 32 miles
- Somakunda—(under Gayā) Ag 116.4
- Somanātha—A (in Saurāstra near Verawal) Ag 109 10 (Somanātham Prabhāsakam), P. VI. 176. 37, vide A G p 319 and under Prabhāsa; B (under Gayā) Ag. 116 23 A popular verse is 'Sarasvatī samudraś-ca Somah somagrahas-tathā | darśanam Somanāthasya sakārāḥ pañca durlabhāḥ )
- Somapada—V 84. 119.

Somapāna—M 22 62

Somāśrama—V 84 157

Somatīrtha—A (on the banks of Sarasvatī) Vām. 41.4, V 83 114, M 109 2, B (under Narmadā) M. 191. 30, P I. 18. 30 and 27. 3, K II. 41 47, C (under VS) K. I. 35 7, P I. 37 7 (same verse in both), D (under Go) B 105 1, 119 1, E (under Mathurā) Var. 154 18, F (under Kokāmukha) Var. 140, 26-28, G (under Virāja) B 42, 6, H (under Sūkara) Var. 137 43 (where Soma secured highest *siddhi*), I (under Sābhramatī) P VI 154 1

Someśa—(under VS) K I 35, 9

Somestara—A (removes all diseases) M 22 29, K, II 35. 20, B (under Sālagrāma) Var. 144. 16-29

Sona—(a *nada*, also called Hīranyavāha, rising in m. Rkṣa in Gondwana according to the Purāṇas and falling into the Ganges some miles from Banlupore) M. 22 35 (a *nada*), 114. 25, B 27. 30, Vā. 45 99, Br II 16 29 It is the Soa of Ptolemy (p 99) and Sonas of Arrian It rises near where the Narmadā rises in the Amarakantaka hill Vide AG pp 453-454 for its confluence with the Ganges

Sona-jyotīrathā-sangama—V 85 8, P. I 39 8, V. Dh S 85 33 (reads Sona-jyotīsangama, while the com Vajayanti notes the v. l. Sona-jyotīrathā)

Sonaprabheda—(prabhava?) V 85 9, P. I 39 9

Sonitapura—(capital of Bānāsura, where Anuruddha was kept in confinement for his intrigue with Uśā) B 206. 1, Harivamśa, Viṣṇuparva 121. 92-93 Dey p 189 says that it exists under the same name in Kumaon and that several other places claim to be the Sonitapura of Bānāsura In the Harivamśa it is said that Sonitapura was, 11000

yojanas from Dvārakā. BV (Kṛṣṇa-janmakhaṇḍa, Uttarārḍha, 114 847) mentions Sonitapura as capital of Bānāsura. A C. (p. 182) states it was also called Kotivarsa (v 977)

Śrāvastī—(Sāhet-māhet on the Rāpti in Oudh) said to be the capital of Lava in Uttara Kosala It is 58 miles north of Ayodhyā, Rām VII 107 4-7, Vā 88 200 and A G. p 409, but some mss of Raghuvamśa (XV. 97) state that Śrāvastī was the capital of Lava Vide Marshall's article in JRAS for 1909 pp 1066-1068 for the reasons for identifying Śrāvastī with Sāhet-Māhet and the Sāhet-Māhet plate of Govindacandra in E. I. vol. XI p. 20. In JRAS for 1898 pp 520-531 Vincent Smith disputed the identification of Sāhet-Māhet with Śrāvastī and holds that Śrāvastī was near Nepalgarj in Nepalese territory. B 7 53 says that it was called after Śrāvasta of Ilsvālu race.

Śrīṣeṭra—Jagannātha Puri

Śrīkunda—V 82 86 (now called Laksmī-kunda, in VS) L. q by TK p 62

Śrīkuñja—(under Sarasvatī) P I. 26. 19, V. 83 108

Śrīmāṇḍala—(the guardian nāga in the south of Kāśmīra) NM 1117

Śrīmukhi—(guhā) L. q by T K. p. 60 (under VS).

Śrīnagara—A (capital of Kāśmīra). It has a long history. R I 104 states that Aśoka built Śrīnagarī with 96 lakhs of houses Stein in note on this says that Cunningham (A. G p 93) located Śrīnagarī of Aśoka at the site of the present village Pandrethan (Kalhana's Purāṇādhis-thāna) on the right bank of Vitastā, three miles above modern Śrīnagar. Pandrethan is at the foot of the hill Takhta-i-Sulaiman Pravaraṣena I erected the shrine of Pravaraśvara

and Pravarasena II built the new capital in the beginning of the 6th century Hiouen T'sang speaks of the new city (Pravarapura) Vide Beal's B R W W vol. I pp 96, 148 and 158 and A. G. pp. 95-96. Am A (vol. II p 355) states that Koh-i-Sulaiman is to the east of Śrīnagara. Al (vol I p. 207) notes that Addisthan (adhīsthāna the capital of Kāśmīra) is built on both banks of the Zhelum. For the Dal lake close to Śrīnagara and one of the most beautiful spots in the world, vide. I. G. I. vol XI, pp 124-125, B—a town in Garhwal District on the left bank of the Alakanandā (U. P. Gazetteer vol. 36 p. 200).

Śrīgātaśvara—(under Śrīparvata) L. I. 92 155

Śrīgatīrtha—(under Narmadā) P I 21, 31.

Śrīgaverapura—(or Śrīgavera) V. 85 65, P. I 39. 61 (same verse in V and F), Rām II 113 22, VI 126 49, Ag. 109, 23 Here Rāma crossed the Ganges when going from Ayodhyā into exile. It is modern Srīngaur or Singor on the left bank of the Ganges about 22 miles north-west of Prayāga.

Srpā—(rising from Vindhya) Br II. 16 32.

Śrīparni—(dāna most efficacious here) M 22 49

Śrīparvata or Śrīśatla—A (hill situated in Karnal District on the south side of the Krsnā river 50 miles from Krsnā station). There are numerous lingas here including the famous Mallikārkjuna (in L I 92 155), one of the twelve Jyotrlingas, many are named in L. I, 92 147-166 Vide V 85. 18-20 (Mahādeva with Umā is there), Vā 77 28, M 13 31 (Devī is called Mādhavī here), 181 28 (one of the eight main Śivasthānas), 186.

79 (one tripura of Bānāsura burnt by Rudra fell here), P I. 15 68-69 (same story as in M 188), Agn 113 4 (Gauri, assuming the form of Lakṣmī practised penance here). Pargiter (p 290 n) does not correctly interpret Ag. K II 20 35 (Śrāddha most efficacious here), II. 37 13-14 (religious suicide allowed here), P. I 39 17, VI 20, 15 (a great place for yogins and those practising penance) It is a Śāktakṣetra acc. to Bār. S. III 124. The Mālatīmādhava mentions it several times Vide E I XX p 9, E I IV p. 193 (Chikkulla plate of Viṣṇukundin Vikramendraravarma). In the Nāgārjunikoṇḍa Inscription F of about 3rd century A, D edited by Dr Vogel, Śrīparvata is mentioned (E I. vol XX p 1 at p 23), B (a linga in VS) Ag 112 4, C (under Narmadā) Ag 113. 3

Śrīpatitīrtha—(śrāddha here leads to highest goal) M 22. 74.

Śrīranga—(modern Śrīrangam, an island between Kāverī about 2 miles north of Trichinopoly and Coleroon) M. 22 44 (śrāddha here yields inexhaustible results), Bh X 79 14, P VI. 280. 19, Bār S III 120 (a Vaiṣṇava-kṣetra) It is mentioned in the Śilappadikāram chap X (tr by Prof Dikshitar p 163) Rāmānuja, the founder of the Viśiṣṭādvaita philosophy died here. Vide I G I vol XXIII pp 107-108 for a brief description of the temple of Viṣṇu (called Ranganāthasvāmin here).

Śrītīrtha—(under VS) V 83 46, K I 35 8, P I. 37, 8

Stambhatīrtha—(modern Khambayat situated on the gulf of Cambay) K II 41 51, P I 18. 93 (both speak of it under Narmadā) A Stambhatīrtha is mentioned in T S p 101 Vide I, A vol 54 p. 47

- Stambhākhyatīrtha**—(near Mahisā-gara-sangama) SK. I. 2. 3. 27. Probably same as above.
- Stambheśvara**—SK. I. 2. 3. 40
- Stanakunda**—V. 84. 152, Var 215. 97 (Stanakunde Umāyās-tu)
- Sthalesvara**—(a Śivatīrtha) M. 181. 27
- Sthāneśvara**—(a lūga in VS) L. I. 92. 136
- Sthāneśvara**—(modern Thaneswar 25 miles south of Ambala) M. 13. 3 (Devī is called Bhavānī here). Vide A G pp. 329-332 It was sacked by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1014 A. D. In Harsacarita Bāṇa mentions Sthānviśvara country.
- Sthānutīrtha**—(under Sarasvatī where Vasistha had his āśrama) Śal 42. 4 (Vasistha had his āśrama to the east of this tīrtha and Viśvāmitra had his on the west), Vām. 40. 3 (on the north bank of the Sarasvatī), 42. 30 (it has one thousand lūgas), 49. 6-7 (it is on the lake called Sānhatya). Vām chapters 47-49 deal with the mātṛtmya of this tīrtha. Dey p. 194 says it is the same as Sthāneśvara.
- Strīrīrtha**—(under Narmadā) M 194. 31.
- Stutasvāmin**—(a Visuksetra on Mani-pūragiri) Var. 148. 8-81. T h pp 222-224 quote about twenty verses from Var 148 without a word of comment Verses 75-76 explain the name (as the god was *stuta* by other gods and the sages Nārada, Asita and Devala) Dey does not notice it and Prof. Aiyangar does not identify it.
- Subhadra-sindhu-sangama** P VI. 129. 25.
- Subhūmika**—(a tīrtha on Sarasvatī) Śal 37. 23 (visited by Balarāma)
- Sucakra**—(under Sarasvatī) Vām 37. 89
- Suddheśvara**—(under VS) L. q by T. h p 122
- Sudina**—V. 83. 100
- Sugandha**—(under Saravati) I. I. 32. 1.
- Sugandhā**—V. 84. 10, V. Dh S 211C (according to com it is a river near Saugandhila m). P. I. 25. I (near Sarasvatī). P and V have same verse
- Sugrīneśvara**—(under VS) L. q. by T K p 51
- Sūkaratīrtha**—(Soron on the west bank of the Ganges between Bareilly and Mathurā (according to A. G. pp. 364-365) Vide I G I. vol 23 pp. 88-89. Var. chapters 137-139; T h pp 209-212 quote 37 verses from Var 137 for this tīrtha and from no other source. N. II 40. 31 and 60. 22 (Vyāta in the form of Varāha appeared here), P. VI 121. 6-7 (the extent is four *yojanas*) Some texts read Śūkaratīrtha
- Śukasya-āśrama** V. 83. 42, P. I. 33. 39 (same verse in both)
- Śukeśvara**—(on north (Golaria) Var 173. 9
- Śuklatīrtha**—(on the north bank of Narmadā about ten miles north-east of Broach) h. II. 41. 67-82, M 192. 14, SK I 2.3.5 Vide p 785 note for Cāṇakya's association with it also I. G I vol. 23 p. 123 and Bom G vol XI. pp. 563-565 for legend of Cāṇakya's conversion. P I 19. 2-35 (about Cāṇakya rajarī having obtained *śiddhi* here)
- Śukratīrtha**—(on north bank of G. V. B. 95. 1, M. 22. 29
- Śukreśvara**—(under VS) h. I 13. 15, L. I. 92. 93, N II 50. 65
- Sūktimala**—(one of the seven mountains of India, being a part of the Vindhya) h. I 47. 39, 44. 45. 88 and 107, N. II 60. 27. P. V. 19. 16 Vide Dr P G. 126 on 'Mountains and rivers of India' in Department of Letters (of India) vol 28 pp 20. 21 for identification It is the same as

- known of the seven principal mountains, and the rivers that flow from it are few and their names are mutilated in the texts Vide Dr Ray Chaudhary's 'Studies' etc pp 113-120 for discussion and Dr. B. C. Law on 'Mountains and Rivers of India' in Journal of Department of Letters, Calcutta University, vol. 28 pp 20-21 for different identifications
- Suktumati**—(r obstructed by m Kolāhala in Cedi) Bhī 9 35. Vide Dey p 196 for different identifications. B 27 32 and M. 114. 101 say that it rises in Rksa mountain, while Mār. 57. 23 says it flows from Vindhya
- Sukumāri**—(r rising from Suktumat m) Vā 45 107
- Śulabheda**—(under Narmadā) M 191 3, K II. 41 12-14, P I. 18 3
- Śulaghāta**—(in Kāśmīra) Vide under Nilakunda
- Śūleśvara**—(under VS) L q by T K p 52
- Sumantu-linga**—(under VS) L. q. by T K. p 97
- Sunandā**—(r.) Bh VIII 1 8
- Sundarikā**—(r.) P I 32. 21 It is one of the seven holy rivers quoted in a *Pāli* complet (SBE, vol X, part 2, p. 74)
- Sundarikābrada**—Anu. 25 21
- Sundarikātīrtha**—V 84 57. Anu 25 21 (after Devikā), Var 215 104
- Sundika**—(tīrtha in Kāśmīra) NM 1459
- Sunīla**—(under VS) P. I 37. 3
- Suparnā**—(a tributary of Go.) B. 100.1
- Supārśva**—P. VI 129. 16
- Suprayogā**—(one of the rivers that are mothers of fires) V. 222. 253, Mār 54. 26, Vā 45 104. It cannot be identified, though it is said that it rises in Sahya (Br II 16 35) Some identify it with the Pennar Vide E I vol. 27 p. 273
- Surabhiavana**—(in the Himālaya on river Śilodā) Br II 18 23
- Surabhīśvara**—(under Narmadā) P I 18 36
- Surasā**—(r) V I II 3 11 (rises from Vindhya), Br II. 16 29 (rising from Rksavat), Bh. V 19 18
- Sureśvari-ksetra**—(present village of Isabar in Kāśmīra, two miles north of Dal lake shore) R. V 37, NM. 1532, S M p 161 The chief attraction here is a sacred spring known as Gupta-Gangā
- Śūrpārakatīrtha**—(modern Sopara near Bassein) V 85 43 (resorted to by Paraśurāma), 88 12 (in it was the Veda of Jamadagni), 118 8-10, Śānti 49 67 (reclaimed from the sea by Jamadagni's son Paraśurāma), Anu 25 50, Harivamsā, Viṇuparvā 39 29-31 (in Aparānta Śūrpāraka city was five hundred *dhanus* long and 500 *ṛṣus* broad and was established by discharging an arrow by Paraśurāma), Br III 58 17-18 and 32-33 (the strip taken by Paraśurāma from the sea is 400 *yojanas* from north to south), Bh X 79 20, B 27. 58 (Śūrpāraka is mentioned as the first of the Aparānta countries) It is mentioned as 'Śōrpāraga' in Nasik Inscription No 10 q- in Bom G vol 16 on p 569 The Nānāghāt Ins No 9 (A S W I vol V. p 64) mentions a Govindadāsa Sopārayaka There is a Suppāraka-jātaka (No 463, vol IV p 86 ed by Cowell), where we are told of the seaport called Bharukaccha and a kingdom named Bharu It is probable that the Ophir of the Old Testament is Śūrpāraka, though some scholars dispute this A G (pp 497-499 and 561-562) argues that Ophir or Sophir (in the Septuagint translation of the Bible) is the country of Sauvira and not Śūrpāraka as many scholars hold. Ptolemy mentions it as

- Soupara. Some eminent scholars hold that Ophir is Aburia (1 e Abhiras) of Ptolemy (p 140) Vide JRAS for 1898 pp. 253 ff for discussion and JBERAS vol 15 p 273 for a long note on Sūrpāraka.
- Sūryatīrtha—A (under VS) V. 83 48, K. I 35 7, P I. 37 7, B (under Mathurā) Var 152.50, 156, 12 (where Bali, son of Virocana, propitiated the Sun)
- Susartu—(r., tributary of the Indus on the west of it) Rg. X. 75 6. Keith does not know which tributary of the Indus it was.
- Suskanadi—(under VS)—same as Asi, M 183 62, L q by T. K p 118
- Suskesvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 118.
- Susomā—(r) Rg. VIII 64 11. In Rg X. 75 5 also it is probably the name of some river, though the Nir. IX 26 takes it to be Sindhu, Bh V 19, 18, Stein in Dr R. G. Bhandarkar Commemoration volume pp. 21-28 ('River names in Rgveda') says (on p. 26) that Susomā is Sohan (Suwan) flowing through the Rawalpindi District and reaching the Indus to the north of the Salt Range
- Susumnā—A (r under Gayā) N II 47 36, B (under VS) L q by T K p. 35 (same as Matsyodari)
- Sutikṣnāśrama—Rām III 7, Raghuvamśa XIII 41 (at some distance from Agastyāśrama)
- Sutīrthaka—V 83 56
- Sutudri—(same as Sutlej in the Punjab, the Śatadru of classical Sanskrit works) Rg III. 33, 1, X 75 5. It is the Greek Hupaus or Huphasis (A I p. 65), which formed the limit of Alexander's march in India It rises on the southern slopes of Kailāsa and once issued from the Mānasa lake Pargiter (p. 291 n) says that in ancient times this river did not probably join the Beas as it does now but pursued an independent course and that it formerly flowed along the dry bed now called Hakra or Ghaggar at a distance of 30 to 50 miles south of its present course
- Suvarna—V 84 18, Ag 109. 16, P. I. 28 19 (where Viṣṇu sought for the favour of Rudra)
- Suvarnāṣa—(under VS) M 181 25, K. II 35 19
- Suvarṇarekhā (holy river near Ravataka) SK VII 2 1 1-3 (probably same as the next) There is a river of same name in Bengal Vide I G I vol XXIII p 114
- Suvarṇasikātā—(in Jungadh Inscription of Rudradāman to be assigned to 150 A D, E I. VIII p 36 at p 42) now called Sonrelkhā in Kathiawad
- Suvarṇatīlaka—(under Narmadā) P I 18, 46
- Suvāstu—(r., modern Swāt that falls into Kabul river) Rg. VIII 19 37 (Suvāstō adhi tugvan) The Nir. IV 15 explains that Suvāstu is a river and 'tugvan' means 'tritha'. It is the Soastos of Arrian (A. I p 191) Pān IV 2. 77 (Suvāstā-dibhyosin) knew Suvāstu and makes it the first word of 'Suvāstādi-gana'. Inscriptions in Sanskrit containing famous Buddhist gāthās have been found near Swāt Vide E I vol II p 133 for three Buddhist inscriptions in Swāt
- Suvratasya—āśrama (on Drsadvati) V 90. 12-13
- Svacchoda—(lake) Vide Acchoda
- Svacchodā—(r) Br II 18 6 (rising from lake Svachchoda on m Candraprabha)
- Svāmītīrtha—M. 22 63, K II 37 19-21 (Skanda is always present there). Dey p. 107 identifies it with the temple of Kumārasvāmī situated about a mile from Truttani on the M and S. M Railway on a hill called Krauñca-parvata

Stargabindu—(under Narmadā) P. I 21. 15

Svargadvāra—A (under Kuruksetra) P. I. 27. 55; B (under VS) K. I 35 4, P I 37 4, C (under Gayā) Ag 116 4 (the word here is 'Svargadvāri'), D (under Purusottama) N II 56 31

Svargamārgabrada—Anu q. by T. K. p 248

Svarga-mārga-pada—V. DH. S 85. 41

Svargatirtha—Anu 25. 33

Svargēvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 48

Svarlineśvara—(under VS) L. I 92.78, SK IY 33 123 (explains why it is so called)

Svarnabindu—(under Narmadā) Anu. 25 9, M 194 15

Svarnalomāpanayana—P I 26 58

Svarnarekhā—(r in Vastrāpathaksetra i e, modern Girnar and surrounding territory) SK VII 2. 3. 2 and VII. 2 10. 209

Svarnavedi (r)—Vā 77 95, K. II 37.37

Svastipura—(near Gangāhṛada and Gangākūpa) V 83 174

Svatantresvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 6

Svayambhūrtirtha—(modern Suyam in Kāśmīra in the Nachipur *pargana*) R. I. 34, HC 14 80 Volcanic phenomena are observed here and sometimes vapours rise from fissures in the ground sufficiently hot to boil śrāddha offerings placed by pilgrims.

Śvāvilomāpaha—V 83 61

Śvetī—(r that joins Sābhramatī) P. VI 133. 19-20

Śvetādri—(m) P I 280 19, M. 113. 38 (eastern part of Meru is so called)

Śvetadvīpa—G I 81 7, K I. 1 49, I. 49 40-47, Vām 25 16 and 60 56, Śānti 336 8 ff, 337 27 ff In most of these texts it is a mythical country to the north of Kśīrodadhī

Śvetamādhava—N II 55 3

Śvetatirtha—(under Go) B 94. 1

Śvetajavārī—(r) Rg VIII 26 18

Śvetēśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 99

Śvetī—(r, tributary of Indus on the west) Rg X 75 6 Lit. it would mean the white one It is difficult to identify it with Suvāstu

Śvetodbhava—(under Sābhramatī) P VI 133 15

Syandika—(r Sai, seven miles south of Jaunpur, mentioned after Gomatī) Rām. II. 49 12

Śyāmāyāh-āśrama—Anu. 25 30

Syenī—(r rising in Rīksaparbata) M. 114. 25 Dey p 200 identifies it with Ken in Bundelkhand

### T

Tarjasa—(to the west of Kuruksetra where Skanda was crowned commander of the gods) P I. 27 52-53.

Taksasilā—(modern Taxilā) Svargā-rohana-parva 5 34, Vā 88 189-90, Br III 63. 190-91 (established by Taksa son of Dāśarathi Bharata as his capital in Gandhāra), in the Jātakas Takkasilā is mentioned as a seat of learning (as in Bhīmasena-Jātaka, Fausboll's ed vol I. p 356). Vide Ptolemy p. 118-121 for its history from Alexander's time onwards Ptolemy calls it Taxila It is mentioned in the Dhauī first separate Rock Edict of Aśoka (C I I vol. I p 93) and the word occurs in Pfn. IV 3 93 Vide for description of its ruins A. G. pp 104-113, Marshall's 'Guide to Taxilā' and other works

Taksaka-nāga (sacred spring in Kāśmīra near Jayavana, modern Zevan). V. 82. 90. R I 220, P I. 25 2 (says Vitastā is the home of Taksaka-nāga). It is worshipped to this day in the large pool close to the village Zevan. Vide S. M. p 166, K R p 5

Tālakarnēśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p. 72.

Tālatirtha—(under VS) P I. 37 2

Tālavana—(to the west of Mathurā) Var 157. 35

- Tamasā—A(r, modern Tonse, flowing 12 miles west of the Sarayū and falling into the Ganges) Rām I 2. 3, II 45 32, Raghuvamśa IX 20, XIV. 76 (on which stood Vālmiki's āśrama) Vide C I I, vol III, p 128 where a village Āśramaka on Tamasā is granted in A.D 512-13; B (r rising from Rksa), M 114. 25, Vā 45. 100; C (r falling into Yamunā) Devī Bh. VI. 18. 12
- Tāmrāparnī—(r in Pāndya country rising from mountain Malaya and falling into the sea) B 27. 36, M 114 30, Vā 45 105 and 77. 24-27, V. 88. 14, Rām IV. 41. 17-18, K II 37. 21-22, Br III 13 24, Bh X 79 16 and XI 5 39 The Taprobane of Megasthenes (A. I, p. 62) and Tamhapannī of Asoka's Girnar Inscription II, it is said to be Ceylon but that may refer to the river as well, E I XX at p 23 (Nāgar-junikonda Ins.), Br III 13. 24 and 25, Raghuvamśa IV 49-50 show that pearls were found there
- Tāmrāprabha—(under Mathurā) Var. q by T. K. p. 191
- Tāmrārūna—V 85 154
- Tāmravati—(one of the rivers that are mothers of fires) V. 222. 23
- Tandulikāśrama—(near Puskara and Jambūmārga) V 82 43, Ag. 109. 9, P. I. 12 3
- Tāpaseśvara—(under Narmadā) K II. 41 66, P I. 18 96
- Tapastīrtha—(under Go) B 126 1 and 37 (it is also called Sattratīrtha)
- Tapatī—(r) M 22. 32-33 (Tapatī seems to be Tāpī here as distinguished from Mūlatāpī) In Ādiparva chapters 171-173 Tapatī is a daughter of the Sun whom king Samvarana married and had a son Kuru from her, Mār. 105 26 (younger daughter of the Sun became river)
- Tāpaseśvara—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 104
- Tāpī—(r. rising from Vinḍhya and falling into the Arabian sea at Surat, also called Tapatī) M 114 27, B 27. 33, Vā. 45 102, Ag. 109 22 Tāpī is mentioned in Usavādāta's Nasik Inscription No 10 (Bom G vol. 16 p 569). Vide under Payoṇī above and TP pp 544-547 (for mātāmāya and sub-tīrthas)
- Tāpikā—same as Tāpī Devīpurāṇa q. by T. K. p. 242
- Tāpī-samudra-saṅgama—TP p 547
- Tapovana—A (on south bank of Go.) B 128 1, B (in Vanga country) V 84. 115, P I 38. 31. 'Tato vaham' is a misreading in Vanaparva
- Tārakesvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 104 Tārakesvara is also a village in Hooghly District of Bengal famous for its shrine of Śiva, Vide I. G. I. vol. 23 p 249
- Taranda or Tarantula—(a dvārāpālā of Kurukṣetra) V 83. 15, P I. 27. 92 (reads 'Taranda', Vām 22. 60. Vide p 683 note 1551 above.
- Timi—(to the right of Śankuheraśvara) P I. 24. 20-23
- Tīrthakoti—V 84 121, P. I. 36 38 (same verse in both)
- Tosalaka—(the gūhya name of Visnu is Garuḍadhvaja here) Nr q by T. K. p 252. Is it the same as Ptolemy's Tosalei (p 230) and the Tosali in Asoka's Dhauli Inscriptions (C I I. pp 92 and 97) and the Nāgarjunikonda Inscription (L I. vol XX. at p 23)? Tosali (modern Dhauli in the Puri District) was the chief city of northern Kalinga in the days of the Mauryas
- Toṣā—(r rising in Vinḍhya) M. 114 27. Vā 45 103
- Trayambaka tīrtha—A (under Go and sacred to Pitr) M 22 47. K II 35 18, B (under Narmadā) P. I 18 112
- Trastāvatāra—(an ājñāna) Devībh. q. by T. K. p 250



Tribhāgā—(r rising from Mahendra)  
M 114 31, Vā 45 104

Tridaśajyoti—(under Narmadā) M 194 11

Tridivā—A (r rising from Himavat)  
Br II 16 26; B (r rising from Mahendra) M 114. 31, Vā 45, 106, B 27 37, C (r. rising from Rksavat) Br II 16 31

Tridivābalā—(r from Mahendra m)  
Br II. 16, 37. Probably Tridiva and Balā

Triganga—V 84, 29, Anu 25 16, P. I. 28 29

Trigartēśvara—(under Mathurā) Var. 176. 16.

Trihalikāgrāma—(where śrāddha is very efficacious) V. Dh. S 85 24 (com Vajrayantī says it is Śālagrāma)

Trijaḥśvara-līṅga—(where Gandakī and Devikā join) Var 144 83

Triṣakud—(m part of Himavat) A V IV 9. 8 and 9 (for a salve therefrom), Maitrāyaṇi Samhitā III 6 3, Śat Br III 1. 3 12 (all these mention Traṣakuda or Trailakubha āñjana), Pān. V 4 147 (trikalut-parvate) teaches that Triṣakud is the name of a mountain and the name is a Bahuvrīhi compound (trini kakudāni kakudākārāni śrngāni asya) Vide Br. III. 13 58 where it is Triṣakudagiri (very eminent place for śrāddha), Vā 77. 57-63.

Triṣoti—(a r in Kāśmīra) NM 308, 386-87 At Kaśyapa's request Aditi became Triṣoti. It joins Vitastā

Triṣūta—(m) Vām 85. 4, (son of Sumeru), Nr. 65, 21, P VI 129 16. In Bh. VIII 2. 1 Triṣūta m. appears to be mythical From Raghuvamśa IV 58-59 it follows that Triṣūta was in Aparānta Dey p 205 specifies three hills as Triṣūta. Kālidāsa's Triṣūta appears to be the Tirahnu or Tirāśmi hill at Nasik Vide Bom. G vol 16 p 633 and E I vol 25 P. 225 at p 232 (copper-plate Ins

discovered at Anjaneri near Nasik of about 709 A D mentions 'Pūrva-Trikūṭavaiśya') The Khanapur plates of Mādhava arman (about 510-560 A D.) speak of him as the 'lord of Trikūta and Malaya' (E I vol. 27 p 312 at p 315)

Trilinga—country which has three famous līṅgas viz Kālahastin, Śrīśaila, Drāṣārāma

Trilocana-līṅga—(in VS) SK IV. 33, 120, K I 35 14-15, P. I 37. 17

Tripadi(Tirupati)—in the District of north Arcot at a short distance from Renigunta Station It is the same as Venkatagiri on the top of which is the celebrated temple of Venkatesvara or Bālaji

Triplaksa—(śrāddha most efficacious here) Br III. 13 69

Tripura—A (a very fit place for śrāddha) M 22. 43, B (capital of Bānāsura) P. I chapters 14-15, Karnaparva 33 17 ff and 34 113-114, M. chapters 129-140 (give the story of Tripuradāha at great length). Vide also Anu. 160 25-31 and an interesting paper on 'The Trigura episode in Sanskrit literature' in Journal, Ganganath Jha R I vol VIII pp 371-395 by Miss Bhakti Sudhā Mukhopādhyāya.

Tripurāntaka—(near eastern gate of Śrīparvata) L I 92 150.

Tripureśvara (modern village Tripbar in Kāśmīra, three miles from Dal lake) R V 46, HC 13 200. Some identify it with Jyestheśvara

Tripuri—(on the Narmadā) T S. p. 100 quotes three verses about it It is modern Tewar, six miles west of Jabalpur It was the capital of the Kalacuris or Cedis Vide Jabalpur plate of Yaśahkarnadeva in 1122 A.D., E I vol II p 1 at p 3 and E. I XIX p 75 (for extent of Mahākosala) M. 114. 53, Sabhāparva 21 60 and Br S. 14 9 mention Traipura country as situated

- on the back of Vindhya Tripurī is known from very ancient copper coins of early 2nd century B. C. Tripurī-visaya occurs in Betul plates of Sankasobha as situated in Dabhālā country Vide R D Banerji's 'Haihaya of Tripurī' p 137
- Tripuskara—Vide Puskara
- Trisāmā—(r. rising from Mahendra) Vā 45 106, V<sub>1</sub> II 3. 13, Bh V. 19 18 (does not mention source)
- Trisandhyā or Trisandhyam) A-M 22, 46 (sacred to pitrs). B (spring of goddess Sandhyā) one of the holiest Kāsmīra tīrthas It is modern Sundabār in Brīngpārgana, NM 1471, R I 33, SM p 181
- Tristhāna—(probably same as Vārānasi) Anu 25. 16
- Trisākhara—(m) Vā. 42 28, M. 183 2.
- Trisūlagangā—(under Sālagrāma) Var. 145 84 (confluence of Gandakī and Kṛsnā)
- Trisūlakhātā—V. 84, 11. It is probably the same as the Kāsmīra tīrtha Sūlaghātā
- Trisūlapāta—(under Sarasvatī) P I 28 12. Probably the same as above
- Tritakūpa—a tīrtha visited by Balarāma, Bh. X 78 19 (after Prthūdaka and Bindusaras). Rg. I. 105 17 speaks of Trita who had been thrown into a well and was helped by Brhaspati. Vide Nir IV. 6
- Trivenī—A (at Prayāga) Var. 144 86-87, vide p 602 above, B (confluence of three rivers, viz Gandakī, Devikā and another r. called Brahmaputrā) Var. 144 83 and 112-115 It was here that Gayendra was drawn into water by the grāha (crocodile). Var 144. 116-134
- Trivistapa—P. I 26 79 (where there is Vaitarani river)
- Trinabindusaras—(in Kāmyakavana) V 258. 13.
- Trinabinduvana—Nr. q by T K. p, 252.
- Tryambakesvara—(near Nasik, at the source of the Godāvari) N. II. 73. 1-152 (is the mātāmaya), SK. IV 6 23, P. VI. 176. 58-59, B. 79. 6.
- Tulajāpura—(a Devisthāna) Devi-Bh. VII 38. 6
- Tuṅgā—(r. that falls into the Kṛsnā) Nr 66 7 (reading differs) q. by T K p. 254 (Tuṅgā ca dalsine Gangā Kāveri ca viśesatah)
- Tungabhadra—(The two rivers Tuṅgā and Bhadrā rise in the Mysore state and join to form the Tungabhadra near Kudli in Mysore State The river falls into the Kṛsnā near Alampur in the Raichūr District) M 22 45, Nr. 66 6 q by T K p 254, Bh V. 19. 18, M 114 29, B 27 35, Vā 45 104 (last three say that it rises in Sahya) From E I vol. XII at p 294 and Vik. IV 44-68 it is clear that Cālukya king Someśvara I, being attacked by a malignant fever, perished by entering Tungabhadra in 1068 A D.
- Tungakūta—(under Kolāmukha) Var. 140 29-30.
- Tungāranya—V 85 46-54, P. I 39 43 (where Sārasvata instructed sages)
- Tungavenā—(one of the rivers that are the sources of fire) V 222 25
- Tungeśvara—(in VS) L I 92. 7
- Turāśanga—(a tīrtha under Narmadā) M 191 29
- Tvāstreśvara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 96

## U

- Udabhānda—was the residence of Sāhi kings and identified by Stein with capital of Gandhāra, vide R.V. 152-155, VI 175. It is the Wayband of Alberuni and Ohind or Und of modern times (on the right bank of the Indus 15 miles above Attock)
- Udāpāna—V. 84 110, P I 38. 27
- Udayanta—(m near Somanātha in Kathiawar) SK VI 2 11 11

- Uddālakēśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p 59
- Uddyāna—Kāl 18 42 (where the two thighs of Sati's corpse fell)
- Udditīrtha—(under Gayā) Vā 111 6  
Vide p 663 above
- Udyantaparvata—(the Brahmayoni hill in Gayā to the left of the Sīlā) V 84 93, Vā 108 43-44' N II 47 51, P.I 38 13. Vide p 647 note 1472 above
- Ugra—(under VS) P. I 37. 15, also called Kedāra
- Ugrēśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p. 70
- Ujjānaka—(where Skanda and Vasistha secured peace of mind) V. 130 17, Anu 25 55 It is probably a corrupt form of Udyantaka or Udyānaka
- Ujjayanta (Girnār in Saurāstra and near Dvārakā) V 88. 21-24, Vā. 45, 92 and 77. 52, Vām 13 18, SK. VII 2 11. 11 and 15 (southern boundary of Vastrāpathaksetra) Vide A. G. p. 325.
- Ujjayinī—(modern Ujjain in Central India) B. 43 24 (called Avantī), 44 16 (capital of Mālava) Vide under Avantī and Māhismatī above Ujēni is mentioned in the Dhauhi first separate Rock edict (C I. I vol. I p. 93) of Aśoka The Mbh (vol II p 35 on Vārtika 10 on Pān. III 1. 26 mentions it. It is famous for the shrine of Mahākālā, one of the twelve Jyotiṃ-lingas and is situated on the Sīprā river Kālidāsa immortalizes it in the Meghadūta and Raghuvaṃśa VI 32-35 A G. (pp 489-90) gives the boundaries of the kingdom of Ujjayinī in the 7th century A C (p 182) gives Viśālā, Avantī and Puspakarandīni as synonyms of Ujjayinī 'Puspakarandakajmodyāna' is mentioned in the Mṛcchakatika. The Periplus and Ptolemy speak of it as Ozene Vide Ptolemy pp 154-155 Vide J. A. O S vol. 66 for 1946 p 295 for Jaina sources on Udayana and Vāsavadattā and I A vol III p 153 for inscription of Śravana Belgola about migration of Jainas under Bhadrabāhu from Ujjayinī and S B E vol X part 2 p 188 (Suttanipāta)
- Umābaka—(under Narmadā) K II 41 57
- Umālunda—(under Lohārgala) Var 151. 64
- Umātunga—K II 37 32-33, Vā. 77 81-82 (best place for śrāddha, japa, homa)
- Umāvana—(where Śaṅkara assumed the Ardhanārīśvara form) Vā 41. 36 Dey p. 211 says that it is Kotalgad in Kumaon A C p 182 says it is also called Devikota
- Upajalā—(r. near Yamunā) V. 130 21
- Upamanyuhinga—(under VS) L. q. by T K 97
- Upaśāntaśiva—(under VS) P I 37 17, L. I. 92 107
- Upavenā—(one of the rivers that are mothers of fires) V 222 24
- Uṛjanta—(in Aparānta) Br III 13. 53 (here are Yogeśvarālaya and Vasisthāśrama)
- Ūrjayat—m in Rudradāman's Junāgadh Inscription (in E I VIII p 36 at p 42) and in Gupta Inscriptions at p. 45
- Urvaśikunda—(under Badarī) Var. 141. 51-64, N II. 67 65
- Urvaśilinga—(under VS) L. q by T K p. 66
- Urvaśīpulina—(under Prayāga) M. 22 66 and 106 34-35, Anu 25 46 Vide p 615 note 1399 above
- Urvaśīśvara—(under VS) L. q by T K p 72
- Urvaśītīrtha—A (under Prayāga) V. 84, 157, M 106. 34, P I 38. 64, B (under Go) B 171 1
- Usnatīrtha—M 13 42 (Devī is called Abhayā in tīrthas of hot water)

- Usnīganga (a tīrtha for bathing) V. 135 7
- Utkocaka-tīrtha—V 183 2
- Utpalāvana—V 87 15 (in Pāñcāla country), Anu. 25, 34 Dey p 213 says that it is Bithur, 14 miles from Kānpur in U P
- Utpalāvartaka—(a forest) N. II 60. 25, Vanaparva q. by T. K p 244
- Utpalāvati—(r. rising from m Malaya) Vā 45 105, M. 114 30
- Utpalini—(r. in Naimisa forest) Ādi. 215 6
- Utpātaka—Anu 25. 41
- Uttameśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p 102
- Uttara—(under VS) K. I 35 14, P I. 37 17
- Uttara-Ganga — (Gangabal in Lar paigana of Kāśmīra) HC IV 54. It is also called Haramukuta-gangā and Mānasottaragangā
- Uttaragokarna—Var. 216 22, K II 35. 31
- Uttarajāhnavī—H C XII 49 When the Vitastā takes a turn towards the north it is so called.
- Uttaramānasa—A (in Kāśmīra) Ann 25 60, NM 1118 (the guardian nāga of the north of Kāśmīra). The Gangabal lake is popularly so called See Stein's note on R. III 448 and H. C IV. 87, B (near Gayā) Vā 77, 108, 111. 2, V Dh S 85 36, Śānti 152 13, M 121, 69, K II. 37, 44, R 115. 10 Vide pp 650-651 above
- V
- Vadavā—(also called Saptacarū) V.82. 92-99, 222 24, V. Dh S85 37. The com. Vaijayanti says that it is some tīrtha in the southern part of India, but Vanaparva points to north-west Dey p. 220 identifies with Bālu on the west coast of the Caspian sea
- Vadhūsarā—(r. on bathing in which Paraśurāma recovered his tejas taken away by Rāma) V 99 68
- Vāgīśvarī—(under Go.) B 135. 26
- Vāgmatī—(r. Bāgmatī of Nepal which rises in Himālaya) Var 215. 49 (says that it is 100 times holier than Bhāgīrathī)
- Vāgmatī—Manivati sangama—Var 215. 106 and 110
- Vāhā—Vām 57. 78
- Vāhini—Bhī. 9 34
- Vaidarbhā—M. 22 64, Nalacampū V. I. 66 (Dakṣinasaravati sā vahati Vīdarbhā nadi yatra). Probably the same as Varadā
- Vaidūrya—(a hill in Ānarta) V. 89 6, 121. 16 and 19 (to which Pāndavas came after crossing Payosnī). Pān IV 3 84 teaches the derivation of Vaidūrya precious stone (Beryl) from Vīdūra in the sense 'tasmāt prabhavati' Mbh. (vol II p 313) quotes a verse on this which says that grammarians denominate the mountain Vālavāya as Vīdūra. Probably it is the Sātpudā range which has Beryl mines Vide Pargiter pp 287 (n), 365 (n). It may be the Oroudian mountain of Ptolemy (pp. 80-81)
- Vaidyanātha—A-M 13 41, 22 24, P V 17 205 (same words as in M 13 41), B (under VS) L q by T K pp 84, 114, C (under Sābhramatī) P. VI 160 1, D (Devī is called Bagalā here) Devī-Bh VII 38 14, E—temple of Vaidyanātha, probably one of the 12 Jyotirlingas, at Deogarh in Santhal Pargana Vide I. G. I. vol XI p 244 for the great temple of Vaidyanātha, which is the oldest of the 22 Śiva temples at Deogarh
- Vaihāra—(one of the five hills that surrounded and guarded Girivraja) S 21 2
- Vaiḥyāsī—(r) Bh V 19 18
- Vaijayanta—(a Sārasvata-tīrtha) Devāla q. by T K p 250
- Vaikuntha-lāraṇa—(under Mandārā) Var. 143 21-23

- Vaikunthatirtha—A (under Gayā) M 22. 75, N II 47. 75, B (under Mathurā) Var. 163 1-4 and 10-12
- Vaimānika—Anu 25 23.
- Vaināyakatirtha—M. 22 32, G I. 81 8.
- Vairā—(r) M. 22 64
- Vairocanaśvara—(under VS) SK. IV. 33. 140
- Viśākha—(under Śrīparvata) L I. 92. 156 (established by Viśākha = Śhanda)
- Vaiśravaṇaśvara—(under Śrīparvata) L I 92. 148
- Vaiśānara-kunda—(under Lohārgala) Var 151. 58
- Vataraṇī—A (r in Orissa rising in Vindhya) V 85 6, 114 4, Vā 77 95, K II. 37 37, P I 39 6, Ag 116 7, M 114. 27, B 27 33, Jāipur (i.e. Yayātipura) stands on this river, which is the boundary between Balasore and Cuttack (I G I vol VI p 223) Sometimes Utlala and Kalunga are held to be separate as in B 47 7 and Raghuvamśa IV 38 Utlala is said to be derived from Utlakūṅga (what is outside Kalūṅga), B (in Gayā) Vā 105. 45, 109, 17, Ag 116. 7, C (in Phalakivana) Vām 36. 43-44, P. I 26. 79, D (a well in VS) L q by T. K p 63.
- Vaivasvatatirtha—(under Sūkara) Var. 137 240 (where the sun practised *tapas* for a son), Anu 25 39
- Vaivasvataśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p 104.
- Vajrabhava—(under Kokāmukha) Var 140 61 (the water falls into Kauśikī)
- Vajreśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p 104
- Vālākilyeśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p. 66
- Vāliśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p 51.
- Vālmīkeśvara—(under VS) L. q, by T. K. p 66
- Vālmīkī—āśrama (on the Ganges) Rām VII 47 15-77 Vide under Sthānutirtha and Tamasā.
- Vāmana or Vāmanaka—(under Kurukṣetra) V 84 130, V 83. 103, Ag 109 20, P. I 26 96 (Vāmanala), I 38 47, B (under Gayā) N. II, 46 46, C (under Sābhramatī) P, VI 153 2 (where seven rivers flow). Vide I A vol 54 (at end) p 41 where it is said that Vantbali about 8 miles south-west of Junāgad is the Vāmana-tirtha of the Mahābhārata
- Vāmanaśvara—(under Narmadā) P I 18 26
- Vamśadharā—(r rising from Mahendra) Vā 45 106, Mār 54. 29 (reads Vamśakarā) and Var 85 (prose) reads Vamśavarā Pargiter (p 305n) says that it is the modern Bamsdharā on which Kalūṅgapatam stands, 17 miles from Chicacole Vide Santa-Bommali plates of Indravarman (E I vol XXV p 194) issued from Kalanganagara
- Vamśagulma—(on confluence of Narmadā and Sona) V 85 9
- Vamśamūlaka—P I. 26 38
- Vamśodbheda—M 24. 25
- Vānaraka—(under Gayā) Ag. 116 6. It may be a misreading of 'cānarake'.
- Vandanā—(r) Bhī 9 18
- Vānī-sangama—(under Go.) B 135 1 and 23
- Vaṇjarā—(r. on south bank of Go) B 159 45 It is probably the modern Manjarā river that falls into Godāvari in Nander District
- Vaṇjarāsangama—(under Go) B 159 1
- Vaṇjulā—A (r. rising from Sahya and falling into Go) M. 114. 29, Vā 45 103, Vām 57 76, B (r. rising in Mahendra) B. 27 37
- Vanku—(modern Oxis) Sabhā 51, 20 (*rāsabhas* were brought as presents)
- Varadā—(the Vardhā river in C. P) Rām IV 41 9, Ag 109 22, Nalacampū VI. 66 (Vīrapuruṣam tad-

- etad Varadātatanāmaṅgam Mahā-rāstram) See under Varadāsāṅgama
- Varadāna—V. 82 63-64, P I 24 12 (both contain story about Durvāsas conferring a boon on Viṣṇu)
- Varadā-saṅgama—V. 85. 35, P. I 39 32
- Varāhamūlaksetra or Varābhaksetra—(modern Bārāmūla in Kāśmīra) It is on the right bank of the Vitastā at the head of the western entrance to the Kashmir valley and is sacred to Ādi-varāha, R VI. 186, H C XII. 43, K R pp. 11-12 and SM pp 201-202
- Varābharpavata—(probably Bārāmūla in Kāśmīra) V Dh S 85 7
- Varāha-sibhānas—(places sacred to the Great Boar incarnation of Viṣṇu are Kolāmukha, Badarī and Lohārgala) Var. 140 4-5
- Varāhatīrtha—A (under Kurukṣetra) Vām 34 32, P I 26 15. B (under VS) P I. 37 6, K I 35.5. C (under Mathurā) Var 166 23 (there were four golden images of Varāha, Nārāyaṇa, Vāmana, Rāghava). D (on Vitastā in Kāśmīra) NM 1559. E (a sub-tīrtha of Sahyāmalaka) Nr. 66 34, F (under Sābhramatī) P VI 165. 10, G (on Narmadā) M. 193 74, K II. 42 14, P. I 20 71, H (on Payosnī) V 88. 7 and 9 (ling Nrga performed yajña here and the tīrtha is holiest of all rivers), K II. 20 32, Vām. 90 4. I (under Go) B 79 6.
- Varāheśvara—(under VS) L q by T K. p 98.
- Varanā—(r. northern boundary of Banaras) M 22 31, 183 62. Vide pp. 625-626 above, L I 92 87 calls it Varunā.
- Varānaśī—Vide pp. 618-642 Though Kāśī and Varānaśī are treated as synonyms almost everywhere (pp 624-626) still it seems to me that Kāśī was on the eastern side of the Ganges and Varānaśī on the western.
- Varanāvati—(r) Atharvaveda IV. 7.1.
- Vāraneśvara—(under Narmadā) P. I. 18 29
- Vardhanadruma—(in Kāśmīra, an āyatana of Vināyaka Gāṅgeya) NM 1161
- Vārīdhāra—(m) Bh V. 19. 16
- Varnāśā—(r Banas in Rajputana rising from Pāriyātra and falling into Chambal) Br II 16. 28, see under Parnāśā
- Varnu—(r.) Pān IV 2 103 (varnau vul) Kāśīkā explains that the country on Varnu was also called Varnu. This appears to be modern Banu. Varnu occurs in Suvāstvādī-gana. (IV. 2. 77)
- Vārtraghnī—(r rising in Pānyātra and falling into the sea) P VI. 131 36, 68, VI 164, 1 and 71, Mār 57 19, Vā 45. 97 reads Vrttraghnī and B. 27 28 Vātagnī.
- Varunasrotasa—(m) V 88 10
- Varunā—(r tributary of the Go) P. VI 176 59
- Vārunatīrtha—V. 83 164, SS. 13 (in Pāndya country), Bār Sūtra III. 88 (on the shores of the eastern sea).
- Varuneśa—A (under VS) L q. by T K p 66, B (under Narmadā) M 191 6
- Vāruneśvara—A (under VS) L. q by T K p. 103, B (under Narmadā) P. I. 18 6
- Vāsistha-lunda—(under Lohārgala) Vār 151 40 There is a Vāsistha-lunda on the Alakanandā at Deva-prayāga. Vide I G I vol XI. p 274.
- Vasisthāpavāha—(on Sarasvatī) Śal 42 41
- Vasisthāśrama—A (near Jyestheśvara in Kāśmīra) R I 107 (and Sien's note thereon in vol. I pp 23-21), NM 1323, B (on mount Arbuda (which see) V 102 3; C (on Badarīpācana, which see) V. 102 3 (narrates that in Vasisthāśrama Kāleyas devoured 168 brāhmaṇas

- and 9 *tāpasas* The location is uncertain.
- Vasisthatīrtha—M 22. 68 (śrāddha and dāna most efficacious here).
- Vasisthesā—(under VS) L q by T K p 47
- Vāsisthī—V 84 48, P I 32 12 (same verse in both, but P reads Vāsistham)
- Vasordhārā—V 82. 76, P I 24 24 (same verse in both, P reading Vasudhārā)
- Vastrāpathaksetra—(territory round about Girnar in Kathiawad) SK VII 2 2 1-3 (it is quintessence of Prabhāsa, Raivata-ksetra is so called), VII 2 11 16 (it is four yojanas in extent) The holy river therein is Suvarṇarekbā (which see)
- Vāsuka—(under Viraja in Orissa) B. 42 6
- Vāsukīśvara—(under VS) L q. by T K p. 48
- Vāṣukīrtha—A (under VS) P. I 39 79, L q. by T K. p. 48, B (under Prayāga) V 85 86 (also called Bhogavatī)
- Vāsuprada—M 22 72 (śrāddha here makes a man reach highest goal)
- Vasutuṅga—(Jagatpati is the *guhya* appellation of Viṣṇu here) Nr. q by T. K p 251
- Vata—A (in Prayāga) M 104 10, 111, 10, B (in Gayā) V. Dh. S 85 5
- Vātanadī—M 22, 37 (śrāddha here yields inexhaustible fruit).
- Vāteśvara—A (under Narmadā) M 191. 27, K II 41 19, P I 18 27 (same verse in K and P), Ag 109 20, B (under Gayā) Ag 115 73, P. I, 38 46, N II 47 59, C (under Prayāga) M 22 9, D (under Puruṣottama) N II, 56 28
- Vāteśvara—(under VS) L q by T K. pp. 66
- Vāteśvarapura P I. 38. 46
- Vātula—(in Kāśmīra) NM 1459
- Vāṭodakā (r. in Pāṇḍya country) Bh IV 28. 35
- Vatsakriḍānala—(under Mathurā) Var 156 1
- Vāyavyatīrtha—(under Kubjāmraka) Var 126 75
- Vāyutīrtha—A (under VS) K. I 35. 5, P I 37 5 (same verse in both); B (under Mathurā) Var 152. 65; C (under Gayā) Ag 116 5
- Vedadhāra—(under Badarī) Var 141 20
- Vedagiri (hill in Sahya range to the south of Brahmagiri and a sub-tīrtha under Kṛṣṇa-Venya) TS p 78
- Vedaśiras—(most efficacious for śrāddha) M 22 71
- Vedasmṛti—(r. rising from Pāriyātra) Anu 165 25, M. 114, 23, Vā 45 97, Br II 16 27. Dey p 223 opines that it is the river Bosuli in Malwa and a tributary of the Sindhu, Br S 16.32 mentions it
- Vedaśrutī—(r. after Kosala towards the south) Rām. II 49. 10
- Vedavatī—(r. rising from Pāriyātra) M 114 23, Br II. 16 27, B 27. 29, Anu 165 25; this and the above two rivers cannot really be identified There is a river called Vedāvatī or Hagarī which rises in Mysore and ultimately falls into the Tungabhadra Vide I G I vol XIII p. 5.
- Vedeśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 44.
- Veditīrtha—(v l. Devitīrtha) P I, 26 92.
- Vegavatī—(r. modern Vaiga or Baiga on which Madurā in south India is situated) Var 215. 58, Vām. 84. 6, P VI 237. 9. Vide E I vol. XIII p. 194 where there is a gift of Ambikāpura on north bank of Vegavatī to the Śaṅkarācārya of Kāmakotī pīṭha The form Vaigai appears in the Śilappadikāram (Prof Diḥshitar's tr p 270)
- Venā—A (r rising from Vindhya) B. 27. 33, M 114 27. This is the Wain-Gangā in C P. and falls into Godāvarī, B-r, rising from Sahya m.

- near Mahabaleshwar The Penganga falls into Wardha, acc. to I. G. I. vol. V p 22, vol XIII. p 229, vol XX. p 102 and the united stream of the Wainganga and Wardhā is known as Prāghatā which ultimately falls into the Godāvarī Vide I G I vol. 24 p 349, Bhī 9 20, 28, V. 85 32, 88 3, 222. 24, Anu. 165. 20, Bh. X 79 12, Venā is often mentioned as Kṛṣṇavenā or—Venjā or—Venā as in M 114. 29 Rājasekhara in Kāvya-mīmāṃsā p. 94 mentions 'Venā' and 'Kṛṣṇavenā' separately in the first quarter of the 10th century. Vide Fargier p 303n for the various forms of this name.
- Venāśāngama—V 85 34, P I 39 32
- Venī—A (confluence of Gangā and Yamunā) Vide above p 603 n 1369. Vide Banaras Ins. of Karnadeva in Kalacuri year 795 (i.e. 1042 A D) in E I vol. II p 297 at p 310 (Venjāśāntā Trilocanam samabharāya), Kamauli plate of Jayacandra in E I IV. at p 123 (dated samvat 1230 i.e. 1173 AD); B (r. rising in Sabya from the root of an āmalaka tree and falling into Kṛṣṇā) TS p 78
- Venkata—(m in Dravida country, Arcot District, near Tirupati) G. Brahmakhaṇḍa chap. 26 deals with Venkatagiri-māhātmya, Bh. V. 19 16, X. 79. 13 (in Dravida), R. VI 250 19, SK III Brahmakhaṇḍa, 52 102; SK. I Vaisnavakhaṇḍa is Venkatācalamāhātmya The shrine was once considered so holy that till 1870 no Christian or Moslem was allowed to ascend the hill of Tirumala
- Venumatī—(śrāddha thereon most efficacious) M 22 20
- Venjā—(r. rising from m. Sabya and falling into the Kṛṣṇā) Vām. 13 30, Anu. 165 22 (Godāvarī ca Venjā ca Kṛṣṇavenā tathāpi ca), Bh V. 19 18, P. VI. 113 25 (Mahādeva became Venjā)
- Vetasikā—(r) V. 84. 56, P. I. 32 20, P. VI. 29. 20 (speaks of Vetasikā-Vetravati-sāngama)
- Vetravati—A (modern Betwa river, which rises in the Bhopal State and falls into the Yamunā) M. 22 20, 114. 23 (rises from Pāriyātra), Br. II. 16. 28 (rises from Rikavat), K II. 20 35, Meghadūta (L 24) says that Vidisā (modern Bhisā), the capital of Dasārṇa, was situated on Vetravati; B (a tributary of the Sābaramatī) P. VI 130 and 133 4-5 In 'Questions of Milinda' (S B E. vol 35 p 171) among ten great rivers flowing from the Himālaya Vetravati is one This must be different from the above two
- Vibhāṇḍesvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 115
- Vidarbhā-sāngama—(under Go) B. 121 1 and 23, acc to AC p 182 Vidarbhā is the name of Kuṇḍinapura (r. 979)
- Vidhisvara—(under VS) L q by T. K. p 116
- Vidisā—A (r. rising from Pāriyātra m) B 27 29, Br II 16 28, Mār. 54. 20 Vide Vetravati above, B—A city mentioned in Raghuvarṇa 15 36 (Rāma gave to the two sons of Śatrughna, Śatrughnatā and Subāhu, the cities of Madhurā and Vidisā), Meghadūta I. 24 states that Vidisā was the capital of the Dasārṇa country In the Mālavikāgnimitra (V 1) Agnimitra is shown as enjoying himself on the banks of the Vidisā river and later on Puṣyamitra refers to his son Agnimitra as Vaidisastha (i.e. Vaidisā would mean a city on the Vidisā). Vide Vaṣṇera plates of Kālacchuri Buddharāja in 360 of the Kalachuri era (i.e. about 609 A D) issued from 'Vaidisā-vāsātā vijaya



- skandhāvārāt' (E. I vol XII at p 30  
 Vidyādhara—(under Gandakī and Sāla-  
 grāma) Var. 145 62  
 Vidyādhāreśvara—(under VS) K I 35  
 11, P I. 37 14  
 Vidvara—(m) Devala q by T K p  
 250 Is it Vidūra?  
 Vidyātīrtha—(same as Sandhyā) V 84.  
 52, P I 32 16  
 Vidyeshvara—(under VS) L q. by T K  
 p 49  
 Vihangesvara—(under Narmadā) P I  
 21, 1'  
 Vihāratīrtha—(of Madana, under  
 Sarasvatī) Vām 42 10  
 Vijayeshvara—(modern Vijabrur in  
 pargana Vular in Kāśmīra) HC X.  
 191–195 (HC calls it mahāsetra).  
 Ain A. vol. II. p 356 refers to this.  
 Vitastā is to its east and north,  
 Gambhīrā to the west and Viśvavati  
 to the south  
 Vijaya—(a lūga) M 22 73, K. II 35, 21  
 Vijaya-lūga—(under VS) L q by T.K  
 p. 112  
 Vijayesa—(in Kāśmīra) NM 1210, R.  
 I, 38, SM p 173, one of the  
 most famous tīrthas in Kāśmīra. It  
 is less than two miles above Calra-  
 dhara  
 Vijayeshvara—A (in Kāśmīra) R I 105  
 and 113, B (under VS) L q by T.K  
 p 76  
 Vijayeshvara—(under VS) L q by  
 T.K p 43  
 Vikīrtatīrtha—(under Sābhramatī) P  
 VI 133. 7  
 Vimala—V 82. 87 (where silver and  
 golden-coloured fish were found).  
 P. I 24 35 (same verse in both)  
 Vimalā—(a city) P. IV 17 67 (destroys  
 sins of numerous murders, just as  
 Avantī and Kāñcī do)  
 Vimala—(a famous spring near Mār-  
 tānda temple in Kāśmīra), Vide  
 Mārtānda p 780 above  
 Vimalāsoka—V. 84 69–70, P I. 32 33  
 (almost same verse in both)  
 Vimalēśa—(under VS) L. q. by T.K.  
 p. 56  
 Vimalēśvara—A (under Narmadā) M  
 190 14, 194 38–39, 22 8, K. II.  
 41 5 and II. 42 36, P I. 17. 11.  
 B (under Sarasvatī) Vām 34. 15,  
 P. VI 131 50  
 Vimocana—V 83 161, P. I 27 49  
 Vīnaśana—(where Sarasvatī disappears  
 in the great desert in Ambala and  
 Sirhind in Punjab) It was known  
 from Brāhmana period, vide  
 pp 682 and 684 above and V  
 82 111, 130. 3–4 Śāl. 37, 1  
 (śūdrābhīrān prati dvesāt yatra  
 naśtā Sarasvatī), K II 37 29, Br  
 III 13. 69 Manu II. 21 mentions it  
 as the eastern boundry of Mādhyā-  
 deśa Devala q by T.K. p 250 speaks  
 of it as one of the Sārasvatatīrthas  
 Mbh (vol. I p. 475 on Pān II 4 10  
 and vol III p. 174 on Pān VI 3  
 109) speaks of it as 'ādarśa' and as  
 eastern boundary of Āryāvarta The  
 Kāśikā on Pān IV. 2 124 speaks of  
 ādarśa as a Janapada (country). As  
 Oldham says (in JRS for 1893 at  
 p 52) the exact position of Vīnaśana  
 is unknown, but Oldham surmises that  
 it was not far from Sirsa.  
 Vināyakakunda—(under VS) L q by  
 T.K. p 53  
 Vināyakesvara—(under VS) SK. IV 33.  
 126  
 Vindhya—one of the seven great moun-  
 tain ranges of Bharatavarsa) V 313.  
 2, Bhī 9 11, Vā 77 34, M. 13 39,  
 Bh V. 19. 16 It is the Oundion  
 of Ptolemy (p 77)  
 Vindhjavāsini—(a Devīsthāna) M 13  
 39, Devī—Bh VII 38. 8  
 Vipās—(modern Beas river in Punjab  
 and Hyphasis or Hypasis of Greek  
 writers) Rg III 33. 113, IV 30 11  
 The Nir IX. 26 explaining Rg X  
 75 5 states that Vipās was originally  
 called Uruñjirā, and then Āryikijā  
 and that when Vasistha threw him-

self into it bound by ropes through grief he rose up from the river with the ropes rent asunder Pān. (IV. 2 74 'udak ca Vipśāh') mentions Vipś in connection with bulls to the north of it; Ādi. 177. 1-5 refer to Vasiṣṭha's attempt to commit suicide, V. 130, 8-9 (Viśāś here), Anu. 3. 12-13 refer to the same story. Vide Rām. II. 68 19, Vām 79.6, N II 60. 30

Vipratīrtha—(under Go) B 167. 1 and 33 (also called Nārāyaṇa)

Virabhadraśara—(under VS) L. q by T. K p 87.

Viraja—A (country round Jāipur in Orissa) V 85 6; B (acc to Tīrthendusekhara p. 6) it is Lonāradeśa and lake i. e. in Buldana District in Berar; C (on Sahya m. near Godāvari and Bhīmā) B 161. 3,

Virajā—(r. in Orissa) K II 35. 25-26, Vām. q by T. K. p 235

Virajamaṇḍala—(northern boundary of Odradeśa) B 28. 1-2

Virajatīrtha—(on Vaitarani river in Orissa) V. 85. 6, P. I. 39. 6, I. 45 28-29, (it is an Ādityatīrtha), B 42 1 (Viraje Virajā mātā brahmāṇī sampratīṣṭhitā), Vām. 22 19 (the southern *vedi* of Brahṁā), Br III. 13 37. Vide T. P. pp 598-599 for Viraja-kṣetra, which is the popular name of Jāipur in Orissa

Virajādri—(under Gayā) Vā 106. 85 (Gayāsura's navel rested on it)

Virapatni—(r) Rg. I. 104.4

Virapramokṣa—V. 84. 51, P. I. 32. 14 (same verse in both); probably near Bhṛṅgolinga

Virāśrama—V. 84 145 (where Kārtikeya resides)

Vīrasthala—(under Mathurā) Var 157. 14, 160 20

Virūpākṣa—A (Hampī) P V. 17. 103, SK., Brahmakhanda 52. 102; B (under VS) L q by T. K p 102

Viśakhayūpa—(near Kurnksetra) V 90. 15, 177. 16, Vām. 81 9, Nr. 65 14

(Viṣṇu's *guhya* name is Viśveśa here)

Viśālā—A—same as Ujjayinī; Meghadūta I 30, vide under Avantī and Ujjayinī. A C says 'Ujjayinī syād—Viśālāvantī Puspakarandini'; B (*aśrama* near Badari) V 90.25, 139. 11, Anu 25 44, Bh. V 4.5, XI. 29. 47, C (under Gayā) Vām. 81 26-32 (a river), Ag 115 54, P. I 38 33

Viśālābhyavana—Mār. 106 57 (on a mountain in Kāmarūpa)

Viśālākṣ—(under VS) L. q by T. K. p 115

Viśalyā—A (r) V. 84 14, B (under Narmadā) M. 186 43 and 46-48 (also called Viśalyakarani), K II 40 27, P. I 13 39, Br III 13 12

Viśaprasṭha—(hill) V 95 3 (near Gomati probably)

Viṣṇucaṅkramana—(under Dvāmkā) Var 149. 80 q. by T. K. p 227

Viṣṇudhārā—(under Kokāmukha) Var. 140 17

Viṣṇu-Gayā—P VI 176 41 (where there is Lonārakunda)

Viṣṇukāñci—P VI 204 30

Viṣṇupada—A (under Kurukṣetra) V. 83. 103, 130 8, NM 1238, B (lake on Nisādha mountain) Br. II. 18 67, Vā 47 64, C (under Gayā) vide pp 645, 646, 653 and note 1471 also c and R D Banerji's 'Palas of Bengal' (Memoirs of A. S. B. vol. V pp 60-61 for Viṣṇupāda temple inscription of the 7th year of Nārāyanapāla's reign; D (under Śālagrāma) Var. 145 42

Viṣṇupadī—(name of Gaṅgā, as it is said to rise from the left toe of Viṣṇu) Bh. V. 17 1 Amarakōś mentions it as a synonym of Gaṅgā (Gaṅgā Viṣṇupadī; Jabnu-lamayā)

Viṣṇusaras—A (under Kokāmukha) Var. 140. 24; B (under Goniskramana) Var. 147 43

Viṣṇutīrtha—A (under Kokāmukha) Var 140 71-74; B (under Narmadā)

- M 191. 99, K. II. 41 52 (it is Yodhīpuram Viṣnusthānam), P I 18. 94 (known as Yodhanīpura), C (under Go) B 136 1 and 41 (also called Maudgalya)
- Viṣnutīrthas—(108 enumerated) P. VI 129 5-36
- Viśokā—(r in Kāśmīra) modern Veśan NM. 307, 373, 381, 1493, HC XII 35 NM. 307 says that Lakṣmī at the request of sage Kaśyapa became Viśokā, NM 381 says that it formed Vitastā below Vijabror, NM. 1491-1493 speak of the confluence of Kaundini rising from lake Kramasāra with Viśokā
- Viśrāntīrtha—A (the most sacred spot in Mathurā) Var. 163. 162, 167 1 ff, P VI 209 5 (on the bank of Yamunā where Kamsa was killed by Kṛṣṇa), B (a different kṣetra from the above in Madhuvana, where Viṣṇu assumed the form of Varāha) P. VI. 209. 1-3 and 5
- Viśvā—(r) Bh V. 19. 18
- Viśvakarmesvara—(under VS) L q. by T.K p 55
- Viśvakāya—P. VI. 129, 8
- Viśvāmītranadī—V. 89 9, Bhī. 9 26 (has Viśvāmītrā as a river)
- Viśvāmītra—mabānada (in Punjab) NM 151
- Viśvāmītrāśrama—Rām. I 26, 34
- Viśvāmītratīrtha—A V 83. 139, B (under Go) B 93 4 and 27 (where Rāma honoured Viśvāmītra), P I 27. 28
- Viśvamukha—(tīrtha on Jālandhara) Vide under Jālandhara p 758 and P. VI 129 26
- Viśvapada—(a pīṭhīrtha) M 22 35
- Viśvarūpa—(under VS) P. I 37 2
- Viśvarūpaka—P. VI. 129 14 (in Māyāpurī, it appears)
- Viśvavati—same as Viśokā HC. X 192 (it is southern boundary of Vijayēśvara)
- Viśvedeśvara—(under VS) L q. by T. K. p. 87.
- Viśveśvara—(one of five lingas in VS) K I 32 12 and II. 41. 59, P. I. 34. 10, N II 51 4, vide pp 632-33 above, B (in Gīrkarna) P. VI. 129 10.
- Viśvāvasveśvara—(under VS) L q by T. K p. 116
- Vitamsā—one of the ten great rivers that flow from the Himālaya, mentioned in 'Questions of Milinda' (S B E vol 35 p 171) Dey p 40 identifies it with the Vitastā without assigning any reason
- Vitañkā—saṅgama (with Narmadā) P II 92 33
- Vitastā—(r in Kāśmīra, now known as Zhelum) Rg X 75 5. Vide under Kāśmīra and Takṣakanāga, V. 82 88-90 (Vitastā is the home of Takṣakanāga), 130, 20, K II 44 4, Vām 90 7, NM 45, 305-06 (Umā became Vitastā), 336-341 (Śaṅkara struck with his trident and made a hole as big as *vitasti* i e 12 angulas and Satī came bubbling forth as a river which is called Vitastā from the word Vitasti). R V 97-100 inform us that the great and self-taught engineer Suyya in the days of King Avantivarman of Kāśmīra (9th century) changed the course of the Vitastā and the spot of its confluence with the Sindhu Vide Stein's note I in translation of R. vol II pp 329-336 and the note of Mr J C Chatterji, challenging the correctness of Dr. Stein's remarks (in 'confluence of the Vitastā and the Sindhu', 1906)
- Vitastā-Gambhīrā-sangama—SM. pp 101, 110
- Vitastā-madhumatī-sangama—NM 1442
- Vitastā-sindhu-sangama—(exceptional sanctity) R IV. 391, V 82 97-100, NM 394-95. The place where these two rivers meet enjoys among Kāśmīra people the same sanctity as the confluence at Prayāga



Yamunāsangama—Var. 174 deals with its power.

Yamunātīrtha—Śal. 49. 11-16 (where Varuna performed Rājasūya), M. 108 23-24 (as the daughter of the sun), P. I. 29. 6

Yamunēśvara—A (under VS) L. q. by T.K. p. 66 ; B (under Mathurā) Var 154 12

Yantresvarā—(on north bank of Narmadā) M. 190 1.

Yastī—(under Gayā) N. II. 47 82. Dey p. 215 says it is 'Jeithian' about two miles north of Tapovana in Gayā

Yavatīrtha—(under Narmadā) M. 191. 88

Yāyātīrtha—A (under Sarasvatī) Vām 39. 36, B (under VS) Śal. 41 32, P I 37.9

Yayātipatana—V 82 48, P I. 12. 3 (same words in both)

Yayātipura—(modern Jāipur) on the Vantaranī river in Orissa, A G. p. 512.

In E. I. vol XI p 189 there is a Yayātunagara. It is doubtful whether it is the same as Jāipur.

Yayātiśvara—(under VS) L. q. by T. K. p 115.

Yogitīrtha—(under Sūkara) Var q. by T. K. p. 210

Yonidvāra—(on the Brahmayoni hill in Gayā) V. 84. 94-95, P. I 38. 15 (same words in both), N. II. 44 76-77

Yugandhara—A—a country or people acc. to Pān IV. 2. 130 and the Kāśikā mentions it as one of Śālvā-vayavas, B (a m) acc to Kāśikā on Pān III 2 46, Vām 34 47 'Yugandhare dadhī prāsya usitvā cācyutasthale | tadvad-Bhūtālaye snātīvā saputrā vastum-icchaṣi' Br S. 32 19 appears to mention Yaugandhara as the name of a people or country.

# 'CONCLUDING REMARKS ON TĪRTHAS

At the end of this long list of tirthas a few words, as promised on p. 722 above, must be said about the attitude that we Indians of the 20th century should adopt towards the mountains, rivers and other holy places in Bhārata. Modern secular education and the prevailing economic conditions, stresses and trends leave hardly any room for moral and spiritual uplift. We are surrounded on all sides by anxiety, want, misery, hardness of heart and crime. Therefore, the endeavour of all those who have the good of our country at heart must be to cherish all such institutions as tend to lift the mind out of narrowness and to make it concentrate for some time at least on noble thoughts and aspirations and on detachment from the all-engrossing pursuit of money. Pilgrimage is one of such institutions. Those who have faith in pilgrimages as enabling a pilgrim to attain heaven, to collect merit and reach release from samsāra should give pilgrimages a new orientation, should see that their charity is not wasted on indolent, ignorant and vicious priests, should improve the methods of worship at holy places in such a way as will satisfy all hygienic requirements. The priestly class at holy places should remember that in the coming generations they are likely to find their occupation gone, unless they improve themselves, unless they try to be less ignorant and indolent than they are at present and really serve as honest business agents or Travelers' Guides. The number of people visiting holy places in the belief of accumulating merit is sure to become less and less, as modern secular education spreads. But it would be a calamity for the moral and spiritual greatness of India if pilgrimages to holy mountains and rivers came to be stopped altogether. I would very strongly recommend to all men, however highly educated, the undertaking of pilgrimages to certain hallowed spots. Our country has recently secured independence and it now rests entirely with us to make or mar the character of the teeming millions of this our land. All things that tend to create in Indians the deep feeling that amidst diversities of physical features, food, dress and habits, all of them are one people, that there is no part or district of this vast land which cannot claim to have made some substantial contribution in religious and philosophical thought, in abiding literature, in works of art and in holy places, that the destinies of the Indians

of one part of Bhārata are bound up with the destinies of all others. Frequent visits to distant places in Bhārata, mixing up among people of other parts and understanding their peculiar good points, needs and failings is absolutely necessary if we are to keep our freedom. India is thrice blest in the mountain ranges of the Himalaya, which contains the highest peaks in the world and is full of large and life-giving rivers and of numerous shrines associated with the names of the greatest sages and heroes of antiquity. Every Indian who is proud of the great religious and spiritual heritage of our country must make it a point to devote some part of his time to frequenting holy mountains, rivers and other places of pilgrimage. When we see even from a distance the purity, the whiteness and the serenity of the snow-capped peaks of the Himalaya, the play of delicate and exquisite hues and tints of blue, mauve, and pink when the sun begins to shine on them, a sense of wonder, joy and elevation comes upon us. The glorious view of a peak like Kinchinjunga, which is an unforgettable experience, lifts up the whole life of the onlooker to a higher plane for long. Similarly, the sight of the holy Ganges at night or at sunrise in Haridvāra or on the majestic Ghats in Banaras surely empties our minds of meanness and for the moment at least fills our hearts with a sense of nature's beauty and with purity, and brings us in tune with the Infinite. I may state here that the talk of the conquest of Everest in which some members of European expeditions indulge jars on my ears. This great peak has so far vanquished (physically) all those who attempted the conquest § But in a figurative sense Everest and other high peaks have been for ages conquering the hearts of men. Even the members of these expeditions will admit that Everest and its brethren have drawn men to themselves from all parts of the world, made them give up their usual uneventful and placid activities, have evoked in those who attempt the climbing of these giants unbelievable courage, endurance, resourcefulness and self-abnegation and have been instrumental in exhibiting to the world what unknown powers the human spirit possesses. Therefore, these silent but awe-inspiring peaks should be looked upon as teachers of mankind and not as material things to be conquered and dealt with by human beings as they please

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§ While these pages were passing through the Press, news was broadcast on the very morning of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II that Sherpa Tensing Norkay and Mr Edmund Hillary, two members of Col. Hunt's British Expedition, had successfully climbed to the top of Mount Everest.

## APPENDIX—of long Sanskrit Passages

**Page 118 Note 267.** On pp. 117–118 above reference has been made to the re-admission into the Hindu fold of those that had been converted to Christianity or Islam by force or fraud or even voluntarily. Not only was there re-admission of those that were converted, but non-Hindus, such as Yavanas, Kirātas, Śakas, were absorbed into the Hindu fold and were induced to adopt the practices of Hindus (such as śrāddhas and gifts to brāhmanas) Vide Śāntiparva chap. 65. 13–21 quoted above in note 830 (p. 364). A Greek ambassador of king Antalkidas (Antialkidas) named Heliadora, son of Diya (Dion), was accredited to the court of king Bhāgabhadra, called himself Bhāgavata and raised a column in honour of Vāsudeva in the 2nd century B. C. (JRAS 1909, pp. 1053 and 1087 and JBBRAS vol. 23 p 104). Usavadāta, son of Dinika and son-in-law of Ksatrapa Nahapāna, is described in one of the Nasik inscriptions (No. 14a in E. I. vol. VIII at p. 85) as a śaka, but made very extensive donations to brāhmanas at Broach, Prabhāsa and other places. Part of one of his inscriptions is cited on p. 710 note 1618 above. Though the name Usavadāta (Rsabhadatta) is a Sanskritized one the two names Dinika and Nahapāna of the Ksaharāta race appear to be non-Indian. Abhiras, Hūnas and Gurjaras became absorbed into the Hindu community. People, after being made Moslems, returned to their original communities and gods. Moslem writers make this clear. Vide Elliot and Dowsons' 'History of India' vol. I. p. 126 ('the people of India had returned to idolatry, excepting those of Kasa') and Alberuni's India (tr. by Sachau) vol. II, pp. 162–163 where he refers to the return of Hindu slaves in Moslem countries to their country and religion. Prof. D. R. Bhandarkar in 'Some aspects of Ancient Indian Culture' (1940) pp. 59–65 presents a very lucid and informing summary of the evidence on this point of the re-admission of those that were converted and of the absorption of non-Hindus. But it is not known what procedure was followed for this purpose. Therefore, a model rite for the return of a convert is set out here.

परावर्तिष्णुः (एकः अनेके वा पुरुषा स्त्रियो वा) स्नात्वा धौतं शुभ्रं वस्त्रं परिधाय  
(स्त्रियस्तु यथायोग्यं यथाचारं वा परिधाय) चन्द्रनादिभिस्तिलकं कृत्वा (स्त्रियस्तु कुङ्कुमादि-  
द्रव्येण तिलकं कृत्वा) शिरसि मा धारयेत् । सर्वे धर्मविषेकारो ज्ञानशीलसमन्विता । विधिनाह  
परावर्त्य समाह्वयः स्यान्मनीषिभिः । इति । अथ शिष्टाः परावर्तिष्णोः (परावर्तिष्णूनां वा)



देशकाल-कामाकामशक्त्यादि विचार्य अत्यल्प-अल्प-गुरुणामेन्यतेमं प्रायश्चित्तं निश्चित्य 'ओं तथा । अमुकप्रायश्चित्तं कृत्वा परावर्तनावधिना भवान् संगृहीतो भविष्यति' इति ब्रूयुः । परावर्तिष्वपि नूतनं वासश्च दध्युः । स च तत्पारिदध्यात् । ततः परावर्तिष्णुरासने पूर्वाभिमुख उपविश्य आचम्य प्राणानायम्य 'इह पृथिव्यां जन्मद्वीपे भरतवर्षे दक्षिणपथे ('आर्यावर्ते' इति नर्मदाया उत्तरतः ) अमुकग्रामे अद्य अमुकनामसंवत्सरे अमुकनासे अमुकपक्षे अमुकतिथौ अमुकवासरे अमुकनक्षत्रे हिन्दुधर्मे परावर्तिष्णुरहं शिष्टैरपदिष्टे प्रायश्चित्तं करिष्ये' इति सङ्कल्प्य प्रायश्चित्तं कुर्यात् । सङ्कल्पोत्तरमाचार्य आसने प्राङ्मुख उपविश्य स्वदक्षिणतः परा-

वर्तिष्णुमुपवेश्य आचमनं कारयित्वा स्वयं द्विराचम्य पवित्रप्राणिं प्राणानायम्य गणपतिं ध्यायेत् । 'ओं गणानां त्वा गणपतिं हवामहे कविं कवीनामुपमश्रवस्तमम् । ज्येष्ठराजं ब्रह्मणा ब्रह्मणस्पत आ न जृण्वन्नतिमि सीद सादनम्॥' इति प्रार्थयेत् । 'ओं महागणपतये नमो नम । निर्विकलं कुर्व' इति नमेत् । ततो देशकालौ सकीर्त्य 'इह पृथिव्या ... नक्षत्रे अस्य परावर्तनेच्छो. परावर्तनावधिं करिष्ये' इति सङ्कल्प्य पुण्याहवाचनं कुर्यात् । 'अस्य परावर्तनेच्छो परावर्तनाख्यस्य कर्मणः पुण्याह भवन्तो ब्रुवन्तु' इति प्रार्थयेत् । शिष्टाः 'ओं पुण्याहम्' इति ब्रूयुः । आचार्यः 'अस्य परावर्तिष्णो. करिष्यमाणपरावर्तनाख्याय कर्मणे स्वस्ति भवन्तो ब्रुवन्तु' इति ब्रूयात् । शिष्टास्तु 'ओं स्वस्ति' इति प्रतिब्रूयुः । आचार्य 'अस्य परावर्तिष्णो. करिष्यमाणपरावर्तनाख्यस्य कर्मणः ऋद्धिं भवन्तो ब्रुवन्तु' इति ब्रूयात् । शिष्टाः 'ओं कर्म ऋध्यताम्' इति प्रतिब्रूयुः । ततः शिष्टास्तत्कृत्य प्रणम्य च विसर्जयेत् । तत आचार्यो गोमयालेते शुद्धे स्थले शुद्धभुदा चतुर्विंशत्यङ्गुलमात्रं समचतुरस्र चतुरङ्गुलौघतं स्थाण्डिलं कृत्वा अम्युक्ष्य तत्र, ओ धूर्ध्वं स्वः प्रवेशकनामानमग्निं प्रतिष्ठापयामीत्युक्त्वाम्निं प्रतिष्ठापयेत् । प्रोक्षितेन्धनानि निक्षिप्य धनस्यादिना प्रज्वाल्य 'अग्रे वैश्वानरं ज्ञाण्डिल्यमोत्र मेघज्वलमम सख्यो वरदो भव' इति प्रार्थयेत् । अग्निं परिसंमुख्य परित्तीर्य पर्युक्ष्य प्रादेशमात्रं पञ्च-दशमिधम प्रादेशमात्रं वहिश्च संनद्धाग्रेरुत्तरतो निदध्यात् । तत आत्मनोऽग्रतो भूमिं प्रोक्ष्य तत्र बहिर्होस्तीर्य तत्राज्यस्थालीमाज्यस्य पूर्णां निदधाति । दक्षिणेन हस्तेन दर्बिमग्नौ निदप्य वामहस्तेन गृहीत्वा दक्षिणेन हस्तेन दर्भाग्रेदर्बाविलं समाधिं दर्भमूलैश्च दर्बिमूलम् । पुनर्निदप्य प्रोक्ष्य आज्यस्थालया उत्तरतो वहिषि निदधाति । समार्गदर्भानग्नौ प्रहरत् । इधमवन्धनरज्जुं भूमौ निधाय तत्रैव संस्थाप्य दर्बान्येन मूलमध्याग्रेष्वभिधाय दक्षिणेन हस्तेन गृहीत्वा 'ओं, अयं त इधम आत्मा जातवैदस्तेनेधयस्व वर्धस्व च्छेन्धि वर्धय चास्मान्पजया पशुभिर्ब्रह्मवर्चसेनाजायेन समेधय स्वाहा' इति मन्त्रेणाग्रावभ्याधाय 'जातवैदसेऽग्रय इदं न मम' इति त्यजेत् । दर्बान्यमादाय स्थाण्डिलस्य धायव्यकोणमारम्याग्रेयकोणपर्यन्तमखण्डधारायाऽग्नौ जुहोति । पुनर्दर्बान्यमादाय नैऋतकोणमारम्य ऐशानकोणपर्यन्तं तथैव जुहोति । तृष्णीमितावाचारहोमी । पुनर्दर्बान्येन 'ओं अग्रये स्वाहा' इत्यग्रावुत्तरभागे जुहोति । अग्रय इदं न ममेति त्याग । पुनर्दर्बान्येन 'ओं सोमाय स्वाहा' इत्यग्नौ दक्षिणभागे जुहोति । 'सोमायेदं न मम' इति त्याग । अस्मिन्काले परावर्तिष्णुराचार्यस्य दक्षिणतः प्रहं कृताञ्जलि-स्तिष्ठन् आचार्यं प्रार्थयते । 'हिन्दुत्वमागाम् । हिन्दुरसानि' इति । आचार्य 'ओं तथास्तु' इति ब्रूयात् । तत आचार्यः अभ्याग्निं कृताञ्जलौ तिष्ठति प्रविशिक्षी (अथवा कृताञ्जलिषु प्रविशिक्षुषु) दर्ब्यां आज्येन चतुर्भिर्मन्त्रैश्चतस्रं प्रधानाहुतीर्जुहोति । 'ओं धू. स्वाहा । अग्रय इदं न मम । ओं ध्रुवः स्वाहा । वायव इदं न मम । ओं स्वः स्वाहा । सूर्यायेदं न मम । ओं प्रजापतये स्वाहा । प्रजापतय इदं न मम ।' अथासीनः प्रविशिक्षुः अग्नौ समिधमाधाय प्रदीताया तस्या दर्ब्यां आज्येन पञ्च प्रधानाहुतीर्जुहोति । ओं उह्यं तमसस्पतिं पश्यन्तो ज्योतिरुत्तरम् । देवं देवत्रा सूर्यमग्नम् ज्योतिरुत्तरं स्वाहा । सूर्याय ज्योतिष इदं न मम ॥ ओं उद्यन्त्रय मित्रमह आरोहन्तुतरा दिवम् । हृद्गेगं मम सूर्य हरिमाणं च नाशय स्वाहा । सूर्यायेदं न मम । ओं अस्तो मा सद्रमय स्वाहा । परमात्मन इदं न मम । ओं तनसो ना ज्योतिर्गमय स्वाहा । परमात्मन इदं न मम । ओं मृत्योर्मांमृतं गमय स्वाहा । परमात्मन इदं न मम इति ।

अथाचार्यः प्रविशिक्षु स्वदक्षिणतः उपवेश्य होमशेषं समापयेत् । ओं यदस्य कर्मणोऽत्यरीरिचं यदा न्यूनमिहाकम् । अग्निं पृच्छं स्विष्टकृद्भिर्हान् सर्वं स्विष्टं सुहृतं करोतु मे ॥ अग्रये स्विष्टकृते सुहृते सर्वं सुहृतं आहुतीनां कामाना समर्पयिष्ये स्वाहा इति स्विष्टकृतं जुहोति । 'अग्रये

विषदकृत इदं न मम' इति त्यागः । इहमवन्धनरज्जुमग्नावभ्याधाय सप्ताव लुहोति । 'ओं विष्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यः स्वाहा' इति । 'विष्वेभ्यो देवेभ्य इदं न मम' इति त्यागः ।

तत आचार्यः प्रविबिक्षुणा (अथवा प्रविबिक्षुभिः) सह कृताञ्जलिस्तित्थपति । 'ओं च मे स्वरश्च मे यज्ञोप च ते नमश्च । यस्ते न्यून तस्मै त उपयत्तेऽतिरिक्त तस्मै ते नमः । अद्वा मेधां यशः प्रज्ञां विद्यां बुद्धिं श्रियं बलम् । आयुष्यं तेज आरोग्यं देहि मे हृद्यवाहन ।' इति ।

ततो होमावशिष्टं गोघृतं पात्रान्तरेण प्रविबिक्षवे (अथवा प्रविबिक्षुभ्यः प्रत्येक) दद्यात् । प्रविबिक्षुश्च 'ओं मित्राय स्वाहा' इति मन्त्रेण प्राश्नीयात् । ततः स्थण्डिलस्थां विभूतिमाचार्यः प्रविबिक्षुश्च ललाटे धारयेताम् ।

तत आचार्यस्तित्थं दृष्ट्वा तीर्थोदकं गृहीत्वा 'ओम्' इत्यभिमन्त्र्य तेन आसीनप्रवि-  
बिक्षुशिरसि 'ओं आप उन्दन्तु जीवसे दीर्घायुत्वाय वर्चसे' 'ओं' इति मन्त्रान्यां सकृत् प्रोक्षेत् ।

ततः शिष्टैः प्रविबिक्षोर्ध्यावद्द्वारिकं किञ्चिन्नाम कार्यम् । ततः प्रविबिक्षुहस्ते भगवद्गीता-  
पुस्तकं दत्त्वा साधारणधर्मः, देवासुरसम्पत्तिः, अध्यात्म चोपदेष्टव्यानि । ततः प्रविबिक्षुः  
कृताञ्जलिस्तित्थं वदेत् । 'भवद्भिरजगृहीतोऽहं धर्मं मनो निधाय प्रवर्तिष्ये । ओं ओं ओं ।'  
ततो भगवन्तं सूर्यं दृष्ट्वा नमस्कृत्य प्रार्थयेत् । 'ओं सा मा सत्योक्तिः, परिपातु विश्वतो धावा च  
यत्र तवनल्लाहानि च । विश्वमन्याक्षिविशते यदेजति विश्वाहापो विश्वाहोदेति सूर्यः ॥' इति ।

तत आचार्योऽग्रे पश्चात् प्रविबिक्षुणा (प्रविबिक्षुभि वा) सहोपविश्य 'अनेन विधिना  
सर्वोद्धारकः श्रीसूर्यनारायणः प्रीयताम्' इति कर्मसमार्तिं सोदकं ब्रूयात् । 'ओं तत्सत्'  
इत्युक्त्वा द्विराचामेत् । ततः सर्वेभ्यः प्रसादं दत्त्वा सभा विसर्जयेत् ।

This procedure is based on the हिन्दूकरणविधि prepared by the Dharm-  
anayamandala, Lonavla. The late Lala Lajpat Rai in his work on the  
Aryasamaj gives (on pp. 221-222) a much briefer rite adopted by that body.

N. B.—These hymns are translated and annotated above  
at pp 191-201.

Note 441. ऋ १० १४. परेयिवासं प्रवतो महीरु बहुभ्यः पन्थामनुपस्पशानम् वैवस्वतं  
सङ्गमनं जनानां यम राजानं हविषा हुवस्य ॥ १ यमो नो गातु प्रथमो विवेद नैषा गन्धुतिरप-  
भर्त्तवा उ । यथा नः पूर्वे पितरः परेयुरेना जज्ञानाः पठया ३ अत्र स्वा ॥ २ मातली कच्येयमो  
अङ्गिरोभिर्बृहस्पतिर्ऋकमिर्वाहृघान । याश्च देवा वावृधुर्यं च देवान्साहान्ये रथयान्ये  
मदन्ति ॥ ३ इमं यमं यस्तरमा हि सीदाङ्गिरोभिः पितृभिः संविदान । आ त्वा मन्त्रा  
काविरस्ता वहन्त्वेना राजन् हविषा मादयस्व ॥ ४ अङ्गिरोभिरा गहि यज्ञियेभिर्यमं वैरूपैरिह  
मादयस्व । विवस्वन्तं हुवे य पिता तेऽस्मिन्यज्ञे बहिष्या निषद्य ॥ ५ अङ्गिरसो न पितरौ  
नवगा अथर्वाणो भृगव सोम्यासः । तेषां वयं सुमतौ यज्ञियानामपि भदे सोमनसे स्याम ॥ ६  
मेहि मेहि पथिभिः पूर्व्येभिर्यत्रा नः पूर्वे पितरः परेयुः । उभा राजाना स्वधया मदन्ता यम  
पदयासि वरुण च देवम् ॥ ७ सं गच्छस्व पितृभि स यत्नेनष्टापूर्तेन परमे व्योमम् । हित्वायावद्य  
पुनरस्तमेहि सं गच्छस्व तन्वा सुवर्चाः ॥ ८ अपेत वीत वि च सर्पतातोऽस्मा एतं पितरौ  
लोकमक्रन् । अहोभिरङ्गिरक्तुभिर्यक्त यमो ददात्यवसानमस्मै ॥ ९ अति द्रव सारमेयो श्वानौ  
चतुरक्षौ क्षत्रलौ साधुना पथा । अथा पितृन्धुविदत्रो उपेहि यमेन ये सधमाद मदन्ति ॥ १०  
यौ ते श्वानौ यम रक्षितारौ चतुरक्षौ पथिरक्षौ वृचक्षसौ । ताम्यामेनं परि देहि राजन्स्वस्ति  
चास्मा अतमीनं च धेहि ॥ ११ उरूणसावस्तुपुपा उदुम्बलौ यमस्य द्वौ चरतौ जनौ भूत ।  
तावस्मभ्यं दक्षये सूर्याय पुनर्दातामसुमद्येह भद्रम् ॥ १२ यमाय सोमं सुदत यमाय लुहता हवि  
यमं ह यज्ञो गच्छत्यग्निदूतो अरं कृतः ॥ १३ यमाय वृतवद्धविर्होत य च तित्थ । स नो देवेभ्य  
यमददीपेमातु प्रजीवसे ॥ १४ यमाय सधुनत्तम राज्ञे हव्यं लुहोतन । इदं नमः क्रयिग्य  
पूर्वेभ्यः पूर्व्येभ्यः पथिगुह्य ॥ १५ त्रिकङ्कुकेभिः पतति पल्लुवीरकमिदुदत् । विण्डुचायत्री  
छन्दसि सर्वा ता यम आहित ॥ १६

क्रवेद १०. १५. उद्गीरतामवर उत्परास उन्मध्यमाः पितरः सोम्यासः । अमु य ईश्वरदृका  
 व्रतज्ञास्ते नोऽवन्तु पितरो हवेषु ॥ १ इदं पितृभ्यो नमो अस्वद्य ये पूर्वसो य उपरास ईशु ।  
 ये पाथिरे रजस्या निपत्ता ये वा नून सुवृजनासु निक्षु ॥ २ आह पितृन्सुविदत्राँ अवित्ति नपातं  
 च विक्रमणं च विष्णोः । बर्हिषदो ये स्वधया सुतस्य भजन्त पितृस्त इहागमिडा ॥ ३ बर्हिषद-  
 पितर ऊत्य पूर्वगिमा वो हव्या चक्रमा जुषध्वम् । त आ गतावसा शतमेनाथा न शं योररपो  
 दधात ॥ ४ उपहृताः पितरः सोम्यासो बर्हिषेपु निधिषु मियेषु । त आ गमन्तु त इह श्रुवन्त्वधि  
 वृवन्तु तेऽस्वन्वस्मान् ॥ ५ आच्य आह दक्षिणतो निपद्येम यज्ञमभिरुणीत विश्वे । मा हिंसिद  
 पितर केनचित्तो यह आगं पुरुषता कराम ॥ ६ आसीनासो अरुणीनामुपस्थे रथि घत् दाशुपे  
 मस्याय । पुत्रेभ्यः पितरस्तस्य वक्वः प्र यच्छत त इहोर्जी दधात ॥ ७ ये नः पूर्वं पितर सोम्यासो-  
 द्बहिरे सोमपीथं वसिडा । तेभिर्ममः संरराणो हवींशुसकुशजिः प्रतिकाममन्तु ॥ ८ ये तातुषुदे-  
 वना जेहमाना होत्राविदः स्तोमतष्टासो अर्के । आग्ने याहि सुविदत्रेभिरवाद् सत्यैः कप्यै  
 पितृभिर्वर्मसजिः ॥ ९ ये सत्यासो हविरेदो हविष्णा इन्द्रेण देवैः सरथं दधाना । आग्ने याहि  
 सहस्र देववन्दैः परैः पूर्वैः पितृभिर्वर्मसजिः ॥ १० अग्निष्वात्ता पितर एह गच्छत सद सद सदत  
 सुप्रणीतयः । अन्ता हवींषि प्रयतानि बर्हिष्यथा रथि सर्वं वीर दधातन ॥ ११ त्वमग्न ईळितो  
 जातवेदोऽग्राहूप्यानि सुरभीणी कृत्वा । प्रादाः पितृभ्य स्वधया तेऽस्रकाजि त्वं देव प्रयता  
 हवींषि ॥ १२ ये चेह पितरो ये च नेह याश्च विश यँ उ च न प्रविद्रा । त्वं वेध यति ते  
 जातवेदः स्वधाभिर्यज्ञं सुकृतं जुषस्व ॥ १३ ये अग्निदग्धा ये अनग्निदग्धा मध्ये दिव स्वधया  
 मादयन्ते । तेभिः स्वराळुसुनीतिमेता यथावज्ञं तन्वं कल्पयस्व ॥ १४

क्र. १०. १५. नैनमग्ने वि द्दो माभि शोचो मास्य त्वचं चिक्षिपो मा शरीरम् । यदा श्रुतं  
 कृष्णो जातवेदोऽग्नेमेनं प्रहिष्ठतात्पितृभ्य ॥ १ श्रुतं यदा करासि जातवेदोऽग्नेमेनं परि दत्तात्पितृभ्यम् ।  
 यदा गच्छात्सुनीतिमेतामथा देवाना वक्षन्तीर्भवाति ॥ २ सूर्यं च शुर्वेच्छतु वातामात्मा द्यां च गच्छ  
 पृथिवीं च धर्मणा । अपो वा गच्छ यदि तत्र ते हितमोषधीषु प्रति तिष्ठ शरीरैः ॥ ३ अजो भागस्त-  
 प्ता त तपस्व तं ते शोचिस्तपह तं ते अर्चिः । यास्ते शिवास्तन्वो जातवेदस्ताभिर्वहेनं सुकृतासु  
 लोकम् ॥ ४ अव सृज पुनरग्ने पितृभ्यो यस्त आहुतश्चरति स्वधामि । आयुर्वसान उप वेतु ज्ञेयः  
 स गच्छतां तन्वा जातवेद ॥ ५ यत्ते कृष्ण शकुन आतुतोद पिपीलः सर्प उत वा श्वापदः ।  
 अग्निदह्मिश्वादादं कृष्णोत्त सोमश्च यो ब्राह्मणो आविवेश ॥ ६ अग्नेर्वर्मं परि गोभिर्ययस्व सं मोर्षुष्व  
 पीवसा मेदसा च । नेत्वा धृष्ट्यर्हंसा जर्ह्यपाणो दधृग्विधदयन्त पर्यङ्क्यते ॥ ७ इयमग्ने चमसं मा  
 ति जिह्वरः मियो देवानासुत सोम्यानाम् । एष यश्चमसो देवपानस्तस्मिन्देवा अमुता मादयन्ते ॥ ८  
 कप्यादमग्निं प्र हिणीमि दूरं यमराक्षो गच्छतु रिमवाह । इहैवायमितरो जातवेदा देवेभ्यो हव्यं  
 बहुत प्रजानन् ॥ ९ यो अग्निं कप्यात्मविवेश वो गृह्मिन् पश्यजितर जातवेदसम् । तं हरामि  
 पितृयज्ञाय देवं य धर्ममिन्वात्परमे सधस्थे ॥ १० यो अग्निं कप्यवाहनः पितृन्यक्षदत्तादधः ।  
 येषु हव्यानि वोचति देवेभ्यश्च पितृभ्य आ ॥ ११ उशन्तस्त्वा नि धीमहि शान्तः समिधीमहि ।  
 उशन्तशत आ वह पितृन्हविषे अत्त्वे ॥ १२ य त्वमग्ने समदहस्तसु निर्वापया पुनः । कियाम्बवत्र  
 रोहत पाकद्वारं व्यल्काश ॥ १३ शीतिके शीतिकावति ह्लादिके ह्लादिकावति । मण्डूक्या  
 सु सं गम इम स्वर्गुनि हव्यं १४

क्र. १०. १५ लघ्ना दुहित्रे बहुत कृणोतीतीदं विश्वं सुवर्नं समेति । यमस्य माता पर्युदा-  
 माना नदोऽज्या विवस्वतां ननाश ॥ १ अपागृह्णमृतां मत्येभ्य कृत्वा सवर्णामदुर्विवस्वते ।  
 उताभिन्नावभरयत्तदासीदजहाडु हा मिथुना सरण्यू ॥ २ पूषा त्वेतभ्यवययतु प्र विद्वान्नष्ट-  
 पशुर्धनरय गोपाः । स त्वेतभ्यः परि ददत्पितृभ्योऽग्निर्देवेभ्यः सुविदत्रियेभ्यः ॥ ३ आयुर्विश्वायुः  
 परि पासति त्वा पूषा त्वा पाद प्रपथे पुरस्तात् । यन्नासते सुकृतो यच ते ययुस्तत्र त्वा देवः सविता  
 दधातु ॥ ४ पूषेमा आशा अमु वेद सर्वा सो अस्मा अमयतमेन नेपत् । स्वस्तिदा आद्युणि सर्व-  
 वीरोऽमृच्छन्तुर एतु प्रजानन् ॥ ५ प्रपथे पथामजनिष्ट पूषा प्रपथे दिव प्रपथे पृथिव्याः । उमे अभि  
 मियतमे सधस्थे आ च परा च चरति प्रजानन् ॥ ६ सरस्वती देवयन्तो हवन्ते सरस्वतीमध्वरे  
 तायमाने । सरस्वती सुकृतो अद्वयन्त सरस्वती दाशुपे वार्य दात् ॥ ७ सरस्वति या सरथं ययाथ  
 स्वधाभिर्देवि पितृभिर्मदन्ती । आसद्यास्मिन् बर्हिषि मादयस्वानमीवा इप आ धेत्वास्ते ॥ ८  
 सरस्वती यां पितरो हवन्ते दक्षिणा यज्ञमभिनक्षमाणाः । सहस्राधर्मिल्लो अत्र भागं रायस्वोर्धं

यजनानेषु येहि ॥ १ आपो अस्मान्मातरः शुन्धयन्तु धूतेन नो धूतम्. पुनन्तु । विश्वं हि रिं  
प्रवहन्ति देवीष्विदंशाय. शुचिरा पूत एभि ॥ १० द्रुप्तश्चस्कन्द मघनो अलु धुनिने च योनिस्तु  
यश्च पूर्वं । समानं योनिमनु संचरन्तं द्रुप्तं जुहोन्पुत्रु सप्त होवाः ॥ ११ यस्ते द्रुप्तं स्कन्दाति  
यस्ते अंशुर्गोहृच्युतो धिपणाया उपरयात् । अन्नर्षोर्वा परि वा य. पवित्रार्चं ते जुहोनि नमसा  
वपदंक्तम् ॥ १२ यस्ते द्रुप्त. स्कन्नो यस्ते अंशुरवश्च य पर. सुचा । अयं देवो वृहस्पति सं  
वं सिञ्चतु राधसे ॥ १३ यस्ते द्रुप्त. स्कन्नो यस्ते अंशुरवश्च य पर. सुचा । अयं देवो वृहस्पति ना  
सह शुन्धत ॥ १४

अ. १०. १० परं भूयो अनु परेहि पन्थां यस्ने च इतरो देवयानात् । चक्षुष्मते गृण्वते ते  
ब्रवीमि ना न. प्रजां रीरिपो नोत वीरात् ॥ १ सुत्यो. पदं योपयन्तो यदैत द्वाधीय आनु प्रतर  
दधानाः । आप्यायमाना. प्रजया धनेन शुद्धा पूता भवत यज्ञिवासः ॥ २ इने जीवा वि भूतैरा  
वृत्रजन्तुद्भवा देवहूतिर्नो अद्य । प्राञ्चो अगम चृतये हताय द्वाधीय आनु प्रतरं दधाना ॥ ३  
इमं जीवेय. परिधिं दधानि नैषां नु गादपरो अर्थमेतम् । शतं जीवन्तु कपदं कुत्सीरन्तर्हस्यं  
वधतां पर्वतेन ॥ ४ यथाहान्यद्रुध्वं भवन्ति यथ ऋतव. काहुमिर्गन्ति साधु । यथा न पूर्वमपरो  
जहात्येवा धातराद्यपि कल्पयैषाम् ॥ ५ आ रोहताजुर्जरसं वृणाना अनुपूर्वं यतमाना यति ष । इह  
त्वदा सुजनिना सजोपा दीर्घनायु. कराति जीवसे व. ॥ ६ इमा वारीरविधवा सुपत्नीराञ्जनेन  
सर्पिषा सं विज्ञान्तु । अनश्रवोऽननीवाः सुरत्ना आ रोहन्तु जनयो योनिने ॥ ७ उदीर्घं  
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चक्षुष ॥ ८ धनुर्हस्तादादधानो मृतरपारमे सत्राय वचसे वलाय । अत्रैव त्वनिह वय सुवैरा  
विश्या. स्पृधो अभिमातीर्जयेम ॥ ९ उप सर्प नातरं भूतिनेतासुरवचसं पृथिवीं सुनेवात् । ऊर्ण-  
प्रदा सुवतिर्दक्षिणावत एषा त्वा पातु निर्कृतेवपरयात् ॥ १० उच्छुञ्जत पृथिवि मा नि धावया.

स्वायानास्ते भव सुपवञ्चना । नाता पुत्रं यथा सिन्धामेनं भूत ऊर्णहे ॥ ११ उच्छुञ्जना  
पृथिवी सु तिष्ठतु सहस्रं मित उप हि भयन्ताम् । ते गृहासो वृत्रश्रुतो भवन्तु विश्वाहास्ते शरणाः  
सन्त्वत्र ॥ १२ उते स्तन्मानि पृथिवीं तत्परीनं लोगं निदधन्मो अहं रिषत् । एता दधुणां पितरो  
भारयन्तु तेऽना यम सादना ते मिनेतु ॥ १३ प्रतीचीने नामहनीत्वाः पर्णनिवा दधु । प्रतीची  
जग्नभा वाचमश्वं रक्षनया यथा ॥ १४

#### Note 693a आशौचदशक of विज्ञानेश्वर

मातुर्गर्भविपत्त्वर्थं त्रिदिवसं नासजयेऽतो यथा  
मासाहं त्रिषु चैकविधिरत स्नान पितु सर्वदा ।  
ज्ञातीना पतनादि जातनरणे पित्रोर्दशाहं सदा  
नाम्नः प्राज्ञ तदपेति सूतकनशाद् भ्रातृर्दशाहं परम् ॥ १

ज्ञातीनां दशनात्सुराद् व्रतविधे प्रागाप्तोऽहस्त्वहं  
चौष्टाद् मासदहनान्त्रये परमहर्गन्तोऽहं दन्तात् त्रयहम् ।  
त्यागे चैवमथ व्रतादृश्यादिनं जन्मन्यपीत्यं मदा  
मासं पुंससवि तु मातृपरत्रैतदृश्याहाधिकम् ॥ २

कन्यात्वापुतिराधुराद्य दिनं दाने त्रयहं चोभयो—  
जात्युक्तसुप्तसम्भवे पितृकुलस्पोडाहं मर्तुर्भवेत् ।  
सूतास्नाहं मृगस्य वा पितृगृहे तरप त्रिरात्रं दिनं  
तत्पक्षस्य पराश्रयास्वपि तथा भर्त्रोश्च तत्पक्षयोः ॥ ३

दाहाद्याहृतवह्निकेषु मरणान्येषु तेषां पुनः—  
संस्कारे त्रयहमाहितान्निविषये तस्मिन्दशाहं त्रयहम् ।  
शिष्टाहं विदितेनरा दशदिनेष्विती त्रयहं त्वाप्तोऽ  
त्यन्ते द्यादृत्तिकालजं न जनने नैवाहृतपेतात्यये ॥ ४

छाद्विः पूर्वसमाप्तिः सदृशयोगैर्गनिदं सूतिकां  
हिल्वं मृतनन्मनोमृतवशाद्वर्षयोर्दीर्घतः ।  
अल्पात्पञ्चादिनाधिकाद्वशादिनीं गच्छेद्दशाहागमः  
पूर्वस्यान्यदिने यदि द्विदिवसाच्छुभ्येषभाते त्रयहात् ॥ ५

उत्पत्ते त्रिदिनं मृतेऽप्युपनयादूर्ध्वं समानोदके  
पुत्रे चैवमनौरसेऽस्यपितृजे भेते तथा सोदरे ।  
मातृभ्रातृपितृस्वसृश्वशुरतत्पत्न्यास्त्रिगोत्राचार्यतद् —  
भार्या-तत्सुतयान्याक्षिण्यशृहसपासेषु वा ज्ञातिषु ॥ ६

पित्रोस्तत्सहजेषु तत्सुतपतिष्वन्योन्यतः पक्षिणी  
स्यादेकाध्ययनोपि सा शुरुसुहृद्वत्स्वसृष्यैवहः ।  
सृष्टङ्गास्थिन त्रिदिनं दिनं तु विरसेऽनुष्या पञ्चाचामकौ  
शिष्ट भोक्तृष्वेकशुद्धव्यधिक मोहाद्दिनं चापदि ॥ ७

सद्यः स्यात्कृपकासदासभिपजां कृत्येष्वमात्यस्य वा  
कदापत्सु च पूर्वसम्भूतमखोद्वाहोत्सवादिष्वपि ।  
कृच्छ्रादिष्वयुहाभ्रमेषु वसतां भेते यतौ निन्दिते  
गोमयादिभिरिच्छता च मरणे तत्रापि वैधे त्रयहम् ॥ ८

निर्हारे मृतवन्मृतान्नराहिते त्रीण्यन्यवासे दिन  
सज्योतिस्तु बहिर्भूतौ द्विमुणितं धर्मं सचैलाह्वयः ।  
रोदे स्नानमनस्थि वाचमनका ह्रीनेषु रात्र्याह्नौ  
शूद्रे तु त्रिदिनं निशाप्यनुगतौ बहुन्यादियुक्तं च तत् ॥ ९

क्षत्रे द्वादश विंशतिर्विंशि निशा. त्रिंशच्च शूद्रे क्रमाद्—  
विप्राद्द्विचतुर्गुणा वयसि सच्छूद्रे तु पञ्चाहुरे ।  
भक्षालीसुतक्षिण्यदासभृतका भञ्जादिवद् बान्धवे  
ह्रीने स्वं लघु वा तदीयमधिके शूद्रे. समा. सङ्कृताः ॥ १०

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570; Mahābhārata and Purāṇas contain at least 40000 verses on t. 582; meaning of *tirtha* in the Rgveda and other vedas is either 'road' or 'ford' and rarely a holy place 554; meaning of tirtha in this section 555; meaning of tirtha is sometimes extended to places where Agnicouta and Śrāddha are performed, to temples, to house where Veda is being studied, to cowpens, parks, where an *āśvattha* tree exists, where a feather stands or a chaste woman dwells 564; mode of travel, use of conveyances, horses, bullock carts, wearing of shoes, rules about these in Purāṇas and digests 576-577; *śruti* *śāstra* and *śāstra* distinguished 575; not only men of all varṇas but also women and even cāṇḍālas have adhikāra for t. 567-568; number of tirthas declared by Vāyu, according to Matsya, Padma, Nārāyaṇa and other Purāṇas, is 35 millions in the sky, the aerial regions and the earth 564; number of tirthas, acc. to Varāha-purāṇa, is 60 thousand crores 552; one should not enter upon an examination of the worth of brāhmaṇas at a tirtha 578-579; one who wants to undertake t. should pay off his three debts, should provide means of maintenance for his sons and consign his wife to their care 571; rewards promised for baths at tirthas 727; rites to be performed when a person undertakes t. 572-73, 583; rivers in general, certain named rivers and waters are referred to with great veneration as early as Rgveda 555; sacred places for Moslems 552; *sarvāṅga* to be made at starting on t. 577, Shah Jahan, emperor, remitted the tax levied on pilgrims at Prayaga and Kāśī owing to eloquent pleading of Harināṭh-cārya 571; six rivers having their sources in the Himālaya and six to the south of Vindhya are declared

to be most holy devatīrthas by Brahmapurāṇa 567, some digests state that a pilgrim has to wear the *kūrpaṭī* dress at all tīrthas when he is actually travelling, while others say that he has to do so only at Gayā 573, some purāṇas say that some virtues may be called mental tīrthas and purity of mind is the highest tīrtha 563, some say that tonsure and fast are necessary at all tīrthas except at Kurukṣetra, Viśālā, Vīraṇā and Gayā 574; śrāddha has to be performed at most famous tīrthas, but from the procedure of śrāddha are omitted arghya, āvāhana, entering the thumb of the invited brāhmana in the food served, the question about being satiated and vikṛta 616, śrāddha may be performed at any time after a pilgrim reaches the tīrtha 616, śrāddha at tīrthas consists, if the whole procedure cannot be followed, in offering pindas of barley meal or rice cooked in milk, cake of sesame or jaggery and one should offer a single pinda to all relatives after pārvanaśrāddha and another pinda for servants, slaves, cattle, trees etc. 616-617, tended to foster the idea of the fundamental unity of India and Indian culture 553, tended to level up all men by bringing them together to the same holy rivers and shrines 553; three grounds on which tīrthas are said to be holy 554-555, tonsure and fast are not obligatory but only kāmya according to kalpataru but otherwise according to others 573-575, t, sacrifices and various gifts are the means of cleansing the mind 563, t yields full fruit only if performed bare-footed 576, t yields fruit to men of all varṇas and āśramas 563, use of bullock-cart condemned in Matsya-purāṇa as leading to hell and of other conveyances (not drawn by

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